The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met January 13, 2025 at 6:00pm at the Hitchcock County Jr/Sr High School. Present were board members Scott, Hagan, Webb, and Marks.

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 9, 2025. Also present were Assistant Principal/ Counselor McCarter, Principal Tines, B. Melchert, T. Cook, E. O’Byrne, C. Rippen, N. Thiessen, T. Osborne, J. Rahrs and C. Hrnchir.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Webb to approve the January 2025 Regular Meeting Agenda as presented. Aye votes Webb, Marks, Scott, and Hagan; nay votes none.

President Scott recognized and welcomed visitors. There were no comments.

The consent agenda consisted of the following items: (1) Minutes of the December 2024 regular board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $387,185.41 and lunch fund bills totaling $ 21,957.42. (4) Other funds.

Moved by Webb; seconded by Hagan to remove checks 33173, 33186, & 33214 from the consent agenda. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Hagan and Webb; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Webb to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes by Scott, Hagan, Webb, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Webb to approve check #33173 - Bryan Hagan. Aye votes Webb, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none. Hagan abstained.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to approve check #33186 – Larry Marks. Aye votes Webb, Scott, and Hagan; nay votes none. Marks abstained.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Hagan to approve check #33214 – Dustin Webb. Aye votes Marks, Scott, Hagan; nay votes none. Webb abstained.

Superintendent Sattler presented Brett Melchert and Trent Cook with the Oath of Office for the Hitchcock County Schools Board of Education. Mr. Melchert signed the Oath of Office. Mr. Cook signed the Oath of Office. President Scott and Superintendent Sattler welcomed Melchert and Cook to the board.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Webb to elect Scott as board president. Aye votes by Cook, Melchert, Scott, Hagan Webb, and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Scott; seconded by Marks to elect Hagan as board vice-president. Aye votes by Melchert, Scott, Hagan, Webb, Marks and Cook; nay votes none.

Moved by Marks; seconded by Hagan to elect Webb as board treasurer. Aye votes by Hagan, Webb, Marks, Cook, Melchert and Scott; nay votes none.

Moved by Webb; seconded by Cook to elect Marks as board secretary. Aye votes by Scott, Hagan, Webb, Marks, Cook, and Melchert; nay votes none.

President Scott appointed the following board members to the following committees.

 Committee on American Civics: Cook, Melchert, and Scott

 2025-2026 Negotiations Committee: Scott, Melchert and Webb

 Building /Grounds/Transportation Committee: Cook, Marks and Melchert

 Budget Committee: Scott, Melchert, and Cook

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Webb to accept the resignation of Sara Frank effective the end of the 2024-25 school year. Aye votes by Webb, Marks, Cook, Melchert, Scott, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to accept the resignation of Sarah Henkel effective the end of the 2024-25 school year. Aye votes by Marks, Cook, Melchert, Scott, Hagan, and Webb; nay votes none.

Moved by Cook; seconded by Webb to accept the resignation of Mike Tines with appreciation for his many years of service to the Hitchcock County School District. Aye votes by Cook, Melchert, Scott, Hagan, Webb and Marks; nay votes none.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Cook to move into executive session at 6:14pm to discuss personnel needs for the 2025-2026 school year. Aye votes Melchert, Scott, Hagan, Webb, Marks, and Cook; nay votes none.

Moved by Cook; seconded by Hagan to move out of executive session at 7:17pm. Aye votes Scott, Hagan, Webb, Marks, Cook, and Melchert; nay votes none.

Committee report as follows: President Scott reported that the negotiations committee met with the teacher’s negotiation team on January 6th and January 13, 2025. Scott reported that the two committees are getting closer to finalizing negotiations. They will meet again next week.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 12/16 –Kellen Shuler received the Because of You award. (2) 12/17 – Elementary Christmas Staff Supper in Trenton. (3) 12/18 – Blood Drive in Culbertson. (4) 12/19 – End of 2nd Quarter; PBIS Pep Rally and Movie Day. (5) 01/03 – Staff Development in Trenton. (6) 01/06 - School Resumes. (7) 01/09 – HS Wrestling meet @ Culbertson. (7) Working on NSCAS rostering and ACT rostering and setting up test dates.

Assistant Principal/School Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) 01/09 – Quiz Bowl at Medicine Valley. (2) 01/15 – RPAC Quiz at Southwest. (3) 01/16 – Juniors and Sophomores are attending the Career Fair at Southwest. (4) College Classes: College English – 4 students, College Psychology – 3 students, College Public Speaking – 5 students, College Calculus – 1 student and CNA – 2 students.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) Several staff members asked Mr. Sattler to express their Thank you’s to the board for the Christmas gift cards to Gary’s Super Foods. (2) Board members interested in attending the NASB conference which will be held in February are invited to attend. (3) Legislative report.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:23pm. The next board meeting will be held February 10, 2025 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 Larry Marks – Secretary

General Fund bills

20/20 Technologies – contracted services 3,837.14

McCook Ace Hardware – building supply 77.73

Aflac – payroll deductions 670.70

American Electric – bldg supply 160.14

American Family Ins. Co – payroll deductions 2,154.34

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 59,613.14

Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuels 10,250.12

Cash-Wa Distributing – custodial supply 67.75

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 51,088.51

Community Hospital – DOT physical 172.00

DansRUs – trash 207.95

Demco, Inc. – library supply 61.94

Diamond Vogel, Inc. – classroom/building supply 179.72

Eakes Office –custodial supply 630.64

Employee Benefit Fund – payroll deductions 1,116.12

ESU 16 – contracted services 129.01

Farmers Coop – building supply /bus fuels 557.79

First Central Bank - HSA 1,275.35

Gary’s Super Foods –staff gift cards/ food 3,350.00

Great Plains Communications – phone/internet 1,583.12

Bryan Hagan – board mileage 176.88

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 280.52

HCS – payroll deductions 7.27

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,398.50

Credit Management Services – payroll deductions 246.53

Hitchcock County Treasurer – election fees 468.96

Hometown Leasing – copier lease 391.38

Hot Lunch Fund – payments 1,934.90

Ideal Linen & Uniform – custodial/kitchen supply 374.74

Industrial Arts Supply Co. – classroom supply 98.08

Aaron Kolbet – board mileage 139.36

KSB School Law – legal services 197.00

Legal Shield – payroll deduction 121.03

LVNV Funding – payroll deduction 392.03

Larry Marks – board mileage 337.68

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 137.00

MCI – long distance 49.85

Mead Lumber – building/shop supply 242.36

Matrix Trust Company – annuities 5,538.00

Mid-American Research Chemical – custodial supply 134.68

Midwest Alarm Services – alarm monitoring serv. 422.16

HCS Retirement – retirement 45,827.27

Ne Dept of Revenue – state taxes 6,759.33

New York Life Insurance – payroll deduction 103.36

Casha O’Byrne – board mileage 75.04

Pitsco Education – classroom supply 137.50

Principal Life Insurance – disability 1,135.16

Rippen Oil – fuel/parts/supply 4,223.60

Red Willow County Clerk – election fees 100.00

Snell Service – building repair/maintenance 183.50

Southwest Public Power District – utilities 1,434.45

Sparqdata Solutions – software 1,800.00

Special Bldg Fund – payroll deduction 632.20

U.S. Postal Service – postage 2,652.60

The Library Store, Inc. – library supply 13.70

TKO Pest Control – pest control 200.00

Trails West – bus fuel/supply 2,099.06

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 239.43

Unitech – custodial/classroom supply 258.50

US Bank – credit card 2,295.92

Village of Culbertson – water/sewer 107.79

Village of Trenton – utilities 2,395.40

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 415.09

Dustin Webb – board mileage 17.42

David Wimer – reimbursement 48.98

Payroll – net (gross $246,664.96) 164,023.76

Lunch Fund Bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/ lunchroom supply 9,700.39

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,277.77

Freezing Point LLC – food/supply 3,199.29

Eakes Office Solutions – copier service & custodial supply 73.92

Gary’s Super Foods – food 100.88

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 11.76

Credit Management Services – payroll deductions 233.05

Ideal Linen & Uniform – custodial / kitchen supply 128.67

HCS Retirement Acct – retirement 1,350.76

Ne Dept of Revenue – state taxes 93.48

Red Willow County Court – payroll deductions 217.38

Payroll – net (gross $7,559.40) 5,643.99