

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

January 12, 2022  
6:00 pm

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

Also Present: Jon H. Rother (via Zoom), Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rick Lester, High School Principal, Garret Collin Activities Director

Visitors: One visitor was 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, January 12, 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.

Superintendent Rother assumed the leadership role and requested nominations for President. Arlin Beethe nominated Kim Wellensiek for Board of Education President. A motion was made by Plager and second by Bob Hutt to cease nominations. Nominations ceased. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt--yes, Gail Hutt- yes, Plager- yes, Wellensiek-abstain. Carried 5-0-1

Kim Wellensiek assumed the role as Board of Education President.

President Wellensiek requested nominations for Vice-President. Gail Hutt nominated Arlin Beethe for Vice-President. A motion was made by Plager and second by Bob Hutt to cease nominations. Nominations ceased. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-abstain. Carried 5-0-1

President Wellensiek requested nominations for Treasurer. Arlin Beethe nominated Gail Hutt for Treasurer. A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to cease nominatons. Nominations ceased. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-abstain, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe- yes. Carried 5-0-1.

President Wellensiek appointed Superintendent, Rother as Board Secretary and Laurie Badertscher as Recording Secretary.

President Wellensiek, made the following Board Committee appointments:

AMERICANISM: Arlin Beethe, Rebecca Plager, Kim Wellensiek

BUDGET REVIEW: Arlin Beethe, Gail Hutt, Rebecca Plager

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe, Gail Hutt

NEGOTIATIONS: Bob Hutt, Rebecca Plager, Kim Wellensiek

POLICY REVIEW: Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Gail Hutt

TRANSPORTATION: Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Kim Wellensiek

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Plager to approve the December 2021, Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes 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 seconded by Bob Hutt to approve the January 2022, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$676,436.64, 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**

Principals; Mr. Lester and Rich Bacon provided written reports pertinent to their buildings.

## **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activities Director, Garret Collin reported on the following:

- Football district assignments were shared
- Mudecas Basketball Tournament- January 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>
- Boys District Wrestling -February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Centennial High School
- Girls District Wrestling -February 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>at Amherst
- District meeting information was provided.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- An attendance report was provided
- Freeman has reached out to area schools to gauge interest in a co-op for spring baseball.
- The Bond Steering Committee information was shared

## **FUTURE DATES**

NASB Board President Retreat- January 23, 24- Kearney, NE

NASB Legislative Issues Conference- January 30, 31- Lincoln, NE

## DISCUSSIONS

Arlin Beethe and Superintendent Rother provided a report on behalf of the School Bond Steering Committee. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of the land for the building project. It was the consensus of the Board of Education that some of the cost for the purchase of the land will be put on the bond referendum.

Superintendent Rother will schedule a Special Meeting to review and consider the language for a Bond Resolution Document for the Primary Election in May 2022. DA Davidson and KSB School Law will be included in this meeting.

Mr. Rother provided a sample proposed calendar for the 2022-23 school year. Discussion was held.

## REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Gail Hutt to approve and adopt the KSB School Law Polices as follows: **3005 –School Activities Fund** as presented **3007-Review of Bills-** as presented. **3008 Gifts, Grants and Bequests-**as presented, **3009-Audit –** as presented, **3010- Insurance-**as presented, **3011-Transportation-**as presented to include: the board designates the Superintendent of Schools as the initial point of contact for child welfare agency representatives to discuss transportation issues related to children in foster care. **3012-School Meal Program and Meal Charges- as presented to include,** the district’s policy on charged meals is: If a student has no funds available to pay for a meal, the student will be provided and charged for “courtesy meals,” such as a plain sandwich. Students who qualify for free meals will not be denied a reimbursable meal even if they have accrued a negative balance from other food purchases. School staff may prohibit any students from charging a la carte or extra items if they do not have cash in hand or their account has a negative balance. If a student repeatedly lacks funds to purchase a meal, has not brought a meal from home, and is not enrolled in a free meal program, the district will use its resources and contacts to protect the health and safety of the student. Failure or refusal of parents or guardians to provide meals for students may require mandatory reporting to child protection agencies as required by law. **3014-Use of School Property-**as presented, **3016-Smoking:**The use or possession of any tobacco product, including cigarettes, cigars, or other tobacco or tobacco derivative products; vapor products or electronic nicotine delivery systems; alternative nicotine products; or any other such look-alike or imitation product, is not permitted on school property at any time. **3017-Press Releases-** as presented, **3018- Denial of Access to School Premises-** as presented, **3019-Sale or Disposal of School Property-** as presented, **3020- Copyright Compliance,** Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, and Carried 6-0.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:24 p.m.

Recess ended at 7:29 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing and reviewing the 2021-2022 Superintendent Evaluation. Roll Call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0

Entered Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to leave executive session. Roll Call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0

Exited Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to approve the 2022-2023 Superintendent Contract for Jon H. Rother in the amount of \$137,300. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Carried 6-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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