

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

April 10, 2024
6:00 pm

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

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.

Twelve visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 10, 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.

President Kim 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. Arlin Beethe-present, Justin Beethe-present, Bob Hutt-present, Gail Hutt-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and seconded by Arlin Beethe to approve the March 2024, 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-yes Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the April 2024, Financial Report, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$792,575.35 and the Special Building Fund expenditures in the amount of \$16,000. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Weber; Student Council Sponsor and council representatives, Dahlia Duran, Wyatt Ludemann, Sunnie Rother, and Maya Strakka were present to visit with the Board of Education regarding their experiences while attending Johnson County Central Public Schools. Discussion was held.

American National Bank President; Jason Hansen, as well as bank representatives Angie Jones, Karen Lempka and Deb Lewis were present to address the Board of Education regarding American National Banks' relationship with Johnson County Central Public Schools.

Mr. Hansen assured the Board of Education they are providing the best financial rates of return they are able to provide. As a business in the community, they are also eager to continue to work with the school district in providing additional funding and support for projects now and in the future.

Superintendent Rother presented information to the Board of Education pertaining to the possibility of applying for an early childhood expansion grant for Johnson County Central. Mr. Rother continues to work with the Tecumseh Tomorrows organization to explore options for childcare in the community.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Johnson County Central Public Schools teachers Maggie Badertscher, Cody Franklin, Madison Panko and Leah Phillips presented to the Board of Education. The presenters provided a synopsis of the new enVision Math curriculum implemented this school year.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal, Lester provided information pertinent to the high school.

- Cell phone usage options discussed with students
- Honors Day - May 1, 2024
- Graduation - May 11, 2024
- Drivers Education – Monday June 3 – June

Principal, Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- Middle School named Mudecas Quiz Bowl Champions
- NSCAS and MAP testing
- Meridian Honor Choir- April 12th
- Golden Sowers Reading Competition – April 26th
- Middle School Honor Choir and Band received Superior ratings at Music Contest
- Middle School Wrestling had three conference champions.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

- Mudecas Track @ JCC April 20th
- JCC Golf Invite – May 2nd
- Athletic Award Ceremony – April 19th
- ECNC All Conference Teams recognized
- Athletic Banquet- May 15th.
- ECNC Academic Awards and All Conference Teams recognized

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Thunderbirds of the Month were recognized.
- Kindergarten Round-Up conducted April 8th
- Elementary Track and Field Day – May 10th
- Kindergarten Graduation and Spring Concert – May 14th
- NRCSA four day school week survey results provided

FUTURE DATES

- ESU 4 host District 1 Legislative Candidates – May 2nd
- NASB Leadership Workshop- June 5th and 6th
- NASB School Leaders & Law Conference – June 12th and 13th
- Transportation Committee Meeting- April 15th

DISCUSSION

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the following policies as presented. **Policy 3029**-Distribution of Flyers Advertising Non-School Issues; **Policy 4034**- Staff Handbook; **Policy 4037**- Reduction in Force; **Policy 5019**-Communicating with Parents; **Policy 5020** - Rights of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents; **Policy 6011**- Fire Inspection and Prevention; **Policy 6012**- Flag Display and Patriotic Observances. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0

Policy-3030- Automatic External Defibrillator Program, was reviewed and will be revisited at a later date.

Superintendent Rother informed the Board of Education about an electronic display board the City of Tecumseh wants to purchase. This display board would allow for the city, school and other organizations to advertise their events. The Board of Education would like to help support such a project as they are able.

The School Wellness Policy was presented by Mr. Rother. A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve **Policy 5052**-School Wellness Policy to include the Triennial Assessment Report as presented. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Arlin Beethe to enter an agreement with Daktronics for the purchase of a football scoreboard and to pursue the purchase of a video board with the condition that sponsorships are obtained for funding. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0

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

President Wellensiek declared the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday May 8, 2024. The notice of meeting 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.