

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING TO VOTE ON INCREASING BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE USED
TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
July 8, 2026 -6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Justin Beethe, Gail Hutt, Dan Jones, Jon Schmid, Sarah Weber, Kim Wellensiek.

Also Present: Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Justin Damme, High School Principal; Marsha Bacon, Middle School Principal; Rebecca Robeson, PreK-3 Principal; Dr. Laura Rademacher, Director of Student Services/Special Education Director; Marcus Scheer, Director of Technology;

Two visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday July 8, 2026 in the Tecumseh site elementary room 106, Tecumseh, Nebraska. The purpose of the hearing was to receive testimony pertinent to the resolution to be voted on to increase the base growth percentage used to determine property tax request authority for 2026-2027. This meeting was advertised in the Nemaha Valley Observer as well as on the Johnson County Central School website, the U.S Post Offices in Cook and Tecumseh Nebraska, and the Johnson County Central district buildings.

Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and stated that a copy of the Open Meetings Law was available for review. Roll call was taken. Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes.

Jon H. Rother, Superintendent of Schools, presented information regarding the 2026-2027 budget. Mr. Rother provided information regarding the 2026-2027 State Aid Certification as well as the Budget Authority and the Tax Request Authority. An explanation provided of how the 2026-2027 Property Tax Authority Calculation is calculated was provided. This explanation is from the Nebraska Department of Education School Finance and Organizational Services.

Mr. Rother explained that we do not currently have the certified valuations from the counties. Superintendent Rother provided an estimate that could be generated if the resolution to increase the school district's base growth percentage used to determine the school district's property tax request authority by up to 7% was adopted. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Jon Schmid and second by Dan Jones to adopt the Resolution of the Board of Education to Increase Base Growth Percentage to Determine its Property Tax Request Authority as presented:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO
INCREASE BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE TO
DETERMINE ITS PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Education (“Board”) for Johnson County School District 49-0050, commonly known as Johnson County Central Public Schools (the “School District”), is planning the School District’s annual budget for the 2026-2027 school year; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska law authorizes the Board, upon an affirmative vote of at least seventy percent (70%) of the Board, to increase such base growth percentage by up to 7%.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to NEB. REB. STAT. 79-3405 (2), the Board hereby increases the base growth percentage used to determine its property tax request authority for the 2026-2027 budget in an amount of 7%.

Said Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education by a vote of 6 to 0 on the 8th day of July, 2026.

Kim Wellensiek- President of Board of Education

ATTEST: Jon H. Rother – Secretary of the Board of Education

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Sarah Weber to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.