

**JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT NO. 0050**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

February 7, 2024
6:00 pm

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

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.

Bob Hutt-absent (excused)

Kim Wellensiek- absent (excused)

Visitors: Three visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 7, 2024 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.

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-absent, Gail Hutt-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-absent.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and seconded by Justin Beethe to approve the January 2024, regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Plager and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the February Financial Report, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$713,808.74 and the Special Building Fund expenditures in the amount of \$13,388.00. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal, Lester reported on the following:

- Science position plans for 2024-2025 school year
- Honor Roll students were recognized
- Pre-registration for 2024-2025 will begin Feb 14th.

Principal, Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- Johnson County Spelling Bee completed
- 8th Grade to visit Southeast Community College-Lincoln
- Honor Roll students recognized.
- Parent Teacher Conferences - February 12, 2024
- Middle School Spring Dance - March 1, 2024

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin reported on the following:

- Girls bowling team- placed 2nd at districts
- Girl basketball sub districts-February 13, 15
- Boys basketball sub districts-February 19, 20, 22
- Girls district wrestling- February 9
- Boys district wrestling- February 10

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- enVision Math training
- Elementary teacher positions
- Director of Food Service
- Kitchen upgrades
- Transportation needs
- Cell phone usage
- Nebraska SMART tutoring

FUTURE DATES

- NRCSA Legislative Forum – February 20th.
- NRCSA Spring Conference- March 14th, 15th

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Rother provided the preliminary 2024-2025 State Aid Calculations. Discussion was held regarding circulation and costs associated with the monthly school newsletter. Options will be considered.

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

A motion was made by Justin Beehte and second by Plager to continue membership with the Nebraska Association of School Boards. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Carried 4-0.

The Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER III) fund usage was reviewed. Johnson County Central Public Schools has/will use funds as follows:

- Fund startup for elementary after school program
- Employ additional school therapist services (current and ongoing)
- Construction of Tecumseh Site preschool playground
- Addition of upgraded buses and vans to the transportation fleet
- Support funding of three teachers (Class size reduction, difficult to fill positions)
- Employ an additional health care professional.

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding the sick day buy back option for principals. Item tabled at this time.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the following policies as presented with no changes. **Policy 3025**- Returned and Outstanding Checks **Policy 3026**- Handbooks; **Policy 4029**- Salary Schedule for Certificated Employees; **Policy 4030**-Evaluation of Certificated Employees; **Policy-5015**- Protection of Pupil Rights; **Policy 5016**- Student Records; **Policy 6007**-Senior Recognition; **Policy 6008**- Class Rank.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the 2024-2025 Negotiated Agreement by and between the Johnson County Central Public Schools Board of Education and the Johnson County Central Education Association as presented. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 4-0.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion in regard to the future of Johnson County Central Public Schools facilities.

A discussion was held regarding the classified staff compensation for the 2024-2025 school year. The 2023-2024 days lost to inclement weather were reviewed. Discussion was held and no action was taken on the 2024-2025 calendar at this time.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 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.