JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
September 9, 2026

Members Present: Gail Hutt, Jon Schmid, Sarah Weber, Kim Wellensiek

Excused Absence: Justin Beethe, Dan Jones

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, Garrett Collin, Activity Director; Marcus Scheer, Director of Technology; Russ Waring, Director of Operations

4 visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 9, 2026 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 Nemaha Valley Observer and on the school district website.

President Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and opened the meeting by announcing that the Open Meetings Act rules were posted. Roll call was taken. Justin Beethe-absent, Gail Hutt-present, Dan Jones-absent, Jon Schmid-present, Sarah Weber-present, Kim Wellensiek-present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Jon Schmid and second by Sarah Weber to approve the August 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes as well as the August 26, 2026 Special Board of Education meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-absent, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 4-0

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 $1,011461.44, Building Fund in the amount of $1,470,878.82 and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund in the amount of $54,180 as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-absent, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

High School Principal, Mr. Damme reported that Brinkman Brothers Inc. is generously providing new pickup trucks to transport our royalty during the Homecoming parade and coronation. Mr. Damme also reported on the following:

- MAP Testing complete
- SENCA poverty simulation
- Career Fair
- Homecoming Dress Up Days
- Homecoming Parade/ School Pep Rally – Sept. 18, 2:30 p.m
- Homecoming Game/Coronation – Sept 28th 7:00 p.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Oct. 12th, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

- Instructional Practice Guide (IPG) walk-throughs
- Teacher observations
- MAP testing
- Middle School FFA
- Fall sports
- Richardson County Parade- Sept. 17th
- Applejack Parade- Sept. 19th
- Continuous School Improvement workshop

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

- Safety drills
- PTO held recruitment meeting
- MAP testing K-3
- School Safety Summit – Oct. 6th and 7th
- Parent Teacher Conferences – Oct. 12th, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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

- HAL Grant
- Special Education Evaluations
- Transition planning action plans
- Special Education financial reporting
- Special Education file reviews by NDE
- Special Education Conference Sept 9th – 11th

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

- JCC hosted Cross County Invite- Sept. 4th
- Mudecas volleyball – Sept 14th, 15th and 17th
- JCC Runner Up – ECNC Golf
- Homecoming week – September 13th-19th
- Volleyball Parents Night – October 6th
- Football, Girls Golf & Cross-Country Parents Night – Sept 25th
- NSAA Executive Director resigned

- Omaha Brownell-Talbot – interested in ECNC Conf.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided a report from Russ Waring, Director of Operations regarding repairs being addressed this month. Mr. Rother also shared a technology report from Marcus Scheer. Mr. Rother also reported on the following:

- NDE Rule 10 (Indicator for Accreditation) compliance visit – Sept. 15th
- NCSA School Law Update – Sept 16th
- NE Continuous Improvement workshop – Sept 22nd
- NRCSA SE Regional Mtg. – Sept 28th

FUTURE DATES

- Thriving Children, Families and Communities Conf – Sept. 22nd
- Joint Public Hearing – Sept 23rd – 6:06 pm. Johnson County Courthouse
- Budget Hearing – Sept. 28th, 6:00 p.m.
- Hearing to Set Final Tax Request – Sept. 28th, 6:10 p.m.
- Special Mtg. to Approve the 2026-2027 Budget – Sept 28th, 6:20 p.m.
- NASB Labor Relations – Sept. 29th – 30th
- State Education Conference – Nov 18th-20th

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

The following policies were reviewed: 3026-Handbooks; 3027-Resolution of Conflicts Between Parent Over School Issues; 4025-Superintendent; 4027-Part-Time Certificated Employees; 5024-Medication of Students; 5025-Student Insurance; 6016-Homebound and Off-Campus Instruction; 6017-Homework. Discussion was held and no changes were needed.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding the 2026-2027 Emergency Operations Plan for the district. A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Jon Schmid to approve the 2026-2027 Emergency Operation Plan as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-absent, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 4-0

Mr. Rother led a discussion on making a potential payment to Clark Enersen for their pre-bond work over the last seven years. According to the contract with Clark Enersen, payment will only be made if a bond is successfully passed. Any payment made would be subtracted from the total fees associated with a successful bond. Consideration of payment comes from Clark Enersen's continued partnership, investment and work with the JCC district. President Wellensiek suggested tabling the decision until the October meeting when the full board was present. No action taken.

Discussion was held regarding the need for resurfacing of the track during the summer of 2027. Russ Waring indicated that he is having trouble getting bids for the project. Tim Ripp from Clark Enersen will provide contact information regarding additional vendors that might be interested in the project. No action taken.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 6:46 p.m

The meeting was called back to order at 6:54 p.m

Andrew Forney of D.A Davison was present to answer questions regarding the tax impact of the proposed bond. Discussion was held regarding the length of the proposed bond. Board members present felt a 25 year bond repayment option should be considered.

Tim Ripp and Steve Miller from Clark Enersen were present to share plans for the $30-$35 million building bond project. They provided a concept drawing of what the project could be. The board would like the total project to be around 70,000 square feet as they feel this would meet the current needs of the district. Discussion was held regarding the site of the new facility. It was decided that the project would be located at the south part of the 52 acres purchased by the district. This location would help eliminate some costs due to dirt work and infrastructure of the facility.

President Wellensiek shared a letter addressed to the board from Erin Ebeler. The board held a discussion regarding the question of what happens if there is not a successful bond? Two items discussed were, the option to close one building in an effort to become more efficient and the importance of doing what is best for the students of the district.

It was the consensus of the board to hold a special meeting in an effort to work on defining the message of the bond project. Making available accurate information in a timely manner is important to the board in order to allow the patrons to be educated on the project prior to voting on November 3, 2026.

A special meeting will be conducted on September 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska. The following meetings will be conducted in the JCC high school room 204.

- Budget Hearing- September 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
- Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request – September 28, 2026, 6:10 p.m.
- Meeting to approve the 2026-2027 Budget – September 28, 2026 6:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school in Tecumseh, Nebraska room 204.

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Jon Schmid to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-absent, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m

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