The Hitchcock County School Board of Education’s Parental Involvement Policy (5016) hearing on July 10, 2023 was opened at 6:52 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Superintendent Sattler reviewed the policy with the board. There was no public comment. Because there was no public to comment, President Scott also opened the Title I Parent Involvement Policy (5055) hearing, the Student Fees Policy (5043) hearing, and the Acceptable Use Policy (5035) hearing. Superintendent Sattler reminded board members that the Student Fees Policy had been reviewed and revised at the June 12, 2023 regular board meeting. With no public, or public comment, President Scott declared the hearings closed at 6:55 PM.

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met July 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School. Present were board members Hagan, Kolbet, Scott, O’Byrne, and Webb. Absent Marks. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter, B. Kollmorgen, B. Singer, C. Brenning, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Notice of the board’s adherence to the Nebraska Open Meeting Law posted on the north wall of the meeting room was given. The meeting was properly advertised in the Hitchcock County News on July 6, 2023.

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

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to approve the July 2023 regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Beth Kollmorgen addressed board members about the music program. With the loss of the school’s music teacher and no certificated applicants for the music position the school is looking at no band or choir for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Kollmorgen, along with Beverly Singer were asking if there was any possible way for them to teach music. Neither have a teaching certificate. The board and administration discussed possible scenarios to make this happen. President Scott thanked both women for their time.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Scott, O’Byrne, and Webb; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the June 2023 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $331,021.14 and lunch fund bills totaling $4,594.57. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with Appendix 1 to Option Enrollment Policy 5004. This appendix sets the maximum number of possible option students for the upcoming school year. The following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the School Board is required by law to adopt by resolution policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications by October 15th for the following school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has received and reviewed evidence and information submitted by the administration and other sources and made determinations thereon with respect to standards for acceptance or rejection and with respect to the capacity of this school district to accept option enrollment students based upon available staff, available facilities, projected enrollment, and availability of special education programs for the following school year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the School Board has determined that the educational interests of this school district would be best served by adoption of the resolutions, and the policies and specific standards herein contained.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Option Enrollment Policy presented to the School Board as Policy 5004, and Appendix “1” to such Policy 5004, should be and the same are hereby adopted, and any previous policy or interpretation or application of the option enrollment program which is or has been inconsistent with the Policy 5004, and Appendix “1” to such Policy 5004, are repealed effective on the date of the passage of this resolution,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all paragraphs, subparagraphs, and portions of words of this Resolution, of Policy 5004, and Appendix “1” to such Policy 5004 are severable and that in the event any of the same are determined to be invalid for any reason, such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remainder of the same.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that policies and specific standards for acceptance or rejection of option enrollment applications should be and are hereby adopted, for applications filed after adoption of this resolution, and are hereinafter set forth:

The above Resolution, having been read in its entirety, member **Kolbet** moved for its passage and adoption, member **Webb** seconded the same. After discussion and on roll call vote, the following members voted in favor of passage and adoption of the above Resolution: **Kolbet, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, and Hagan**

The following members voted against the same:

The following members were absent or not voting: **Marks.** The Resolution having been consented to and approved by a majority of the members of the School Board, was declared as passed and adopted by the President at a duly held and lawfully convened meeting in full compliance with the Nebraska open meetings law.

**DATED** this 10th day of July, 2023.

**Hitchcock County Public Schools**

By: Craig Scott, President

Attest: Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

Chad Brenning addressed the board with the cost proposals of concrete and building supplies for building a restroom at the football field. Mr. Brenning will be constructing this building with his shop students during the school year. Moved by O’Byrne; seconded by Webb to approve the concrete proposal for $11,300 and set the cost of building materials not to exceed $25,000, to be paid out of the special building fund. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board members with board policy 3019 – Sale or Disposal of School Property. Mr. Sattler would like to declare the old salad bar as surplus property. Moved by Scott; seconded by Kolbet to dispose of the old salad bar, instructing Mr. Sattler to get the best price possible. Aye votes Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Committee reports as follows: The budget committee met before the regular board meeting. President Scott summarized the discussion. The tax asking will be an approximate 1% to 2% increase. The increase in state aid is helping to keep the asking amount low. The committee will meet again before the next board meeting.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 6/20 – PBiS Tier 1 training with the new teachers at the elementary. (2) 6/22 – summer school ended with a trip to the YMCA in McCook. (3) 7/26, 27, 28 will be Admin Days in Kearney. (4) Melody is finishing up checking up materials ordered off of requisitions. (5) Craig is finishing floors thought out the elementary.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) 6/2 – PBiS Admin Coffee Café zoom meeting. (2) 6/6, 7, 8 – attended a mental health conference in Kearney. (3) 6/21 – PBiS Tier I training on zoom. (4) PBiS Tier II training via zoom. (5) Class registration will take place as follows: 7/17 seniors 8 to 3; 7/18 juniors 8 to 3; 7/19 – sophomores 12 to 3; 7/20 – freshman 12 to 3; 7/21 8 to 3 for those who haven’t registered. (6) 7/26, 27, 28 – Admin Days in Kearney. (7) 7/31 through 8/4 – Drivers Ed 8 to 12. So far there are 17 students signed up. (8) 8/3 – 7th grade orientation. (9) 8/7 – 9th grade orientation.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) Working on the 2023-2024 budget. Will take to Admin Days to review with the Department of Education personnel. (2) Working on the schedule to welcome staff back to school, August 9th. Students will come back August 15th. (3) There was hail damage on school buildings in both communities, the greenhouse, the rentals, and vehicles. An adjuster from Alicap will be coming next week.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM. The next board meeting will be held Monday August 14, 2023 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

20/20 Technologies – contracted services 3,488.31

20/20 Technologies – HALO Smart Sensors 7,975.00

McCook Ace Hardware – building supplies 21.54

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 1,839.81

Amsterdam Printing – office supply 374.26

Blick Art Materials – classroom supplies 889.32

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 52,243.88

Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuels 2,446.34

Community First Bank HAS – payroll deduction 50.00

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 38,596.58

Crowne Plaza Kearney – conference lodging 1,138.70

Dans R Us – trash 301.40

Demco – library supply 134.33

Diamond Vogel – paint 243.30

Eric Armin – classroom supply 39.80

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supplies 821.60

ESU Coordinating Council – licensing 330.00

Gopher Sport – classroom equipment 620.14

Great Plains Communications – phone bill/internet 770.63

Harris School Solutions – annual data team fees 5,713.72

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 634.57

HCS – payroll deductions 5.24

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,080.85

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Houghton Mifflin – textbooks 11,939.67

Charlee Hrnchir – reimbursement 10.80

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 394.08

Imperial Yost Farm Supply – mower maintenance 778.67

Innovative Office Solutions – supplies/equipment 3,202.47

JJ Pratt Enterprises – gym floor refinishing 4,248.00

Kendore Learning – classroom supply 40.86

KSB School Law – legal services 70.00

Lakeshore Learning – classroom supplies 935.23

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 44.85

Maris General Construction – garage door repairs 7,944.25

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 123.00

McCook Gazette – subscription 123.00

MCI – long distance 51.31

Mead Lumber – custodial supply 56.94

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 4,290.50

Mindware – classroom supply 28.94

Nasco – classroom supply 98.30

NE Department of Ed – NeMTSS Summit registration 125.00

NASB – School Law conference registration 175.00

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 33,255.49

NE Safety Center – level 2 course 125.00

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 5,713.18

NWEA – MAP testing 645.00

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 103.36

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

ORC Direct – classroom/library supplies 108.27

Paper101 – paper 2,286.80

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 1,006.97

Quality Urgent Care – DOT exam 135.00

Quill Corp – office/classroom supplies 302.69

Really Good Stuff – classroom/library supplies 1,264.06

Rippen Oil – grounds fuel 116.65

School Health Corp – classroom supply/equipment 554.32

School Mate – classroom supply 767.75

School Specialty – classroom supply 357.89

Scoop Media – printing 271.27

Southwest Farm & Auto Supply – building supply 165.95

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,662.74

Special Building fund – payroll deductions 520.00

Teaching Strategies – online assessment 265.65

TKO Pest Control – pest control 200.00

Trails West – fuel 305.94

Trend Enterprises – classroom supply 29.95

Unitech – building supply 5,027.40

U.S. Bank – credit card charges 2,004.61

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 220.96

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,701.04

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 444.12

Wieser Educational – classroom books 64.96

Woodwind & Brasswind – instruments 2,172.97

Payroll – net (gross - $171,561.04) 113,236.58

Lunch fund bills

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 471.93

Gary’s Super Foods – food 41.87

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement 120.08

HCS – payroll deduction 8.38

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 241.06

Holiday Inn Kearney – SNA conference 359.85

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 394.78

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 36.60

Jessica Teeter – reimbursements 124.07

U.S. Bank – credit card charges 470.00

Payroll – net (gross - $3,097.29) 2,325.95