
JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
February 12, 2020
6:30 P.M.

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

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

Visitors: Three visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, in the High School Cafeteria Tecumseh, NE. 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 p.m. by announcing that the Open Meetings Act rules were posted.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Goracke to approve the minutes from the January 8, 2020 regular meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Hutt to approve the General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$635,720.63 and the Building Fund in the amount of \$36,811.95 as presented. Roll call vote: Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

CLARK ENERSON PARTNERS REPORT

Jeff Chadwick, of Clark Enerson Architectural Firm reviewed the timeline for future projects as well as finalizing program considerations. The Building Committee and administrators will meet with team members from CEP to develop a public survey designed to provide community input.

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Rick Lester reported on the following:

- A. Mr. Lester has been working with members of community organizations as they prepare for a safety training simulation exercise to be conducted in the fall of 2020.
- B. The School Improvement Mission Statement is as follows: *Creating Opportunities, Committed to Excellence and Journey Together.*

Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- A. The 8th grade students will be going on a college visit to Nebraska Wesleyan Southeast Community College-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
- B. Louisville, Yutan and Conestoga will be leaving the ECNC Conference to join the Capital Conference. The ECNC Conference has extended an invitation to Falls City and Tri County to join the conference.

Jon Rother reported on the following:

- A. The Johnson County Spelling Bee was held February 8, 2020.
- B. The elementary teachers will be visiting Southern Public Schools Monday, February 24, 2020 as part of the reading curriculum selection process.

COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD

Garrett Collin provided information to the Board of Education to include his enrollment in the Education Leadership program at Doane University as well as information about the Clifton StrengthsFinder assessment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Boldt provided a Legislative update on a school funding bill that could have big implications regarding future funding for schools. At this point it is unclear what the total impact of the bill would be on Johnson County Central, or if the bill will be able to clear all the hurdles of passing legislation.

FUTURE DATES

- A. The Board calendar was reviewed
- B. The NRCSA Spring Conference will be held March 26 & 27 in Kearney

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Goracke and second by Arlin Beethe to approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar. Roll call vote: Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to renew our membership to the Nebraska Association of School Boards. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0.

Dr. Boldt recommended the Board of Education take action on Jon Rother's Superintendent Contract at the March 2020 board meeting.

Dr. Boldt recommended the Board of Education delay approving a contract for an Assistant Superintendent until a later date.

A motion was made by Goracke and second by Plager to approve the 2020-2021 Negotiated Agreement by and between the Johnson County Central Board of Education and the Johnson County Central Education Association. The base salary will be \$37,005. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to accept the letters of resignation from Joni Fox, Cheryl Grove, Jordan Scheil and Julie Tubbesing effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year with regrets. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes Carried 6-0.

A recess was declared at 8:05 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to enter Executive Session for the purpose of conducting a strategy session with real estate and to consider Principal contracts for the 2020-21 school year. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

Entered Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager to leave Executive Session at 9:43 p.m. Roll call vote: Goracke-yes, Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to extend contract offers to Principals: Bacon and Lester, with an increase of \$3,300 for the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote: Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Goracke-yes Carried 6-0.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in the Middle School Media Center, Cook, Nebraska 6:30 p.m.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.