

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

August 21, 2025
5:00 p.m.

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

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Marsha Bacon, 4-8 Principal; Justin Damme, High School Principal; PreK-3 Principal Rebecca Robeson and Laura Rademacher, Director of Special Education and Student Services

One visitor was present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in special session at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 21, 2025 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 Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 5:00 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.

PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jon Rother provided information regarding the 2025-2026 District 49-0050 school budget. Mr. Rother reviewed information regarding the budget with and without the 6% increase in base growth percentage used to determine its property tax authority for the 2025-2026 budget.

Discussion was held regarding the necessary cash reserve. The funding needed for the district to meet its obligations to the students were discussed as were the sources of revenue to include property tax receipts, and state and federal funds. The cash reserve is necessary in the event that receipts are not collected or when large expenditures occur that are not anticipated. Discussion was also held concerning maintaining the Special Building Fund as well as the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund for upcoming building repairs and renovations.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to adopt the resolution to increase the base growth percentage used to determine the School District's property tax request authority by up to 6% 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 2025–2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, the funding needed for the School District to meet its obligations to its students will require an increase in the base growth percentage used to determine the School District's property tax request authority under NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-3403; 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 6%.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 79- 3405(2), the Board hereby increases the base growth percentage used to determine its property tax request authority for the 2025–2026 budget in an amount of 6%.

Said Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education by a vote of 6 to 0 on the 21st day of August, 2025.

Kim Wellensiek President of the Board of Education

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

POLICY REVIEW

Superintendent Rother reviewed the Johnson County Central Public Schools Policy 2060- Firearms and Weapons for Non-Students. Discussion was held by the Board of Education and the administration. The Board of Education discussed weapons other than firearms that could be used in the event of an emergency situation. Also discussed was insurance liability, and the practice of utilizing a School Resource Officer. Attorney, Erin Ebeler provided insight from a legal perspective on Policy 2060 to the Board of Education. The administration and Board of Education will gather more information regarding this policy. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe 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.

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held Wednesday September 10, 2025, in the high school room 204, in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. Tecumseh, Nebraska. The notice of the meetings will be published in the Nemaha Valley Observer as well as on the school website. The agendas will be posted at the three main school buildings as well as at 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.