The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met January 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Present were board members Scott, Rippen. O’Byrne, Marks, Hagan, and Kolbet. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, Principal Tines, B. Shirley and FFA members K. Warren, M. Keith, M. Carlson, C. Carney, and B. Hidy.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Notice of the board’s adherence to the Nebraska Open Meetings Law posted on the north wall of the meeting room was given. The meeting was properly advertised in the Hitchcock County News on January 6, 2022.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Hagan to approve the January 2022 regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed visitors. No visitors addressed the board.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to approve check 30499, Bryan Hagan. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Rippen; Hagan abstained.

Moved by Scott; seconded by O’Byrne to approve check 30507, Aaron Kolbet. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, and Hagan; Kolbet abstained.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to approve check 30510, Larry Marks. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; Marks abstained.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to approve check 30518, Casha O’Byrne. Aye votes Scott, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; O’Byrne abstained.

Moved by Scott; seconded by O’Byrne to approve check 30524, Theodore Rippen. Aye votes O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; Rippen abstained.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the December 2021 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill rosters with general fund bills totaling $358,299.83 and lunch fund bills totaling $13,695.00. (4) Other funds.

Ag instructor Brooke Shirley and FFA members presented a slide show and a summary of the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis. The FFA members not only thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the convention, but to have FFA in Hitchcock County Schools.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to retain 2022 board officer positions as is. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; any votes none. Board officers are as follows: President – Scott; Vice-president – Rippen, Secretary – O’Byrne; and Treasurer – Kolbet.

President Scott discussed committee assignments with the board members for the 2022 year.

President Scott reviewed discussions with the teacher’s negotiations committee. All were in agreement with a $700 increase to the base; extra wording in #2 of the agreement clarifying compensation review for the AD and assistant AD during the summer months; clarification on #6 of the agreement on reimbursement of professional days; changes to Appendix B concerning the AD, assistant AD, and concessions manager. Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to approve the 2022-2023 negotiated agreement as present. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with the newest well easement and sharing agreement with the Village of Trenton for the inactive water well at the football field. Moved by Scott; seconded by Hagan to accept the well easement and sharing agreement with the Village of Trenton for the inactive water well at the football field. Aye votes O’Byrne, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a new diagram of the sprinkler system for the practice field and football field. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the proposal from Head Up Sprinklers for $34,301.06 to install a sprinkler system at the football field to be paid out of the General Fund. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay vote Rippen. The motion passed 5 – 1.

President Scott thanked board members O’Byrne and Rippen for their work with him on the negotiations committee.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) December 17th – elementary PBiS Christmas parties and movies. (2) December 20th – teachers in-service SAVVAS training. (3) January 12th – early out and elementary teachers helping with RPAC Quiz Bowl at the high school. (4) January 26th – elementary quiz bowl at Southwest. (5) February 2nd – spelling bee at Wauneta/Palisade elementary in Palisade.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) January 12th – FFA equipment career event at AKRS in McCook in the morning. (2) January 12th – RPAC Quiz Bowl will be hosted at the high school. (3) January 17th – ASVAB Interp for the sophomores and juniors. (4) RPAC Art Contest in Cambridge.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) Boiler for the elementary has been ordered and a waiver sent in to the state fire marshal. (2) There will be 15 schools in the RPAC Quiz Bowl at 1 PM on January 12th. (3) The new bus is back from Grand Island. (4) The 2011 bus is having serious problems. Mr. Sattler would like to have a transportation committee meeting before the February board meeting. (5) ESU 15 & 16 are having a workshop for board members in North Platte on February 2nd from 5-9 PM.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM. The next board meeting will be held February 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM. The agenda kept continuously current is available to the public for items of an emergency nature. The meeting is open to the public.

Craig Scott – President Casha O’Byrne - Secretary

General Fund bills

2020 Technologies – contracted services 3,164.00

Academic Hallmarks – classroom supply 175.00

McCook Ace Hardware – shop supplies 214.22

Aflac – payroll deductions 548.54

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 1,903.31

Blue Cross Blue Shield of NE – health insurance 48,696.80

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 15,279.63

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 42,049.27

Cornhusker International – bus repairs 6,223.09

D&L Pest Control – pest control 120.00

Dans R Us – trash 170.25

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supply 584.64

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deductions 344.69

ESU #15 – contracted services 23,765.42

ESU #16 – contracted services 192.13

Farmers Coop – bus fuels 977.90

Fastenal – building supplies 15.08

Follett School Solutions – library books 802.93

Peggy Fyn – reimbursement 19.60

Gary’s Super Foods – gift cards 3,050.00

Great Plains Communications – phone/internet 778.18

Bryan Hagan – mileage 162.63

Harris School Solutions – tax forms 55.20

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 861.16

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,123.34

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – charges 890.36

Ideal Laundry – custodial supply 313.78

JW Pepper & Sons – music supply 332.74

Aaron Kolbet – mileage 112.32

KSB School Law – webinar 250.00

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 65.78

Larry Marks – mileage 278.46

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 139.80

Matrix Trust Company – annuities 5,127.00

Midwest Alarm Services – fire alarm services 354.48

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 36,856.17

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 5,990.54

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 53.33

O’Brien Electric – electrical work 1,420.93

Casha O’Byrne – mileage 106.47

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

ORD Direct – classroom supplies 246.95

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 881.62

Quill Corporation – supplies 395.93

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 1,036.80

Theodore Rippen – mileage 98.28

Scoop Media – printing 176.19

Snell Service – services 8,784.38

Southwest Farm & Auto Supply – bus supply 147.10

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,468.93

Sparqdata Solutions – negotiations software 1,560.00

Special Building Fund – payroll deductions 682.18

Trails West – bus fuel 2,158.66

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 129.08

U.S. Bank – credit card 1,348.32

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 130.28

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,317.38

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 417.68

David Wimer – reimbursement 34.54

Payroll – net (gross - $199,007.76) 132,174.98

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deductions 50.61

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 3,920.96

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 897.17

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 70.70

Dean Food – milk 1,186.22

Dundy County Hospital – payroll deduction 199.33

Gary’s Super Foods – food 102.29

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement 113.91

Hot Lunch fund – charges 3.85

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 117.99

HCS Retirement Acct – Retirement 1,059.30

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 71.96

US Foods – food 1,471.93

Payroll – net (gross - $5,743.23) 4,428.78