

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

July 8, 2026

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

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Justin Damme, 9-12 Principal; Marsha Bacon, 4-8 Principal; Dr. Laura Rademacher, Director of Student Services/Special Education; Marcus Scheer, Director of Technology.

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:15 p.m., Wednesday, July 8, 2026 in the Tecumseh site Elementary Building room 106, 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 Nemaha Valley Observer and on the school district website.

President Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and opened the meeting by announcing that the Open Meetings Act rules were posted. Roll call was taken. Justin Beethe-present, Gail Hutt-present, Dan Jones-present, Jon Schmid-present, Sarah Weber-present, Kim Wellensiek-present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Sarah Weber to approve the June 2026, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

Superintendent Rother reviewed the financial report and answered questions regarding the claims for payment listings. A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Dan Jones to approve the General Fund Claims for payment in the amount of \$781,453.59, Building Fund in the amount of \$4,012.25 and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund in the amount of \$31,837.00 as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

High School Principal, Mr. Damme reported on the following:

- Summer school
- Student handbooks
- Open House – August 7th 6:00 p.m
- Student packets

- Securly Digital Hall Pass System
- Picture Day – September 11, 2026

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Bacon reported on the following:

- Science of Reading training
- Scheduling
- Discipline Training at KSB Law
- Student handbooks
- DIEBELS/mClass Training
- Band camp
- New teacher orientation – August 4th
- Open House – August 6th 6:00 p.m.

Elementary Principal, Mrs. Robeson provided information on the following:

- Summer work
- Curriculum updates
- Student handbooks
- Standards-Based grading
- Characteristics for Success
- Scheduling
- Open House – August 7th 6:00 p.m.

Special Education Director / Student Services Director, Dr. Laura Rademacher reported on the following:

- School Psychologist – Dr. Jessica Radford
- Maintenance of Effort
- Inclusive Leadership Fellowship Institute
- Behavior Intervention training
- Q-Interactive/Global training

Activities Director, Mr. Collin provided a report on the following:

- Weight room closes – July 31st
- Fall practice begins – August 10th
- Johnson Brock interest in Cross Country Co-op – after deadline
- New teachers coaching assignments
- Cedar Bluffs and Brownell Talbot interest in ECNC membership

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Head Start
- LB966 – Hunger Free Schools Act
- Deadlines for schools to file for a bond election
- Nebraska Game & Parks Recreational Trails Program
- ESU4's Strategic Planning team
- ALICAP Workshop

Superintendent Rother shared the budget planning documents used to help create the district budget. The General Fund worksheets were viewed as well as the General Fund Year to Date Budget Statement. Discussion was held.

FUTURE DATES

- JCC Board Retreat – Tuesday, July 21, Mahoney State Park -5:00 p.m.
- NASB Area Membership Meeting – Tuesday, August 25, Nebraska City
- ALICAP Workshop – July 9th

DISCUSSIONS

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

Mr. Rother reviewed the results of the Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment to include:

- Step 1 - Model Wellness Policy Comparison Results
- Step 2 – Progress Toward Local Wellness Policy (LWP) Goals and Progress toward reaching the LWP Goals.

The following policies were reviewed: 5018 – Parental Involvement in Educational Practices; 5045 – Student Fees; 5052 – School Wellness Policy; 5054- Student Bullying; 5057 – District Title I Parent Engagement Policy. No changes were needed.

Discussion was held regarding school lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Rother provided information regarding NDE recommendations as well as the USDA recommendations. Jon Schmid does not want the funding for the lunch program to be a burden on the tax payers and would like to see the meal prices set accordingly. Sarah Weber was worried that if the prices were increased too high, fewer students would eat and this could have a negative impact on the funding of the program.

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Dan Jones to increase meal prices by 4% for the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-no, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 5-1

Handbooks were distributed to Board of Education members at the June 2026 Board of Education Meeting. Discussion was held regarding the cell phones and backpacks. A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the 2026-2027 Student, Activity and Staff Handbooks as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0

The bread bid from Bimbo Bakery was presented. A motion by Dan Jones and second by Jon Schmid to approve the 2026-2027 bread bid from Bimbo Bakery as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0

Propane bids were reviewed as presented from Gottula Propane, Sapp Brothers and Frontier Co-Operative. Mr. Schmid asked if the Frontier Co-Operative contract was eligible for patronage? The Board of Education recognized Gottula Propane and Frontier Co-Operative for their continued support of the district.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to accept the bid from Gottula Propane in the amount of \$1.35 per gallon for 35,000 gallons. The gallons left from the

original contract of 35,000 gallons will be credited back minus .20 per gallon penalty. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0

Mr. Rother provided information regarding options for a 14-passenger school bus purchase. Mr. Rother looked into the possibility of a diesel bus however, the 14-passenger bus is not manufactured with this option. The seating options were provided and it was recommended that the bus be equipped with bench seats and luggage racks. A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Dan Jones to purchase a 2026 Chevrolet /Mino Tour 14 passenger bus in the amount of \$103,110 from Truck Center Companies, Thomas Bus Sales- Nebraska. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0.

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, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next Board of Education meeting will be a Board of Education Retreat, July 21, 2026 at 5:00. Eugene T. Mahoney SP, Sandstedt-Platte Conference Room, 28500 W Park Hwy, Ashland, NE 68003. The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., high school room 204 located at 358 N 6th Street, Tecumseh, NE.

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