

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 8, 2023

Members Present: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Gail Hutt, Rebecca Plager

Absent: Kim Wellensiek (excused)

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon, Middle School Principal, Garrett Collin, Athletic Director, Rick Lester, High School Principal

One visitor was present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:09 p.m., Wednesday, February 8, 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 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 6:02 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-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-absent.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to approve January 11, 2023, 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-absent. Carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Plager to approve the February 2023, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$703,207.48, the Building Fund claims in the amount of \$15,268.24, and the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek- absent, Arlin Beethe-yes Carried 5-0.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Rick Lester led a discussion regarding the current 6-12 grading scale and options the staff and Administration are considering. The Board of Education supports the administration as they continue to work with staff in exploring different options. Mr. Lester is working with the CTE (Career and Technical Education) teachers and ESU 4 staff on ways to expand the learning opportunities using Perkins Funds. Principal Bacon informed the Board of

Education that JCC Students placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the county Spelling Bee. The middle school dance will be held on March 3, 2023. Students were recognized for receiving all “A”s.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin reported that the JCC girls bowling team placed 3rd and the boys team placed 4th at the district level. The girls sub-district basketball will be held Feb.13-16. Boys sub-districts Feb. 20-23. The JCC girls wrestling team placed 1st at ECNC. Three girls qualified for the state wrestling meet to be held Feb. 16-18 in Omaha. The boys district wrestling tournament is scheduled for Feb 10-11 at Boone Central.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Exploring options for vans and buses continues.
- LanguageLine Solutions may be used for some translating services
- Kindergarten Round-Up – April 28, 2023
- Bills at the state level that could impact education were reviewed and discussed
- A preschool playground, funded by Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds is being installed.

FUTURE DATES

- February 16 - NRCSA Legislative Forum, Lincoln, NE
- March22-24 NRCSA Spring Conference, Kearney, NE
- June 7-8 - NASB School Leadership Workshop, Lincoln, NE

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding the teacher shortage. The 2022-23 Nebraska Department of Education “Teacher Vacancy Survey” results were shared. Districts/Systems reported 768.70 positions as unfilled with fully qualified personnel, and 208.45 left vacant for 2022-23 throughout the state of Nebraska. Mr. Rother stressed the importance of exploring ways to attract and recruit qualified teachers to our communities and the district now and in the future.

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

A motion was made by Plager and second by Gail Hutt to approve the 2023-24 School Calendar as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to renew the membership with the Nebraska Association of School Boards, (NASB) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0

The following policies were reviewed. Policy 2006-Complaint Procedure; Policy 2007-Reimbursement and Miscellaneous Expenditures; Policy 3001- Budgets; Policy 3002-Deposits; Policy 4002- Drug Fee Workplace; Policy-4003-Drug Testing of Drivers. No action was needed.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Bob Hutt to accept with regrets, the letter of resignation due to retirement, from Joan Peters effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to accept with regrets, the resignations of Linda Goracke and Larry Naber due to retirement effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 5-0.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion in regard to a future building bond project. A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to have Superintendent Rother move forward with plans for a new facility project and a bond resolution as needed. This plan will include the most recent conceptual plan presented by Clark and Enersen (Architectural Firm) and Boyd Jones (Construction Manager at Risk). Superintendent Rother will also work with DA Davidson (Bond Underwriter). Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent. Carried 5-0

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Plager to approve the 2023-2024 Negotiated Agreement by and between the Johnson County Central Board of Education and the Johnson County Central Education Association as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0

It was the consensus of the Board of Education present to not take action at this time on future compensation for 12-month / classified staff, Principals, and the Superintendent of Schools. These items will be considered at the March 2023 meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on March 8, 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.