The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met February 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM. Present were board members Scott, Rippen, Hagan, Marks, and Kolbet; absent O’Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, Principal Tines, C. Rippen, and Peggy Fyn.

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 February 10, 2022.

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

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

President Scott welcomed visitors. No visitors addressed by board.

Moved by Rippen; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Rippen; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the January 2022 meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $442,586.83 and lunch fund bills totaling $25,616.39. (4) Other funds.

Business teacher/Librarian Chris Rippen addressed the board with the Financial Literacy Act Status report. Mrs. Rippen presented board members with a handout on the Financial Literacy Act Guidance which is now a Nebraska Department of Education annual compliance report to the local boards of education. Mrs. Rippen teaches a semester of Personal Finance to all seniors. Banks in the local communities get involved with visual aids and worksheets. Mrs. Rippen answered questions from the board members.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with the proposed school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year. Moved by Marks; seconded by Hagan to adopt the 2022-2023 school calendar as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Rippen, and Hagan, nay votes none.

The transportation committee consisting of Scott and Rippen met with Superintendent Sattler and Transportation Director Dave Wimer prior to the regular board meeting to review the transportation fleet. They reviewed mileage, readiness, and recent repairs. Superintendent Sattler had called various transportation dealers for quotes on new and used buses. Superintendent Sattler received only one proposal. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to approve the purchase of a 2022 Chevy Collins 28 passenger bus from Master’s Transportation for $67,080 to be paid out of the depreciation fund. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Rippen, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none. The board instructed Superintendent Sattler to call dealerships to price available Suburbans.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with two proposals and layouts for the sanding, painting, and refinishing of the high school gym floor. A proposal from JJ Pratt Enterprises out of Wyoming was for $31,670. A proposal from Wyoming Wood Floors out of Montana was for $57.972. Moved by Rippen; seconded by Kolbet to approve the proposal from JJ Pratt Enterprises for $31,670 to sand and refinish the gym floor at the high school to be paid out of the depreciation fund. Aye votes Scott, Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to move into executive session to discuss the 2022-2023 administrator salaries at 6:26 PM. Aye votes Rippen, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to moved out of executive session at 6:41 PM. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott and Rippen; nay votes none.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Rippen to increase Superintendent Sattler and Principal Tines salaries by $3,500 each. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Rippen, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Committee report as follows: Transportation committee met and items discussed were in the bus action item.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 1/12 – early out for staff to help with RPAC Quiz Bowl at the high school. (2) 1/14 – Radon Poster winners’ presentation. (3) 1/26 – seven students attended the elementary quiz bowl in Bartley. (4) 1/27 – Madison Ruppert was the Because of You winner. (5) 1/28 – PBiS pep rally. (6) 2/2 – Elementary/JH spelling bee in Palisade. (7) Grades 3-8 participated in the new NSCAS Growth pilot. (8) The new boiler is in the building awaiting electrical and ventilation hookups. (9) The make-up zoo trip to Omaha is being planned for March 17th & 18th for the 6th and 9th grade students. (10) There was 70% attendance at the parent-teacher conferences held 2/10.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) 1/12 – the FFA students went to an Equipment Career Event in McCook. (2) 1/17 – a National Guard Officer came out to do ASVAB interp with Juniors and Sophomores. (3) 1/19 – RPAC Art Contest was held. (4) 2/2 – 1st through 8th grade spelling bee. Asia Homma won for the 2nd year in a row and will represent Hitchcock County at the state level, which will be held online. (5) 2/8 – Girls and Boys State interviews; winners will be announced later. (6) 2/7 – RPAC Vocal Music in Maxwell. (7) 2/10 – Parent Teachers conferences. (8) 2/11 & 12 – District wrestling. Five boys (Blake Devitt, Tanner Obrien, Kolyn Gaston, Keegan Shuler, and Taylor Hubl) are going to state wrestling. The team received 3rd place and Coach Shuler received a Coach of the Year award. (9) 2/12 – Both JH girls and boys basketball teams won the Wauneta-Palisade tournament. (10) 2/15 – Girls basketball sub districts to be held in Cambridge. (11) 2/16 – RPAC Speech contest. (12) 2/16 – school sendoff for the state bound wrestlers at 12:30 PM. (13) 2/18 – State Cheer in Grand Island.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) the elementary boiler is in and needs hook ups to finish the installation. (2) Mr. Sattler has been watching the state legislature and the bills dealing with property taxes. (3) Winter sports are wrapping up.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:52 PM. The next board meeting will be held March 14, 2022 at 7:00 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

McCook Ace Hardware – shop/bldg supply 100.87

Aflac – payroll deduction 548.54

Ambience Counseling Center – contracted services 1,443.75

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 1,903.31

Arctic Glacier – ice 92.04

Bentley & Kisker – auditor services 7.250.00

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 48,919.29

Bosselman Energy – bldg/bus fuels 18,708.50

Cash-Wa Distributing – custodial supply 188.61

D&S Hardware – bldg supply 7.99

Dans R Us – trash 170.25

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supplies 205.83

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deduction 344.69

ESU #11 – professional day workshop 100.00

ESU #`5 – contracted services 23,765.42

ESU #16 – contracted services 217.13

Farmers Coop – bus fuel/custodial supply 1,417.38

Fastenal – bldg supply 193.60

Follett Content Solutions – library books 221.38

Great Plains Communications – phone bills/internet 765.66

Halo Branded Solutions – guidance supply 86.85

Harris School Solutions – tax forms 55.20

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 733.59

HCS – payroll deductions 7.47

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,123.34

Heads Up Sprinklers – sprinkler system 21,755.00

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – payments 1,093.30

Ideal Laundry – custodial supplies 765.54

IXL Learning – 3 year site license 15,212.00

Johnson Controls – HVAC work 28,281.81

JW Pepper – music supply 68.99

Beth Kollmorgen – music supply 180.00

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 65.78

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 139.80

MCI – long distance 47.86

Mead Lumber – building supply 13.64

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 5,127.00

MARC – custodial supply 332.99

Midwest Alarm Services – alarm part 50.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 39,900.64

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,487.91

Novus Glass – windshield repairs 1,298.42

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 53.33

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Pitsco Education – shop supplies 538.87

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 922.36

Quill Corp – custodial/office supplies 612.89

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 3,461.00

Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales – bus repairs 3,671.00

Scholastic Inc Book Club – library books 375.75

Scoop Media – printing 216.20

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,359.92

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 655.79

Terry’s Auto Repair – repairs 282.37

Trails West – bus fuel 2,895.90

Transportation Accessories – bus part 45.90

UniFirst Corp – custodial supplies 129.08

Unitech – custodial supplies 1,139.00

U.S. Bank – credit card 1,740.53

Verified First – background check 54.50

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 135.24

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,136.08

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 417.68

Payroll – net (gross - $214,992.150 288.623.64

Lunch Fund bills

Aflac – payroll deduction 50.61

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/milk/supply 9,104.68

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,910.66

Culligan Water Conditioning – salt 201.30

Dundy County Hospital – payroll deduction 296.03

Gary’s Super Foods – food 173.41

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement 9.39

Hot Lunch fund – payment 9.05

Ideal Laundry – kitchen supply 277.28

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 1,890.04

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 212.68

Snell Service – stove repairs 1,351.00

US Foods – food/supplies 3,203.23

Payroll – net (gross - $9,614.73) 6,927.03