The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met January 15, 2024 at 6:00 PM. Present were board members Scott, Webb, Hagan, Marks, and Kolbet. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, N. Thiessen, 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 Meeting Law posted on the north wall of the meeting room was given. The meeting was properly advertised in the Hitchcock County News on Thursday, January 11, 2024.

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

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to approve the January 2024 regular board meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed all visitors. There was no public comment.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to remove check 32264, 32274, 32277, 32289, and 32311 from the consent agenda. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Webb; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Webb, and Hagan; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following: (1) Minutes of the December 2023 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $435,191.39 and lunch fund bills totaling $16,525.52. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to approve check 32264 – Bryan Hagan. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Webb, and Kolbet; Hagan abstained.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to approve check 32274 – Aaron Kolbet. Aye votes Scott, Webb, Hagan, and Marks; Kolbet abstained.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to approve check 32277 – Larry Marks. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, and Scott; Marks abstained.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to approve check 32289 – Casha O’Byrne. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to approve check 323211 – Dustin Webb. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Hagan; Webb abstained.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Kolbet to retain the board officers’ current positions for 2024. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none. President – Craig Scott, Vice-president – Bryan Hagan, Secretary – Casha O’Byrne, and Treasurer – Aaron Kolbet.

President Scott appointed board members to the following committees:

Committee on American Civics: Hagan, Kolbet, Marks

2025-2026 Negotiations Committee: Scott, Marks, Hagan

Building/Grounds/Transportation Committee: Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan

Budget Committee: Scott, Webb, O’Byrne

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to approve the 2024-2025 negotiated agreement as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and Webb; nay votes none. There will be a $1,200 raise to the base salary making the starting wage $38,800; addition of sick leave donation with restrictions; a longevity bonus; addition of planning period substituting compensation; addition of the AD, and elementary, junior high and high school quiz bowl sponsors to the Appendix B salary schedule.

Principal Tines presented the board with quotes for 20 foot shipping containers for storage for the elementary. Springer Construction at $4,000 each and Container One at $4,879 each. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to purchase two 20 foot storage containers from Springer Construction for $8,000 to be paid for out of the General Fund. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, Webb, and Hagan; nay votes none.

There were no committee reports.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 12/12 – Elementary Christmas concert. (2) 12/15 – Wreaths Across American presentation to the 5th grade by Dennis and Peggy Kennedy. (3) 12/20 – Elementary PBIS Movie day. (4) 12/21 – School Improvement at the high school. (5) 12/22 – Work day for teachers.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) There will be no issues with liability insurance for the daycare. (2) Board members that are up for re-election need to file with the county clerk by February 15th.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 6:33 PM. The next board meeting will be held Monday, February 12, 2024 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 Bryan Hagan – Vice-President

General Fund bills:

20/20 Technologies – contracted services 3,662.73

McCook Ace Hardware – building supply 49.97

Aflac – payroll deduction 546.95

American Electric – building supply 443.73

American Family Ins Co – payroll deduction 2,301.91

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health ins 59,279.53

Bosselman Energy – bus/building fuels 3,731.86

C&K Distributors – shop supply 35.20

Community First Bank HAS – payroll deduction 2,050.88

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 51,426.36

Community Hospital – CDL physicals 340.00

Culbertson Revolving Fund – petty cash reimbursement 657.16

Dans R Us – trash 200.75

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supplies 527.51

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deduction 269.60

ESU #15 – contracted services 26,350.93

ESU #16 – contracted services 213.63

Farmers Coop – bus/building fuels 4,401.93

First Central Bank McCook – payroll deduction 2,000.88

Follett Content Solutions – library books 1,130.77

Great Plains Communications – phone bills 783.00

Bryan Hagan – board mileage 162.14

Harris School Solutions – tax forms 429.45

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 193.80

HCS – payroll deduction 3.06

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,614.18

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 234.72

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Hot Lunch fund – payments/transfer 26,779.45

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 251.57

Kohl’s Auto Parts – shop supply 71.68

Aaron Kolbet – board mileage 117.92

KSB School Law – legal services 70.00

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 102.08

Larry Marks – board mileage 281.40

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 137.00

MCI – long distance 50.10

Mead Lumber – shop supply 1,040.78

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 5,040.00

Mid-American Research Chemical – custodial supply 727.85

Midland Credit Management – payroll deduction 393.15

Midwest Alarm Services – fire alarm monitoring 402.12

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 44,398.91

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 7,061.18

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 103.36

O’Brien Electric – services 212.50

Casha O’Byrne – board mileage 84.42

Optum – FSA fees 300.00

Prairie States Communications – FCC License fee 100.00

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 1,154.99

Quill Corp – building/office supplies 266.46

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 4,565.80

Scoop Media – printing 329.32

Lloyd Sinner – bus services 380.00

Southwest Public Power District – electric 1,273.86

Sparqdata Solutions – negotiations software 1,716.00

Special Building Fund – payroll deduction 220.00

TKO Pest Control – pest control 200.00

Trails West – bus fuels 2,539.48

UniFirst Corporation – custodial supply 106.37

U-Save Pharmacy – nurse supply 31.50

US Bank – credit card 1,523.89

US Foods – custodial supply 57.24

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 638.30

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,176.55

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 469.32

Voyager Sopris Learning – textbooks 310.20

Dustin Webb – board mileage 16.08

David Wimer – reimbursement 59.75

Yandas Music – equipment repairs 229.97

Payroll – net (gross - $246,501.99) 165,666.83

Lunch Fund bills:

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 7,294.09

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,217.05

Culbertson Revolving Fund – petty cash reimbursement 64.32

Eakes Office Solutions – kitchen supplies 125.58

Gary’s Super Foods – food 114.82

HCS Petty Cash – reimbursement 6.32

Credit Management Services – payroll deductions 186.59

Hot Lunch fund – payments 18.40

Ideal Linen – kitchen supply 80.61

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 999.49

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 99.79

US Foods – food/supply 1,783.32

Payroll – net (gross - $7,130.68) 4,535.14