

**JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050  
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 13, 2019  
6:30 pm**

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Galen Boldt ,Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon Middle School Principal; Rick Lester High School Principal; Jon Rother Elementary Principal.

Visitors: Five visitors were present

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The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday November 13, 2019 in the Middle School Media Center, Cook, 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.

President Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and opened the meeting by announcing that the Open Meetings Act rules were posted.

Roll Call: All members were present

A motion was made by Goracke and seconded by Arlin Beethe to approve the October 2019 Regular Meeting minutes and the October 30, 2019 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Plager and seconded by Hutt to approve the General Fund claims in the amount of \$680,877.04 and the Special Building Fund claims in the amount of \$4,880. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Four guests were present to express their support for Johnson County Central Public Schools going to eight man football for the two year term beginning with the 2020 football season. The guests also recommended having the middle school football program compete in eight man football as well.

Discussion led by Johnson County Central Athletic Director, Rich Bacon, was held regarding the future of the Johnson County Central football program.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Arlin Beethe for Johnson County Central High School to participate in eight man football beginning with the 2020 football season. Roll Call vote: Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0

## **COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD**

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT.**

Negotiations have started for the 2020-2021 school year

### **PRINCIPALS' REPORT**

Rick Lester reported on the following:

- A. Parent teacher conference attendance was shared.
- B. Lisa Kuhl and Mr. Lester have been involved with meetings led by the Johnson County Emergency Management Association regarding an active shooter simulation.
- C. School Attorney Karen Haase presented to Johnson County Central Students on digital citizenship.

Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- A. ECNC Honor Choirs were held at Johnson County Central Schools on November 12<sup>th</sup>.
- B. The Unified Bowling season has started and participation numbers were shared.
- C. Mr. Bacon shared proposals from the NSAA District 1 meeting held November 6, 2019.
- D. Veterans Day programs were held at both sites on Monday November 11, 2019.

Jon Rother reported on the following:

- A. The local fire department taught students about fire safety. This was a great experience for the students made possible by the local fire department volunteers.

- B. Mr. Rother reported on the Emerging Superintendent's Workshop he attended.
- C. JCC's Tecumseh Site Elementary and Cook Site Elementary have been designated as "Great" schools through the Nebraska Accountability System called AQuESSTT.

## **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Nick Weber, high school social science teacher, presented to the Board of Education how Johnson County Central Schools will fulfill the Americanism requirements as a result of LB 399.

Dr. Boldt provided information regarding what a timeline might look like for a potential bond election as well as the financial impact a bond could have on taxes as outlined by D A Davidson & Company.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Boldt provided information regarding what a timeline might look like for a potential bond election as well as the financial impact a bond could have on taxes as outlined by D A Davidson & Company.

The hiring process has started for a Social Science/PE teacher.

Dr. Boldt provided copies of the 2018-2019 annual audit. The Board of Education will have the opportunity to review and ask questions about the audit prior to accepting the audit at the December 2019 Board of Education Meeting. Dr. Boldt also provided a history on spending at Johnson County Central that highlighted an average 2.8 % annual increase over the last ten years.

Information was shared regarding the steam pipe situation at the Tecumseh elementary site.

## **FUTURE DATES**

The 2019 State Education Conference is November 20-22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Board Calendar was reviewed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

The second reading of the following policies was held: The Board Committees Policy, Budget Adoption Process Policy, Citizenship Policy and the Procurement Plan for School Food Authorities. A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager

to approve the policies as presented. Roll Call vote: Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes. Carried 6-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held regarding the hiring of an Architect for a possible building project at Johnson County Central Schools. The hiring of an architect was delayed until a special meeting could be conducted to obtain more information.

A break was declared at 8:47 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

Dr. Boldt requested to be excused from the meeting at 8:56 pm so Jon Rother could lead a discussion regarding the plans for the leadership of Johnson County Central Public Schools.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Goracke to go to executive session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent Evaluation. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0

Entered executive session at 9:30 p.m.

A motion by Hutt and second by Plager to leave executive session at 10:12 p.m. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 6-0.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 9:31 p.m. by Board President Wellensiek with the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held in the high school cafeteria in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 11, 2019.