

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
December 14, 2022

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

Five Visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 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.

Vice- President Arlin Beethe 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-present, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-present, Wellensiek-absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A patron addressed the Board of Education.

President Wellensiek arrived at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENTATION

Members of the Johnson County Sheriff's Department provided information on resource officers in local schools. Sheriff Byron Klauenberg explained the benefits of having a resource officer on the school campus. A discussion was held regarding funding for the project. The Board of Education and the Sheriff's Department will continue discussions.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Bob Hutt to approve the November, 2022 Regular Board of Education 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

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the December, 2022, Financial Report and General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$732,940.04 and the Special Building Fund in the amount of \$35,943.92 as presented. Roll Call vote: Justin

Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principals' Rick Lester and Rich Bacon provided information pertinent to their buildings. NSCAS assessments and semester exams are being administered this week.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin provided the following information:

- Mudecas basketball tournament will be held January 9-14, 2023.
- ECNC Volleyball and football All-Conference awards have been announced.
- JCC Wrestling invite December 17, 2022.
- The annual cost for services provided by Nebraska Orthopedic will be \$1,350.
- The NSAA Moratorium will be December 23- 27.
- The Holiday basketball tournament is at Thayer Central Dec 29-30.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Math curriculum options are being explored.
- Results of a survey in regard to Nebraska Public Education Retirement System eligibility were provided. Many staff members will be eligible for retirement within the next five to ten years. The nationwide teacher shortage was discussed.
- Staff and public survey results on the potential for a four-day school week were provided.
- 2021-2022 State Testing and Accountability scores from NSCAS and the ACT tests were provided and reviewed.

FUTURE DATES

- Legislative Issues Conference, Jan 22-23.
- NASB Board President Workshop, Feb. 15
- NRCSA Spring Conference March 23- 24

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Rother provided a document that was composed by Dave Welsch; Board President, Milford Public Schools titled, "Nebraska Plan to Restore Equalization Aid to Nebraska Schools and Lower Property Taxes."

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

Discussion was held concerning the 2023-2024 school calendar. Discussion was also held in regard to a future construction bond for the district. Clark Enersen and Boyd Jones continue to work on plans for a building project.

Recess declared at 7:13 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 7:20 p.m

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and seconded by Arlin Beethe to enter closed session to conduct a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining negotiations and the Superintendent Evaluation because it is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt- yes Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

Entered closed session at 7:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Plager and seconded by Bob Hutt to leave closed session. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0

Left executive session at 8:11 p.m

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on January 11, 2023, in the High School room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. The notices 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 agenda will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting.

