

The Hitchcock County School Board of Education's 2017-2018 budget hearing on September 11, 2017 was opened at 6:50 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Superintendent Sattler reviewed the budget document with the board, with the General Fund totaling \$3,510,764.61. There was no public comment or questions. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:55 PM.

Craig Scott, President

Michael Baker, Secretary

The 2017-2018 property tax request hearing for the Hitchcock County Schools was opened on September 11, 2017 at 6:55 PM. The request of \$0.788064 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$3,510,764.61 for the General Fund; of \$0.107054 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$476,919.19 for the Bond Fund; and of \$0.017005 per \$100 of valuation for a total asking of \$75,757.58 for the Special Building Fund was reviewed by the board. There was no public comment or questions. With no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Craig Scott, President

Michael Baker, Secretary

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met September 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members Baker, Rippen, Scott, and O'Byrne. Kolbet and Marks were absent. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Kershaw, HCS Booster Club members, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Notice of the board's adherence to the Nebraska Open Meetings Law posted on the north wall of the meeting room was given.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Scott to excuse Kolbet. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to excuse Marks. Aye votes Scott, O'Byrne, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Rippen to approve the September 2017, Regular Board agenda as presented. Aye votes O'Byrne, Rippen, Baker, and Scott; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed visitors.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Rippen to remove check 26600, Casha O'Byrne, from the consent agenda. Aye votes Scott, O'Byrne, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Rippen to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Scott, and O'Byrne; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the August 2017 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling \$347,661.20 and lunch fund bills totaling \$23,080.95. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to pay check 26600 for \$380.00 from the general fund. Aye votes Scott, Rippen, and Baker; O'Byrne abstained.

Superintendent Sattler reviewed with the board the findings of the NASB Alicap safety inspection.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by O'Byrne to increase the cost of 2017-2018 adult breakfast to \$2.15 and adult lunches to \$3.55 to be compliant with USDA rules. Aye votes Baker, Scott, O'Byrne, and Rippen; nay votes none.

The board was presented with a list of local substitutes. Moved by Baker; seconded by O'Byrne to approve local substitute certificates for all listed substitutes as recommended. Aye votes Scott, O'Byrne, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a lighting assessment at the elementary done by Nebraska Public Power District. Due to this assessment the elementary building was put into a lower tier, at lower costs. NPPD is also offering an incentive rebate of \$2,798 to upgrade the elementary gym lights to LED lighting. Mr. Sattler will get bids for the light replacement at the elementary by the October board meeting.

Hitchcock County Booster Club members presented the board with proposals for new and upgraded speaker systems for the elementary and secondary gyms, and the football/track stadium. The booster club is raising monies to help with the costs and asked the board if they would help with funding the projects. The board will revisit the topic after fund raising projects by the booster club are completed.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Rippen to adopt the property tax request resolution for Hitchcock County Schools, District #44-0070 with the General Fund levy of 0.788064, the Bond Fund levy of 0.107054, and the Special Building Fund levy of 0.017005. WHEREAS, public notice was given at least five days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests, for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year for the General Fund and Special Building Fund of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070. WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070 (hereinafter "the District") at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and, WHEREAS, the Board, provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and, WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Request for said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2015-2016 school fiscal year. NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$3,510,764.61 for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year, and the Bond Fund K-12 should be, and hereby is set at \$476,919.19 for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year, and the Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$75,757.58 for the 2017-2018 school fiscal year. It is so moved by Baker and seconded by Rippen this 11th day of September, 2017. Roll Call vote as follows: Craig Scott– yes, Casha O'Byrne – yes, Mike Baker – yes, Aaron Kolbet – absent Ted Rippen – yes, Larry Marks – absent. The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Hitchcock County School District 44-0070, that the above Resolution was duly approved by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board. Michael Baker, Secretary

Moved by Rippen; seconded by O'Byrne to adopt the 2017-2018 budget as presented and published. Aye votes O'Byrne, Rippen, Baker, and Scott; nay votes none.

Committee report as follows: (1) Rippen reported on the Nebraska School Board Association's membership meeting which Rippen, Scott, and Mr. Sattler attended in Kearney, in August.

Principal/AD Kershaw's report as follows: (1) Thank you to the Lion's Club for providing vision and hearing checks to the elementary on August 16th. Thank you to the Hitchcock County Lion's Club for all their help. (2) The elementary has practiced the lock-out drill and bus evacuation drills. They will be practicing the lockdown and building evacuation drills this week. (3) The Health Department was at the elementary with a handwashing presentation on September 11th. (4) Picture retakes will be on September 26th. (5) The Department of Education will be here on September 15th for a safety inspection. (6) The volleyball team placed 3rd in the Hitchcock County Invitation. (7) The football team is currently 1-2. (8) The cross country team placed 3rd by one point at the Chase County meet.

Superintendent Sattler's report as follows: (1) The rooftop furnace at the elementary site is being repaired. (2) The NDE Safety Inspection will be on Friday, September 15th. (3) The new bus is on backorder and will not arrive until March 2018. (4) Pre-paid propane bids have come in from Farmers Coop and Bosselman (previously Southwest Fertilizer). (5) Mr. Sattler will be attending a meeting on Tuesday, September 12th with the Community First Bank Foundation Board about a possible monetary donation towards the FFA/Ag department.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM. The next board meeting will be held on October 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM, at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School. The agenda kept continuously current is available to the public in the school office during normal hours. The board may modify the agenda within 24 hours for items of an emergency nature. The meeting is open to the public.

Craig Scott – President

Michael Baker – Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services	3,164.00
American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions	1,472.73
Arctic Glacier USA – ice	45.00
Awards Unlimited – athletic supply	157.55
Jennifer Baker – reimbursement	171.74
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	42,135.97
Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuel	1,167.33
Classroom Direct – classroom supply	16.77
Colonial Life – payroll deductions	134.32
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	40,472.69
Community Hospital – DOT physicals	248.00
Computer Dealers Inc – computer supply	330.00
D&L Pest Control – pest control	107.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
Diamond Vogel – paint	324.30
Eakes Office Supply – office supply	160.00
Eldridge Publishing – One Act play	42.70
ESU #16 – contracted services	729.13
Farmers Coop – bus fuel/parts/labor	829.10
Follett School Solutions – classroom supply	15.44
Great Plains Communications – long distance/internet	1,207.32
Harris Enterprises – weed control/fertilizer application	1,111.60
Hitchcock Co Educators Association – local dues	480.00
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements	600.55
HCS – payroll deductions	445.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,832.53
Hot Lunch Fund – payroll deductions	896.80
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	70.90
Jay Bird Express – bus fuel	52.80
Leeann Kollmorgen – reimbursement	35.00
KSB School Law – legal services	178.00
Legal Shield – payroll deductions	133.53
LJA Construction – services	568.75
Lou’s Sporting Goods – athletic supply	96.15
Marks Plumbing – water fountain	562.07
McCook Gazette – ads	237.00
MCI – long distance	46.16
MG Trust Co – annuities	5,603.00
Midwest Alarm Services – contracted services	300.00
NASB Alicap – insurance	70,854.00
NE Association of School Boards – membership meeting	216.00
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	32,828.91
NE Department Revenue – state taxes	5,088.19

NewZBrain Education – classroom supply	309.00
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
O’Brien Electric – services	301.50
Casha O’Byrne – meals	380.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	150.00
Paxton-Patterson – shop supply	495.00
Prairie Wind PC’s – computer supply	39.99
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	777.37
Quill Corporation – office/classroom supply/equipment	340.31
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	682.18
Rainbow Artistic – art supply	76.00
Really Good Stuff – classroom supply	142.90
RW Welding – welding supply	44.36
Schamel’s Auto Supply – bus supply	13.97
Scholastic Inc – classroom supply	519.57
Scoop Media – ads/printing/subscription	445.57
Snell Service – services	829.00
Southwest Public Power District – electric	3,087.34
Stamp Fulfillment Center – envelopes w/postage	1,138.75
T and J Repair – tire repair	12.50
Teacher Created Resources – classroom supply	241.96
Teaching Strategies – assessment software	164.25
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	419.07
Trails West – bus fuel	1,594.73
UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply	101.72
University of Nebraska – para conference	150.00
U-Save Pharmacy – Sped supply	12.78
U.S. Bank – credit card charges	828.03
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	254.17
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	3,357.29
Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions	303.83
West Music – supply/equipment	606.20
Dave Wimer – reimbursement	7.99
Payroll – net (gross - \$177,615.83)	114,844.34

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply	6,352.45
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	48.43
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	1,103.29
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	59.00
Dean Holding Company – milk	1,495.79
Decker Equipment – cafeteria table	1,523.00
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement	114.77
Credit Management Services – payroll deduction	114.56
Hot Lunch Fund – payroll deduction	3.00
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	93.60
MG Trust Company – annuities	91.00
HCS Retirement Account – retirement	1,126.41
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	75.74
Northwest Fire Extinguisher – hood system service	160.00
Schmicks Market – food	242.24
The Thompson Co – food/supply	5,921.79
Payroll – net (gross - \$6,090.12)	4,555.88