

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

February 9, 2022  
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.

Visitors: Four visitors were present

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The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 9, 2022 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 Arlin Beethe and seconded by Bob Hutt to approve the January 2022, regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes and the February 2, 2022 Special 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 Plager and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the February 2022, Financial Report and General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$667,780.81, as presented. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

## **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Principal Lester reported on pre-registration for 2022-23 as well as continued discussion regarding semester grades. Mr. Bacon shared the results of Johnson County Spelling Bee and the Tecumseh VFW Post 8221 Patriots Pen contest.

## **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activities Director, Garret Collin provided the 2022 and 2023 football schedules. Boys and Girls State Wrestling will be February 17-19. Spring practices start February 28<sup>th</sup>.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Rother provided an attendance report. Parent Teacher Conferences will be February 16, 2022. The administration and staff will be looking at the attendance center location for preschool for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **FUTURE DATES**

- February 22, 2022- NRCSA Legislative Forum
- March 17, 18 – NRCSA Spring Conference

## **REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to adopt a resolution calling for an election to consider a proposition for the issuance of bonds for the purpose of paying for the costs of land acquisition and the construction and acquisition of a Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade facilities for the district and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0.

### **A RESOLUTION CALLING AN ELECTION IN JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0050 (JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA; AND RELATED MATTERS**

#### **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0050 (JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:**

**Section 1.** The Board of Education (the “**Board**”) of Johnson County School District 0050 (Johnson County Central Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the “**District**”) hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is duly organized as a Class III school district under Sections 79-102 and 79-407, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended, maintaining both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education and embracing territory having a population of more than 1,000 and less than 150,000 inhabitants.

(b) It is necessary that funds be provided for the purpose of paying the costs of land acquisition and the construction and acquisition of pre-kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade facilities for the District; and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities (the “**Project**”).

(c) To pay the costs of the Project, it will be necessary for the District to issue general obligation bonds in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed \$43,375,000.

(d) A proposition for the issuance of bonds for such purposes has not been submitted to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the election called by this Resolution.

**Section 2.** A special election (the “**Election**”) is hereby called and shall be held in the District at the Statewide Primary election on May 10, 2022, at which Election there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the “**Proposition**”):

“Shall Johnson County School District 0050 (Johnson County Central Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska issue its general obligation bonds in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Forty-three Million Three Hundred Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$43,375,000), for the purpose of paying costs of land acquisition and the construction and acquisition of pre-kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade facilities for the District; and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities; such bonds to be issued from time to time, to bear interest at such rate or rates, to be sold at such prices and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by, or determined at the direction of, the Board of Education; and

“Shall the District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due?”

The ballots to be voted on and cast at such Election shall have printed thereon the foregoing Proposition with the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” and “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition.

Electors voting in favor of the Proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition, and electors voting against the Proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition.

**Section 3.** Notice of such election shall be published at least 42 days prior to such election by the Election Commissioner of Johnson County, Nebraska (the “**Election Commissioner**”). Notice of such election shall also be given to the qualified electors of the District for 20 days prior to such election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the election, or as otherwise provided by law, such notice and sample ballot to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

**Section 4.** The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution not later than March 1, 2022 to the Election Commissioner, who shall designate the polling places (if applicable), appoint the election officials and otherwise conduct the Election as provided by law. The District hereby agrees to reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the Election.

**Section 5.** The form of ballot and form of notice for the Election shall be in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as **Attachment I**, with such other additions and changes determined appropriate by the Election Commissioner. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the Election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for the Election and to do all other things and to take all other appropriate or necessary action in order to cause the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided.

**Section 6.** Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to (a) cause the form of ballot and form of notice approved herein and attached hereto as **Attachment I** to be published in accordance with such laws, with such changes therein as the President or Secretary of the Board, in consultation with counsel to the District and bond counsel, deem necessary to conform to such laws, and (b) take all further actions necessary to comply with all publication and filing deadlines and other election procedures and requirements as may be necessary or proper to submit the Proposition described in **Section 2** hereof to the qualified electors of the District on the Election Date.

**Section 7.** This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

**PASSED:** February 9, 2022.

**JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0050 (JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA**

ATTEST: By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary President

Kim Wellensiek was excused from the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Vice-President, Arlin Beethe assumed leadership of the meeting.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Plager to renew the annual Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) membership. Roll Call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0.

Mr. Rother reviewed the Johnson County Central Public Schools Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services plan. This is a six month review for the ESSER Plan for Safe Return.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the 2022-2023 Superintendent Contract as presented for Jon H. Rother with an annual salary of 137,300. Roll Call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Plager to accept the letter of resignation with regrets from Kim Mueller /Speech Pathologist effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call vote: Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve a teaching contract for Bradley Gabriel for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Wellensiek-absent. Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Bob Hutt to approve the 2022-2023 Negotiated Agreement by and between the Johnson County Central Board of Education and the Johnson County Central Education Association. The annual base salary will be \$38,400. Roll

Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 5-0.

Superintendent Rother led discussion regarding the 2022-2023 academic calendar. The administration is recommending four days of teacher in-service prior to the start of the 2022-23 school year. A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Bob Hutt to approve the 2022-2023 School Year Calendar as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes Carried 5-0.

Mr. Rother reviewed KSB polices 3021-3030. A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to approve the following polices for adoption as presented: **3021- Operation of School Business Office**, **3022- Volunteers**, **3024- Booster Clubs and Parent Teacher Organizations**, **3025-Returned and Outstanding Checks**, **3026- Handbooks**, **3027- Resolution of Conflicts Between Parents Over School Issues**, **3029 Distribution of Flyers and Advertising of Non-school Organization Activities**, 3030- *Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Program* with Program Coordinator and Medical Advisor of the AED program to be determined prior to adoption. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0.

Policies **3023- Records Management and Retention** and policy **3028- Sex Offenders** will be revisited at the March 2022 Board of Education Meeting.

Vice-President, Arlin Beethe declared a recess at 7:17 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes Carried 5-0.

Entered executive session at 7:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Plager to leave executive session. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0.

Left executive session at 7:41 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the High School cafeteria in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday March 9, 2022. 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.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m