

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met November 13, 2017 at the Hitchcock County Jr./Sr. High School. Present were board members Scott, O'Byrne, Kolbet, Marks, and Rippen. Also present were Superintendent Sattler and Principal Kershaw.

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 Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve the November 13, 2017, Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Aye votes O'Byrne, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Rippen; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed Katelyn Day, Bryan Hagan, Stacey Hutto, Kiel Coady with 20/20 Technology, and Tina Utterback to the meeting. Mrs. Day presented some information to the board regarding she would like to see a greenhouse built for the Ag program and some information regarding costs involved for a 26 ft. growing dome and a 33 ft. growing dome. Stacey Hutto addressed the board regarding the booster club wanting to donate to improving the sound system in the high school gym.

Moved by O'Byrne; seconded by Kolbet to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Rippen, and O'Byrne; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the October 2017 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling \$306,826.16 and lunch fund bills totaling \$20,828.70. (4) Other funds.

President Scott began the candidate interview process by thanking Bryan Hagan and Stacey Hutto for applying for the vacant position on the board. He then asked each candidate to tell the board why they wanted to serve on the board and what they see as strengths they have that would make them a good board member.

Rippen nominated Bryan Hagan. O'Byrne nominated Stacey Hutto. The board voted by ballot with Stacey Hutto receiving 3 votes and Bryan Hagan receiving 2 votes. President Scott again thanked Bryan for applying.

Stacey Hutto took the board policy #2004 oath of office and was seated as a Hitchcock County Board member.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to nominate and appoint Casha O'Byrne for the position of school board secretary. Aye votes: Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Rippen, Hutto, and O'Byrne. Nay votes none.

President Scott appointed Marks to fill the vacancy on the negotiating committee.

Superintendent Sattler and Principal Kershaw reviewed the districts' 2016-2017 NEsA and ACT scores.

Superintendent Sattler reviewed the proposal from Engaging Technologies to replace the smart boards at the elementary. Moved by Rippen; seconded by O'Byrne to accept the proposal from Engaging Technologies in the amount of \$68,712.91. REAP grant funds in the amount of \$20,000 will be used with the balance paid for from the depreciation fund. Aye votes Rippen, Hutto, Marks, Scott, O'Byrne, and Kolbet. Nay votes none.

The board discussed the need to upgrade the sound system at the high school gym. O'Byrne stated that the booster club had paid for the upgrade at the football stadium/track field and that the booster club was willing to donate toward the upgrade at the high school gym. Video Kingdom submitted a proposal totaling \$6,783. After discussion Scott moved and Kolbet seconded the motion that the school accept the proposal from Video Kingdom pending a donation from the booster club in the amount of \$3,600 to cover the cost of the 4 JBL 15" RMS monitor speakers and wall mounts and 2 Crown 1200w amplifiers. Aye votes; Scott, Hutto, O'Byrne, Kolbet, and Marks. Nay votes; Rippen. Motion passed 5-1.

Committee reports as follows: The facilities committee (Scott, Rippen, Kolbet), met with Mr. Sattler and Mr. Wimer and discussed some facility needs on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm. The committee discussed a possible donation from the First Community Bank and how it could best be utilized. The committee discussed a need for a wrestling room and more space in the weight room as our student enrollment has increased. They also discussed the Ag program wanting to build a greenhouse. An idea of building on to the northwest by the shop and near the gym with a building that could serve as our food service area and a meeting area for programs at the school was discussed. Then turning the current food service area into our wrestling room/weight room as well as some additional storage area was discussed. The board asked Superintendent Sattler to inform the First Community Bank ideas we have discussed and confirm what their intentions are concerning the donation and ideas we have discussed and place this as an agenda item for further discussion at the December 11<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Principal/AD Kershaw's report as follows: (1) Three new paraprofessionals from the elementary and two new paraprofessionals from the high school attended the Para Conference in Kearney on October 10. (2) The 5th and 6th grade class along with the High School Choir went to the Fox Theatre for the Lied Arts presentation of "Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes" on October 20<sup>th</sup>. (3) A new parent teacher organization has been formed to help the teachers and students of Hitchcock County called the Help Club. They have provided meals for parent teacher conferences and held a movie night at the elementary school. (4) Parent Teacher conferences were well attended with 95% turnout. (5) School will be dismissed at 1:10 PM on November 22<sup>nd</sup> for Thanksgiving break after the One Act play performs for the public at 12:30 PM. (6) The elementary is hosting a blood drive on December 1<sup>st</sup> from noon to 6:00 PM. (7) Winter sports practice has started with boys' basketball having 19 participating, girls' basketball having 19 participating, and Wrestling having 8 participants. (8) The One Act play performed at North Platte on November 11<sup>th</sup> and did very well placing 3rd. They will perform at Bartley on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in the RPAC competition. District One Act will be in North Platte on November 28. (9) Amanda Mote qualified for State Cross Country and finished just out of receiving a medal.

Superintendent Sattler's report as follows: (1) I attended an ESU 15 and ESU 16 advisory council meeting with Senator Groene the chair for the education committee and discussed school finance issues and other concerns. State forecasting board projects about a 200 million shortfall. Senator Groene believes growth will go from 1.5 to zero. He thinks option aid may be gone next year. He is not in support of funding any new education initiatives such as early childhood/preschool funding. He said he will continue to try and pass his bill on student discipline.

Negotiations: Mr. Mike Tines asked if we could meet a half hour before the December 2017 board meeting at 6:30 PM with the board negotiations team (Ted Rippen, Casha O'byrne, Larry Marks).

Health Insurance Premiums: We were informed that our health insurance premiums for 17-18 will remain the same for 18-19. Peggy Fyn will run some comparability reports and we will get them to the HCEA and the board negotiations team prior to the meeting.

The Audit for the fiscal year ending 8-31-17 school year has been completed by Bentley and Kisker and submitted to NDE. The NDE review of the Annual Financial Reports will be completed in mid-December. Linnette Kisker said she would be happy to present information on the audit at the December board of education meeting as she has a conflict this month.

Parent Teacher Conferences were very well attended. Around 85% at the High School.

**NSAA District Meeting Region 5:** November 8th at McCook. Voted on: School classification based on gender for all sports except track and cross country due to the fact that many schools have the same coaches for both the boys and girls and if the boys and girls teams were in different classes, it would likely require coaches to potentially miss more school time due to districts being held on different days or be at two different sites. State coach might have to be there for both sessions. Passed

Option down a class based on free and reduced. Failed

A school that is ineligible for the playoffs in the first cycle can become eligible in the second season if their boys enrollment figure is 69 or lower. Passed.

Moving dual wrestling to Week 31: Failed

I will attend the NASB State Conference in Omaha on Nov. 16-18

My Superintendent evaluation and contract renewal/amendment/nonrenewal is due in December and will be on the December board meeting agenda.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. The next board meeting will be held on December 11, 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 of the meeting for items of an emergency nature. The meeting is open to the public.

Craig Scott – President

Casha O’Byrne – Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services	3,164.00
83 Repair – bus parts/labor	570.00
Aflac – payroll deduction	174.74
American Family Ins Co – payroll deduction	1,417.87
Arctic Glacier – athletic supply	87.50
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	42,572.33
Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuel	2,419.00
The Brain Wise Program – PBiS curriculum	153.95
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	138.43
Community First Bank – FICA/taxes	42,321.15
D&L Pest Control – pest control	107.00
D&S Hardware – building supply	35.27
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
Eakes Office Solutions – office supply/copier usage	76.06
Ebsco Information Services – periodicals	938.54
ESU #15 – contracted services/laminating	16,546.74
ESU #16 – contracted services	729.13
Farmers Coop – bus fuel	1,027.51
Fastenal – building supply	3.35
Follett School Solutions – library books	349.85
Great Plains Communications – phone bill	94.91
Green Turf – Step 5 fertilization/winterize sprinklers	1,411.60
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements	480.22
HCS – payroll deductions	445.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,832.53
Credit Management Services – payroll deduction	101.04
Holiday Inn Kearney – AD Conference lodging	94.95
Hometown Leasing – copiers	384.70
Hot Lunch Fund – deductions/hospitality room	2,073.11
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	82.03
Johnson Controls – repairs	432.34
Jostens – office supply	215.01
JW Pepper – music supply	22.49
Kittle’s Music – music supply	191.40
Legal Shield – payroll deductions	133.53
Lou’s Sporting – athletic supply	119.63
Danielle McCauley – cheerleader sponsor	920.00
Debra McCarter – reimbursement	29.94
MCI – long distance	45.93
Mead Lumber – One Act supply	174.95

MG Trust Company – annuities	5,603.00
NASB – state conference registration	718.00
NCS Retirement Account – retirement	34,264.50
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	5,349.70
Novus Auto Glass – windshield repairs	70.00
New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction	47.00
O’Brien Electric – electric services	252.69
Optum – FSA fees/annual renewal	350.00
PESI Inc – training registration	399.98
Piano Showcase – equipment parts	80.08
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	772.40
Quality Inn & Conference Center – workshop lodging	84.95
Quality Urgent Care – DOT exam	224.00
Quill Corporation – office supplies	369.35
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,021.52
Scholastic – library books	218.00
Scoop Media – ads/printing	40.57
Seven D Lock – building supply	95.00
Snell Service – services	3,215.61
SOCS – web hosting renewal	1,900.00
Solution Tree – PBiS materials	83.90
Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services	204.96
Southwest Public Power District – electric	1,738.35
T and J Repair – bus part/repair	96.81
Teacher’s Discovery – classroom supply	101.35
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	665.74
Trails West – bus fuel	1,726.88
Transportation Accessories – bus parts	335.57
Trane – roof unit deductible	500.00
UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply	101.72
US Bank – credit card	1,093.61
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	102.12
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/electric/trash	2,840.75
Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions	303.83
West Music – music supply	143.50
Vanco – transaction fees	35.04
Payroll – net (gross - \$185,112.08)	119,403.44

Lunch Fund bill

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply	4,579.93
Colonial Life – payroll deduction	72.52
Community First Bank – FICA/taxes	1,366.34
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	70.35
Dean Holding Co – milk	2,144.27
Food Distribution Program – commodities	701.23
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement	2.50
Credit Management services – payroll deduction	206.56
Hot Lunch fund – deduction	5.10
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	108.74
MG Trust – annuity	110.00
HCS Retirement Account – retirement	1,309.36
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	101.29
Schmicks Market – food	50.99
The Thompson Co – food/supply	4,633.17
Payroll – net (gross - \$7,324.78)	5,366.35

