

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

February 12, 2025

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

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Garrett Collin, Athletic Director, Rick Lester, High School Principal and Russ Waring, Director of Operations.

One visitor was present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 8, 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 Tecumseh Chieftain and on the school district website.

President 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. Justin Beethe-present, Gail Hutt-present, Dan Jones-present, Jon Schmid-present, Sarah Weber-present, Kim Wellensiek-present.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the January 8, 2025 Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Sarah Weber to approve the General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$865,943.82, Building Fund claims \$13,428.29, and the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund in the amount of \$3,600.44. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Rother provided information regarding the NASB Presentation by Mr. John Spatz. This presentation included data on the subject of school employment needs, student data and school finances.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

High School Principal Report:

High school Principal Rick Lester reported on the following:

- JCC Foundation Breakfast and Scholarship information
- Honor Roll students recognized
- 2025-2026 pre-registration
- JCC Prom – March 22, 2025

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director, Garret Collin reported on the following:

- Bowling- Salena Conley State Qualifier
- Girls Wrestling- Jocelyn Prado, Alejandra Reyes, Haylee Trew, Reese Carter State Qualifiers
- Boys District Wrestling- at Tekamah-Herman February 13-15
- Girls District Basketball – at Guardian Angles Central Catholic
- Boys District Basketball – at Ashland-Greenwood
- Track – C1 Classification for 2025
- Quote for moving hoops in HS gym provided

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Work Release discussion for seniors
- JAG program possibility in Middle School
- Discussion regarding the purchase of a Nemaha Valley sign in Cook
- Mr. Rother to meet with Senator Hallstrom and Senator Dorn- Feb 14, 2025
- ESU4 Engaging Educators Conference at Peru State College
- JCC Received Diamond Badge Status for school safety and security

FUTURE DATES

- NRCSA Legislative Forum- February 20th at Cornhusker Hotel – Lincoln

- NRCSA Spring Conference – March 20th- 21st at Kearney

DISCUSSION

The Board of Education will have a Construction Bond Workshop Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school room 204. This workshop will provide an opportunity to meet with associates from Boyd Jones, DA Davidson, Clark Enersen, KSB School Law and Russ Koch.

The Building and Grounds Committee as well as Superintendent Rother and Director of Operations, Russ Waring met on January 23, 2025 to review facility needs and repairs. Information was provided to the Board of Education regarding concrete repairs, basketball hoops moved, football field work and the kitchen hood and suppression systems work that needs to be completed. Discussion was held and projects to be completed were identified.

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINES

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Dan Jones to accept the letter or resignation from Lisa Kuhl with regrets. Roll call vote: Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Jon Schmid to accept the letter of resignation from Diane Wilken with regrets. Roll call vote: Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes. Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Sarah Weber to approve the 2025-2026 Teaching Contract for Ms. Carroll Segrist for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes., Jon Schmid. Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Dan Jones to approve the 2025-2026 Teaching Contract for Ms. Zadi Plager for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes., Jon Schmid, Sarah Weber-yes Carried 6-0

No action was taken regarding the Option Agreement to Purchase Real Estate

Superintendent Rother reviewed the following policies: **3049**-Drones and Unmanned Aircraft, **3050**- Technology in the Classroom, **4042**-Employee Social Security Numbers, **4043**- Professional Boundaries Between Employees and Students, **4060**-School Vehicle Use, **4061**- Workplace or Non-Workplace Injuries or Illness and Return to Work, **5044**-Safe Pupil Transportation, **6018**- Grades, **6020**- Multicultural Education, 6036- Reading Instruction and Intervention Services, **6037**-Selection and Review of Library Materials. No changes were needed.

The proposed 2025-2026 School Calendar was previewed. No action was taken

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Sarah Weber to renew membership to the Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) for the 2025-2026 year. Roll call vote: Justin

Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0.

A recess was declared at 8:20 p.m.

President Wellensiek called the Board of Education meeting back to order at 8:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Jon Schmid and second by Sarah Weber to leave executive session. Roll call vote: Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Justin Beethe to approve the salaries for Twelve Month Classified Staff as presented by Mr. Rother. Roll call vote: Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Jon Schmid and second by Gail Hutt to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes. Carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

The next Board of Education Special Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 26, 2025, in the High School room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 5:00 p.m. The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska. The notices of the meetings will be published in the Tecumseh Chieftain 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.