The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met August 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Distance Learning Room at the high school in Trenton. Present were board members Scott, Webb, Kolbet, and Hagan. Absent were Marks and O’Byrne. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Assistant Principal Erickson, Assistant Principal/Councilor McCarter, C. Rippen, N. Thiessen, and Peggy Fyn.

President Scott called the meeting to order at 7:03 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, August 8, 2024.

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

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

President Scott welcomed visitors. There were no comments.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Scott, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following: (1) Minutes of the July 2024 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $378,617.31 and lunch fund bills totaling $431.48. (4) Other funds.

Action item #2 was to discuss, consider, and take all necessary action to adopt the resolution increasing the school district’s base growth percentage used to determine the school district’s property tax request authority by up to 7%. Superintendent Sattler explained to board members that there must be a 70% majority to vote on the item. President Scott tabled the item and called for a special board meeting when all board members can attend.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with two bids for fencing at the elementary building. The first bid was from Paul Bohochik for $7,093.00. The second bid was from Forbes Fence for $7,980.00. Moved by Kolbet; seconded by Hagan to accept the proposal from Paul Bohochik for $7,093 to install a fence at the elementary school to be paid out of the Special Building Fund. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to approve Superintendent Sattler as the board’s representative for handling all local, state, and federal funds. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Webb; seconded by Hagan to approve Dave Wimer to complete school bus quarterly inspections. Aye votes Hagan; Kolbet, Scott, and Webb; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with the 2024-2025 Substitute list. Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to approve the 2024-2025 substitute teacher list. Aye votes Scott, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to move into executive session to discuss personnel needs for the 2024-2025 school year at 7:21 PM. Aye votes Webb, Hagan, Kolbet, and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to move out of executive session at 7:33 PM. Aye votes Scott, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Committee reports as follows: President Scott stated that the negotiations committee consisting of Scott and Webb met with HCEA members prior to the regular board meeting. The two committees are working on wording for tuition reimbursement.

There were no Principal reports.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: 8/12 – first day for staff to return. 8/13 – School Improvement meeting. 8/15 – Students return. News from the special legislative session involving property tax.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:46 PM. The next board meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:50 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 4,207.69

McCook Ace Hardware – grounds/building supplies 209.62

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,301.91

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 56,660.64

Bosselman Energy – building fuel 1,698.60

Colby Canvas Co – grounds supply 479.00

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 41,880.59

Crowne Plaza Kearney – training lodging 184.00

D&S Hardware – grounds/building supplies 72.90

Dans R Us – trash 200.75

Diamond Vogel – building supplies 518.53

Eakes Office Solutions – copier usage 4,450.64

ESU #15 – contracted services 13,992.28

ESU #16 – distance learning fees 23,000.00

Farmers Coop – bus/building/grounds fuels 1,583.41

Joy Farr – professional day reimbursement 100.00

Fastenal – building supplies 202.69

Great Plains Communication – phone bills/internet 1,020.78

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 804.10

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,614.18

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 134.57

Imperial Yost Farm Supply – mower servicing 1,794.31

Innovative Office Solutions – office supplies 1,863.32

Johnson Controls – services 2,415.70

K-C Motor & Electric – building supply 134.34

KSB School Law – training 1,750.00

Lakeshore Learning Materials – classroom supplies 144.72

LaQuinta – Admin Days lodging 1,079.60

Legal Shield – payroll deductions 63.80

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 137.00

McCook Gazette – subscription 144.00

MCI – long distance 54.99

Mead Lumber – building supply 56.94

Menards – supplies/equipment 1,440.25

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 7,490.00

Midlands Toxicology – bus driver testing 100.00

Midwest Alarm Services – annual inspections 700.00

MJL Tile & Flooring – services 2,021.94

My Central Supply – classroom/library supplies 660.57

NCSA – Admin Days 1,144.00

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 37,364.78

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 6,119.01

NE Safety & Fire Equipment – service call 1,854.20

New York Life Ins – payroll deduction 103.36

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

OTC Brands – classroom supplies 85.10

Principal Life Ins Co – disability 1,115.35

Quill Corporation – supplies/furniture/equipment 1,588.29

Really Good Stuff – classroom supplies 14.99

Rippen Oil – fuel/parts/labor 3,037.25

Savvas Learning – textbooks 1,871.10

School Health Corp – classroom equipment 243.06

Scholastic – classroom supplies 1,195.10

School Mate – guidance supply 433.50

Scoop Media – ads/printing 1,293.74

Snell Service – services 1,079.10

Southwest Public Power District – electric 2,200.39

Special Building Fund – payroll deduction 220.00

Teacher Direct – classroom supplies 799.20

TKO Pest Control – pest control 200.00

Trails West – fuel 484.30

US Bank – credit card 8,137.25

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage 1,713.40

Village of Trenton – utilities 4,281.10

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 426.94

Payroll – net (gross - $190,314.14) 123,703.06

Lunch Fund bills

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 46.48

Egan Supply – kitchen supplies 74.32

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 59.75

Payroll – net (gross - $303.90) 250.93