

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

April 12, 2023

Members Present: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Gail Hutt, Rebecca Plager, Kim Wellensiek

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon, Middle School Principal; Garrett Collin, Athletic Director; Rick Lester, High School Principal

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 12, 2023, in the high school room 204, Tecumseh, Nebraska. A current copy of the agenda was available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting. The notice of the meeting and agenda was posted at the three main school buildings as well as the Tecumseh and Cook Post Offices. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Tecumseh Chieftain.

President Kiim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and opened the meeting by announcing that the Open Meetings Act rules were posted. Roll call was taken. Arlin Beethe-present, Justin Beethe-present, Bob Hutt-present, Gail Hutt-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to approve the March 8th and March 20th special meeting minutes as well as the March 12, 2023, regular meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Gail Hutt to approve the April, 2023, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$752,313.71 and the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek- yes, Arlin Beethe-yes Carried 6-0

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Principal Rick Lester reported on the following:

- Prom-April 15, 2023
- Intra-school Quiz Bowl- April 21, 2023
- Graduation-May 13, 2023

Principal Bacon reported on the following:

- NSCAS and MAP testing will be in April and May
- April 13, 2023- Meridian Honor Choir and Band
- April 28, 2023- Golden Sowers reading competition Peru
- Jr. High Wrestling team placed 1st at the ECNC tournament

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin provided the NSAA Nebraska State College Multi-Activity Student Award Recipient list. Johnson County Central has 74 students participating in multiple NSAA activities for the 2022-2023 school year. Coach Collin also provided a list of students receiving ECNC academic and athletic honors.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother, reported on legislative bills LB 583, introduced by Senator Sanders and LB 320, by Senator Tom Brandt. A summary of what the combination of LB 583 and LB 320 would look like was provided. These bills are school funding/property tax relief bills. Other bills at the State level were also reviewed.

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding the transportation fleet. The “Tecumseh Tomorrows”, (Early Childhood Board) is interested in an interlocal agreement with Johnson County Central Public Schools. A discussion was held. This item will continue to be discussed in the future as the Board of Education recognizes the benefits and importance of additional quality childcare in the community.

FUTURE DATES

- April 17- NASB Legislative Advocacy Day, Lincoln, NE
- June 6-7- NASB School Leadership Workshop, Lincoln, NE
- June 15-16- School Leaders & Law Conference

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to accept the resignation from Vicki Mulholland. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager to accept the resignation from Kathie Grotrian with regrets. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the 2023-2024 Administrator Contracts for Superintendent, Jon Rother -\$142,300; Pre-K 4-8 Principal, Rich

Bacon-\$113,000; HS Principal Richard Lester- \$119,000 as presented. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Plager to approve the teaching contract for Madison Panko for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to grant Mr. Rother the authority to purchase vehicles as he deems necessary based on the knowledge that vehicles are difficult to obtain and must be purchased as they become available. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Plager and seconded by Gail Hutt to renew Johnson County Central Public Schools' contract with ALICAP insurance. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0.

The Board of Education discussed and considered the following JCC School Board policies: **2010**-Preparation for Board Meetings; **2011**- Membership in Organizations; **3005**-School Activities Fund; **3007**-Review of Bills; **4006**-Insurance; **4007**-Personnel Records.

A discussion was held regarding a future building project and an associated bond. The board discussed a district survey relating to a future building project for Johnson County Central Public Schools. The board will continue to explore the possible benefits of a pre-bond survey.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt to adjourn the meeting, second by Plager. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on May 10, 2023, in the High School room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. The notice of the meeting will be published in the Tecumseh Chieftain. The agenda will be posted at the three main school buildings as well as the Tecumseh and Cook Post Offices. A current copy of the agenda will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting.