

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

December 13, 2023

6:00 pm

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

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon, PreK /4-8 Principal; Rick Lester, High School Principal; Garret Collin, Activities Director.

Absent: Bob Hutt-excused

Visitors: Eleven visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 13, 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 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 Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 6:00 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-absent, Gail Hutt-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Plager to approve the November, 2023, Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the December, 2023, Financial Report, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$778,220.46 and the Special Building Fund expenditures in the amount of \$7,775.02 as presented. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-present, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Two patrons were present to address the Board of Education.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal, Lester provided information pertinent to the high school.

- Choir robes to be considered
- Considering hosting public speaker, Robb Holla
- Digital Citizenship assembly to be conducted.

Principal, Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- NSCAS assessments are being administered.
- Veterans were honored November 10, 2023
- Caroling at Good Samaritan nursing home December 21, 2023

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin reported on the following:

- NSAA Moratorium December 23- December 27, 2023
- ECNC All-Conference recipients were recognized.
- Football scoreboard in need of replacement.
- Baseball Co-Op update was provided.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Johnson County Central was awarded the AQuESTT “Excellent” designation for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Ben Gottula won the NDOT “Name the Snowplow” contest.
- NSCAS (Nebraska Student-Centered Assessment System) results provided.
- Superintendent’s days worked report provided.

FUTURE DATES

- NASB Legislative Issues Conference- January 21- 22, Lincoln, NE.
- NASB Board Presidents Retreat – February 4-5, Kearney, NE.
- NRCSA Spring Conference – March 14-15, Kearney, NE
- Board of Education candidate filing dates:
 - Incumbent filing deadline-February 15, 2024.
 - Non-Incumbent filing deadline- March 1, 2024

DISCUSSION

Timm Ripp (Clark Enerson; Architectural Firm) and Emily Bannick (Boyd Jones/ Construction Manager at Risk) were present to discuss continued partnerships with their firms. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding the Nebraska Department of Education AQuESTT (A Quality Education Sustaining Today and Tomorrow) designation. Johnson County Central Public Schools was awarded the "Excellent" designation for the 2022-2023 school year.

Marcus Scheer and Garrett Collin shared concept designs for football scoreboards as provided by Daktronics. Discussion was held.

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

Pre-school staff members were present to provide information regarding preschool attendance centers for Johnson County Central Public Schools. Discussion was held. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to enter into a co-op agreement with Auburn Public Schools for baseball for the spring 2024 NSAA baseball season. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Arlin Beethe to adopt a resolution approving participation in the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the following policies as presented with no changes. **Policy 3021**- Operation of School Business Office; **Policy 3022**- Volunteers; **Policy 4024** -Teachers' Rights, Responsibilities and Duties; **Policy 4025**- Superintendent; **Policy 5007**- Enrollment of Expelled Students; **Policy 5010**- Immunizations; **Policy 5011**-Physical Examination and Visual Evaluation of Students. **Policy 6003**-Instrucional Program; **Policy 6004**-Curriculum Development. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 5-0

Superintendent Rother, shared the results from the public survey conducted regarding the future of Johnson County Central Public Schools facilities.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Plager to accept the letter of resignation from Susan Dieckgrafe with regrets due to retirement. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the contract for Connor Bartels beginning the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to approve the teaching contract for Brittany Teeman beginning the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to accept the 2022-2023 annual audit as presented. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding the contractual agreements with Boyd Jones and Clark & Enersen Partners. No action was taken.

Johnson County Central Director of Operations, Russ Waring was present to discuss the replacement of the gym lights in both gyms at the Cook site. The Board of Education directed Waring to move forward with the project.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Plager to approve the disposal of Ford van number one by means of accepting sealed bids. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent. Carried 5-0

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to accept the 2007 Freightliner bus sealed bid in the amount of \$1,101.01 as presented. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Plager to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2024. The notice of meetings 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 agendas will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting.