

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

March 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: 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, March 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 February 2022, regular Board of Education Meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Plager and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the March 2022, Financial Report and General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$791,927.22, as presented. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

#### **COMMUNICATION WITH THE BOARD**

A card of thanks from the JCC High School Girls Basketball Team was shared. The team was grateful for the support provided by the Board of Education throughout the 2021-2022 basketball season.

#### **FACILITY REPORT**

Russ Waring, Director of Operations for Johnson County Central Public Schools provided a Facilities Report for the Board of Education. This report included a scope of repairs that will need to be completed in the next few years to maintain the current facilities.

#### **TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

Marcus Scheer, Director of Technology; provided information on the following:

- Phone System updates needed
- iPad costs to include a four year cycle of updating
- Staff computer updates.

## **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Principal Lester led discussion regarding the current procedures for the down list. Students will have a study session (9<sup>th</sup> period) next year in lieu of study halls. Principal Bacon provide information on the Kuder Career Exploration self-assessment tool the middle schools students will be completing. A clinician will be working with students in the music department. Students will be attending upcoming Quiz Bowls.

## **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activities Director, Garret Collin provided the participation numbers for spring sports as well as the records of the winter sports teams. JCC is currently accepting applications for coaches for the 2022-2023 school year.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Preschool will have attendance centers will be in both Cook and Tecumseh for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Judi Borrenpohl organized "Read across America" activities for K-3 students.
- JCC K-3 and St. Andrew students will travel to Peru State College March 25<sup>th</sup> for the Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration.
- Kindergarten round-up will be April 8, 2022.
- Justin Beethe, Gail A. Hutt, John W. Sterup and Kim Wellensiek are candidates who filed for the Board of Education, School District #50.
- Constitutional amendment LR263CA was discussed.
- A Bond Tax Impact Calculator provided by DA Davidson was reviewed.

## **FUTURE DATES**

- March 17, 18 – NRCSA Spring Conference
- April 13- NASB "Make Your Meetings Matter" Workshop in Kearney

- June 22, 23 - School Leaders and Law Conference

## DISCUSSION

Discussion was held regarding public information meetings pertaining to the school bond. The Board of Education will host facility tours and Special Board of Education Meetings as follows:

- **Thursday March 31, 2022** -Open House 6:30 p.m. /Special Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. JCC High School Gym-358 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Tecumseh, NE
- **Monday, April 12, 2022** - Open House 6:30/Special Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. JCC Middle School Gym- 407 N 1<sup>st</sup> St. Cook, NE
- **Wednesday, April 28, 2022**- Open House 6:30/Special Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m. JCC High School Gym- 358 N 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Tecumseh, NE.

The Open House will include a facility tour and an opportunity to view plans for a new facility. The Special Board of Education Meetings are for the purpose of providing information to our stakeholders pertinent to the May 10, 2022 School Bond Election. Representatives from Boyd Jones (Construction Manager At-Risk), Clark-Enersen Partners (Architect) and DA Davidson (Bond Agent) will be present to provide information and answer questions.

The Building Committee met with representatives from Heartland Roofing. Mr. Rother provided information regarding a proposal Heartland Roofing presented for annual roof inspections and recommendations for repairs as needed.

## REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

Mr. Rother reviewed KSB polices 3031-3050. A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Bob Hutt to approve the following polices for adoption as presented: **Policy 3031**- Students Electing to Attend School in Adjoining State as presented, **3031**-Copying Fees for School District Records, **3033**- Lending Textbooks to Children Enrolled in Private Schools, **3035**- Chain of Command /District Administration, **3036**- Purchasing (Credit) Card Program with the maximum daily amount that can be charged set at 10,000. The superintendent, and Business Manager shall conduct independent reviews of credit card expenses, or a sample thereof, on a weekly basis. **3039**- Threat Assessment and Response. Johnson County Central will use the team concept when investigating, evaluating and devising an appropriate response to all threats. **3040**- School Safety and Security, Memorials often create a visual reminder of a particular crisis that may reintroduce feelings of grief for students. Therefore, memorials may not be displayed anywhere on school premises. **3041**- Crisis Team Duties, **3042**- Construction Management at Risk Contracts, **3043**- Design-Build Contracts, **3044**-Incidental or De Minimis Use of Public Resources, **3045**-Use of Sniffer Dogs, **3046**- Animals at School, A “therapy animal” is an animal that has been individually trained and certified to work with its owner to provide emotional support, well-being, comfort, or companionship. Therapy animals are not “service animals” as that term is used in the Americans with Disabilities Act. Therapy animals will not be allowed on school grounds or school property except as otherwise required by law.

**3047-** Data Breach Response, **3048-** Communicable Disease, **3049-** Drones and Unmanned Aircraft, **3050-** Technology in the Classroom. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding Policy **3028-** *Sex Offenders*. A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Rebecca Plager to approve the policy 3028-Sex Offenders, as presented with the second paragraph being deleted. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding **Policy 3024-** Booster Clubs and PTO policy. No action was taken at this time.

Superintendent Rother presented information regarding proposals for a Copy Management Agreement. Two proposals were provided. The Board of Education recommended Mr. Rother accept the proposal he believes would be best for the district.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 8:04 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing principal's compensation for the 2022-2023 contracts. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 6-0.

Entered executive session at 8:13 p.m.

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

Left executive session at 8:26 p.m.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to offer Mr. Rich Bacon and Mr. Richard Lester Principal Contracts for the 2022-2023 school year with an increase of 3% as presented. Rich Bacon salary \$109,489 and Richard Lester salary \$115,669. Roll call: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0.

Special Board of Education meetings will be on March 31, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym, Tecumseh, NE; April 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School gym Cook, NE. and April 27, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym, Tecumseh, NE. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday April 13, 2022. The notice of meetings 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 agendas will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.