The Hitchcock County School’s Board of Education 2024-2025 budget hearing on September 9, 2024 was opened at 6:50 PM at the Hitchcock County Junior/Senior High School in Trenton. Board President Scott reviewed the budget document with the board members, with the General Fund totaling $4,090,909. There was no public comment or questions. The hearing was declared closed by President Scott at 6:53 PM.

Craig Scott, President Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

The 2024-2025 property tax request hearing for the Hitchcock County Schools was opened on September 9, 2024 at 6:53 PM. The request of 0.804643 per $100 of valuation for a total asking of $4,090,909.00 for the General Fund; and of 0.093567 per $100 of valuation for a total asked of $475,707.00 for the Bond Fund; and of 0.009934 per $100 of valuation for a total asked of $50,505.00 for the Special Building Fund was reviewed by the board. There was no public comment or questions. With no further business, the hearing was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Craig Scott, President Casha O’Byrne, Secretary

The Board of Education of the Hitchcock County Schools met September 9, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the Distance Learning Room at the high school in Trenton. Present were board members Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks. Webb arrived at 7:16 PM. Also present were Superintendent Sattler, Principal Tines, Assistant Principal Erickson, Assistant Principal/Counselor McCarter, C. Rippen, N. Thiessen, C. Hrnchir, 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 Thursday, September 9, 2024.

Moved by Kolbet; seconded by O’Byrne to approve the September 2024 regular meeting agenda as presented. Aye votes O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, and Scott; nay votes none.

President Scott welcomed visitors. There were no comments.

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Marks to approve the consent agenda as presented. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none. The consent agenda consisted of the following: (1) Minutes of the August 2024 regular board meeting and the August 26, 2024 special board meeting. (2) The Activity Fund. (3) The bill roster with general fund bills totaling $624,619.40 and lunch fund bills totaling $19,982.42. (4) Other funds.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a letter from the Hitchcock County Educators Association. Moved by Hagan; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the Hitchcock County Educators Association as the official bargaining unit for the 2026-2027 school year. Aye votes Hagan, Kolbet, Marks, Scott, and O’Byrne; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with a letter of resignation from Zita Rundel effective the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Moved by Marks; seconded by Hagan to accept the resignation of Zita Rundel, effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, with thanks and gratitude for all of her years of service to Hitchcock County Schools. Aye votes Kolbet, Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, and Hagan; nay votes none.

Superintendent Sattler presented the board with propane bids for the 2024-2025 school year. Bosselman Energy submitted a bid for $1.36 per gallon, pay as you go contract running from October 1, 2024 through April 1, 2025. Farmers Coop submitted a bid for $1.459 per gallon, pay as you go contract running October 2024 through April 1, 2025. Moved by Scott; seconded by O’Byrne to accept the propane bid of $1.36 per gallon pay as you go from Bosselman Energy for both the elementary and secondary sites. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Hitchcock County Public School passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Hitchcock County Public School resolves that:

1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: $ 4,090,909.00

Bond Fund: $ 475,707.00

Special Building Fund: $ 50,505.00

Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund: $

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year’s total assessed value by 6.38 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.887175 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Hitchcock County Public School proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.908144 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Hitchcock County Public School will increase (or decrease) last year’s budget by 3.54 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024. Motion by Kolbet, seconded by Hagan to adopt Resolution #2.

Voting yes were: Scott, O’Byrne, Hagan, Kolbet, and Marks

Voting no were: none

Absent or not voting were: Webb

Dated this 9th day of September, 2024

Moved by Hagan; seconded by Kolbet to adopt the 2024-2025 budget. Aye votes Marks, Scott, O’Byrne, Webb, Hagan, and Kolbet; nay votes none.

Committee reports as follows: (1) President Scott reported the board accepted the revised 2024-2025 negotiated agreement at the August 26, 2024 special board meeting. He then asked HCEA members in attendance if they could meet at 6 PM before the October 14th board meeting.

Principal Tines’ report as follows: (1) 8/13 – elementary open house. (2) 8/15 – first day of school. (3) 8/22 – Izzy Caddick received the “Because of You” award. (4) 8/30 – PBiS Pep Rally introducing the new school year’s Student PBiS Team. (5) 9/3 – first day of after school study hall for students in 3rd-6th grades. (6) All STAR, NSCAS Growth, and MAP fall testing has been completed. (7) The elementary will be hosting half of the Hitchcock County Volleyball Tournament. (8) The daycare is doing well.

Assistant Principal/Counselor McCarter’s report as follows: (1) 8/5 - New teacher orientation. (2) 8/6 – 7th grade orientation, 23 families attended. (3) 8/7 – New teachers’ orientation with Ms. McCarter in the AM and Mrs. Erickson in the PM. (4) 8/12 – Mrs. Englot presented PBiS summer training to Staff. Safety plans, red cards, class rosters, tornado shelters, and PBiS were reviewed by Ms. McCarter. (5) 8/15 – First quarter Super-passes were passed out on the first day of school. (6) 9/6 – Cheerleaders put on the Homecoming Pep Rally. The school had been wonderfully decorated by the Booster Club. The week was full of fun activities. (7) 9/7 – Homecoming dance was attended by 76 students. Admission to the dance was a canned food item for the food bank. (8) 9/11 – Education Quest Zoom for Juniors and Seniors and their parents discussing the FAFSA and federal requirements that are involved. Starting this school year all seniors must complete the FAFSA or a form to opt out before graduation.

Assistant Principal Erickson’s report: (1) Everything is in place for the external team visit occurring October 2rd & 3rd. (2) Mrs. Erickson has been working with teachers since the beginning of school and reviewing data.

Superintendent Sattler’s report as follows: (1) Mr. Sattler presented the board with enrollment numbers. (2) The fall Parent-Teacher’s Conference is earlier this school year, September 25th, from 8 AM to 5 PM. (3) The fall NASB Conference is scheduled for November 20th-22nd. Any board member who would like to attend please let Mr. Sattler know.

President Scott adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM. The next board meeting will be held Monday, October 14, 2024 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 7,726.43

McCook Ace Hardware – grounds/building supply 178.92

American Electric McCook – building supply 160.14

American Family Ins Co – payroll deductions 2,247.80

Blue Cross Blue Shield – health insurance 60,884.52

Paul Bohochik – fencing replacement 19,068.09

Bosselman Energy – building/bus fuels 1,428.08

Lacy Caddick – reimbursement 35.63

Cash-Wa Distributing – custodial supply 57.50

Choice Plumbing – services 2,764.00

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 61,451.60

DansRUs – trash 200.75

Decker Equipment – building supply 124.89

DHW Energy – services 3,700.00

Eakes Office Solutions – custodial supply 441.53

Educational Service Unit 5 – DL Spanish 35,468.00

ESU Coordinating Council – web based software/site license 595.05

Fastenal – building supply 107.50

First Central Bank – HSA 1,020.28

Generation Genius – web based software 125.00

Giving Greetings Publishing – classroom supply 35.95

Great Plains Communications – phone bill/internet 1,594.32

Hand2Mind – classroom supply 52.68

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursements 520.80

HCS – reimbursement .67

HCS Flex Plan – contributions 1,216.68

Credit Management Services – payroll deductions 432.65

Hometown Leasing – copiers 391.38

Amanda Horinek – reimbursement 37.07

Hot Lunch fund – payments 1,469.05

Houghton Mifflin – textbooks 606.74

Jill Hurtt – reimbursement 25.99

Ideal Linen – custodial supply 354.94

Imperial Yost Farm Supply – mower maintenance 498.56

Kohl’s Auto Parts – classroom supply 23.52

Legal Shield – payroll deduction 121.03

LegiLiner – classroom supply 69.00

Medical Transport Solutions – payroll deductions 123.00

MCI – long distance 50.57

Mead Lumber – classroom/building supply 1,245.08

Menards – classroom supply/equipment 396.49

Matrix Trust Co – annuities 8,038.00

Mid-American Research Chemical – custodial supply 491.42

Midwest Alarm Services – fire alarm monitoring 402.12

Music in Motion – web based software 200.00

My Central Supply – office supply 64.00

NASB Alicap – district insurance 122,468.00

National Art & School Supply – classroom supply 680.58

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 55,346.58

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 9,245.35

NRCSA – dues 850.00

NWEA – MAP testing 2,734.00

New York Life Ins Co – payroll deduction 103.36

O’Brien Electric – services 747.54

Optum – FSA fees 150.00

Teresa Osborne – reimbursements 332.27

Educational & Community Support – SWIS licenses 1,075.00

Principal Life In Co – disability 1,107.84

Quill Corp – office/custodial supply 412.92

Region V Principals – dues 60.00

Rippen Oil – bus fuel/parts/labor 5,338.93

Ruggles Truck & Trailer Sales – bus servicing 906.00

Scantron Corp – classroom supply 250.65

Scholastic – classroom supply 156.19

7-D Lockshop – building supply 84.00

Southwest Public Power District – electric 2,403.29

Special Building fund – payroll deduction 220.00

Lisa Spencer – reimbursement 31.00

Staples – classroom supply 36.85

Teacher Created Resources – classroom supply 92.92

TKO Pest Control – pest control 200.00

Trails West – bus fuel 1,250.10

Transportation Accessories – bus supply 303.43

UniFirst Corp – custodial supply 117.55

Unitech – custodial supply 463.00

US Bank – credit card 1,484.05

Verified First – background checks 320.96

Village of Culbertson – water/sewage/grounds supply 602.78

Village of Trenton – utilities 3,955.64

Vision Service Plan – payroll deductions 415.09

VK Electronics – speaker system 4,258.00

David Wimer – reimbursements 36.00

Payroll – net (gross - $287,269.23) 190,130.11

Lunch Fund bills

Cash-Wa Distributing – food/supply 10,032.09

Community First Bank – FICA/taxes 1,300.78

Gary’s Super Foods – food 145.88

HCHS Petty Cash – reimbursement 27.97

Credit Management Services – payroll deduction 278.09

Ideal Linen – kitchen supply 139.27

HCS Retirement Account – retirement 1,417.14

NE Department of Revenue – state taxes 106.52

Northwest Fire Extinguisher – stove hood inspections 262.00

US Foods – food 540.86

Payroll – net (gross - $7,545.06) 5,731.82