

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met January 9, 2017 at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Present were board members: Baker, Kolbet, Scott, Marks, Rippen, and O'Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Kershaw, N. Thiessen, D. McCarter, the Hitchcock County News, 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 Rippen to approve the January 2017 regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Rippen; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed visitors.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Marks to remove board member mileage checks 25922, 25945, 25948, and 25964. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Rippen, and Baker; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to approve the consent agenda as amended. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the December 2016 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling \$302,437.23 and lunch fund bills totaling \$12,831.64. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve check 25922 (Michael Baker). Aye votes Scott, Rippen, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none. Baker abstained.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Rippen to approve check 24945 (Aaron Kolbet). Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none. Kolbet abstained.

Moved by Baker; seconded by Scott to approve check 25945 (Larry Marks). Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Scott, and Rippen; nay votes none. Marks abstained.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Baker to approve check 25964 (Theodore Rippen). Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Baker; nay votes none. Rippen abstained.

Casha O'Byrne was welcomed as a new board member and was administered the oath of office.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Baker to retain the 2016 board officers in their current positions for the 2017 year. Aye votes Baker, Kolbet, Rippen, Marks, Scott, and O'Byrne; nay votes none. Board officers as follows:

President – Craig Scott
Vice-president – Ted Rippen
Secretary – Mike Baker
Treasurer – Aaron Kolbet

Board members reviewed a list of committees and members assigned to each. President Scott asked that a budget committee be added to the list. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to accept the committees as presented with the addition of a budget committee. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O'Byrne, Rippen, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Deb McCarter presented the board with information about the secondary PBiS program, the Response to Intervention (RTI) program, and the AQuESTT Accreditation System. Ms. McCarter reviewed a handout on the six tenets of AQuESTT, the State of Nebraska's program for evaluating schools. Board members had a chance to have all questions answered.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board members with three different drafts of the 2017-2018 school calendar. Board members discussed each draft and asked to move the week of Spring break to March 5-9. Moved by Baker; seconded by Marks to adopt 2017-2018 school calendar draft #1 as amended. Aye votes Scott, O'Byrne, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Removal of the old bleachers will be done March 8, 9, and 10. The metal from the old bleachers will be scrapped. An ad will be placed for the sale of the bleacher boards to be removed from the site within the days mentioned above. Any boards left over will be given to the Hitchcock County Schools Foundation to be used as a fund raiser. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O'Byrne to advertise the bleacher boards for sale. Aye votes O'Byrne, Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to move into executive session at 7:56 PM to discuss an administrative contract for John Kershaw. Aye votes Kolbet, Rippen, Marks, Scott, O'Byrne, and Baker; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Baker to move out of executive session at 8:12 PM. Aye votes Rippen, Marks, Scott, O'Byrne, Baker, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Move by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to offer John Kershaw a one year extension to the contract for the 2017-2018 school year, with a 2% salary increase. Aye votes Rippen, Baker, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O'Byrne; nay votes none.

Committee report as follows: (1) O'Byrne attended the NASB's new board member workshop.

Principal/AD Kershaw's report as follows: (1) S. Johnson was hired for the PreK Para position. (2) The 3rd – 6th grade teachers had an in-service January 6th in the AM to prepare for the ESU In-service in McCook on January 16th. (3) Mrs. Smith and the student PBiS kids raised \$75.25 for the McCook Humane Society. (4) The elementary paired up with the Culbertson library to sponsor a book fair. Each teacher will receive \$76.84 to spend on books for the classrooms. (5) The boys basketball team won the Brady Holiday tournament. (6) RPAC Quiz Bowl on January 11th at Southwest High School. (7) RPAC Art contest on January 18th at Cambridge. (8) RPAC wrestling January 20th at Med Valley High School. (9) First round of RPAC basketball will be January 21st at Dundy County High School.

Superintendent Sattler's report as follows: (1) There is an ESU #15 In-service in McCook for teachers on January 16th. (2) The high school English position and the K-12 music position have been advertised. (3) A report on the local superintendents meeting with Senator Hughes. (4) Some vacation time will be used in March. (5) The February regular board meeting has been changed to February 15, 2017 due to sub-district basketball games.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM. The next board meeting will be held on February 15, 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

Michael Baker – Secretary

General fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services	3,164.00
Aflac – payroll deductions	262.74
American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions	1,706.84
Jennifer Baker – reimbursement	10.41
Michael Baker – board mileage	38.88
Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance	41,240.12
Colonial Life – payroll deductions	266.95
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	40,667.00
Conference Technologies – Smart board parts	739.71
D&L Pest Control – pest control	107.00
Dans R Us – trash	154.50
Eakes Office Solutions – copiers/usage/supplies	2,688.60
ESU #15 – contracted services	15,633.13
ESU #16 – contracted services	180.60
Farmers Coop – build/bus fuel/parts/labor	8,105.97

Follett School Solutions – library books	872.12
Great Plains Communications – phone bill/internet	1,097.15
Hitchcock County Clerk – election costs	637.37
HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement	622.80
HCS – payroll deductions	445.00
HCS Flex Plan – contributions	1,651.68
Hitchcock County Treasurer – rental taxes	838.10
Hot Lunch fund – lunch bills	1,438.40
Ideal Laundry – custodial supply	70.90
Imperial Yost Farm Supply – mower maintenance	1,169.14
JMGR Financial – payroll deduction	11.81
Kildare Lumber – shop supply	20.99
Aaron Kolbet – board mileage	112.32
Legal Shield – payroll deduction	133.53
Maris General Construction – bus barn door repairs	710.49
Larry Marks – board mileage	272.16
Gary Matson – board mileage	38.88
MCI – long distance	65.18
MG Trust Co – annuities	4,718.47
MARC – custodial supply	765.03
Midwest Alarm Services – fire alarm services	300.00
NE Department of Education – workshop registration	75.00
HCS Retirement Acct – retirement	32,142.03
NE Department of Revenue	5,104.46
New York Life Ins – payroll deduction	47.00
Optum Health – FSA fees	150.00
Pfeffer Services – heater repairs	131.87
Plains Equipment Group – snow sweep repairs	689.85
Principal Life Ins Co – disability	763.27
Quill Corporation – office supply	53.98
R&W Repair – bus fuel/parts/labor	1,396.20
Theodore Rippen – board mileage	329.24
Riverside Technologies – board computers	1,308.00
Scoop Media – ads/printing	300.87
Seven D Lock – keys	42.27
Sinner’s Paint Shop – bus repairs	710.00
Snell Service – thermocouple replacement	299.29
Southwest Fertilizer – building/bus fuel	5,005.57
Southwest NE Physical Therapy – contracted services	172.62
Southwest Public Power District – electric	2,455.76
The Sports Shoppe – athletic supply	10.19
The Thompson Co – custodial supply	271.82
Trails West – bus fuel	1,125.85
Transportation Accessories – bus part	71.19
UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply	286.04
U.S. Bank – credit card	521.78
Village of Culbertson – water/sewage	94.42
Village of Trenton – water/sewage/trash/electric	2,191.66
Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions	275.25
Wagner – suburban repairs	923.50
Payroll – net (gross - \$176,143.34)	114,530.28

Lunch fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply	1,859.85
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Colonial Life – payroll deductions	69.62
Community First Bank – FICA, taxes	1,052.91
Culligan Water Conditioning – salt	29.30
Dean Foods – milk	908.98
Hot Lunch Fund – lunch bill	5.00
Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply	102.76
JMGR Financial – payroll deduction	149.29
MG Trust Company – annuities	84.00
HCS Retirement Account – retirement	1,089.12
NE Department of Revenue – state taxes	70.70
Schmicks Market – food	114.83
The Thompson Co – food/supply	2,962.03
Payroll – net (gross - \$5,863.40)	4,333.25