

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

March 12, 2024

6:00 pm

Members Present: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe, 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. Bob Hutt-absent (excused)

Five visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday March 12, 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-absent, 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-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the March 2024, Financial Report, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$804,266.65 and the Special Building Fund expenditures in the amount of \$2,914.50. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Tom Nesbitt, General Manager of Diversified Drug was present. Mr. Nesbit made a presentation to the Board of Education. He commended the administration and Board of Education for the steps they have taken to help students of Johnson County Central become educated on vaping and other addictions. Diversified Drug Testing completes random tests at Johnson County Central High School monthly.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal, Lester provided information pertinent to the high school.

- Lockdown drills

- State ACT testing scheduled for March 26, 2024

Principal, Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- Middle School Music Contest - March 22, 2024
- 8th Grade received 1st place in ECNC Quiz Bowl
- NSCAS and MAP testing this fall.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

- Activities Director, Garret Collin reported on the following:
- JCC will host District Track May 9, 2024
- Continue to work on baseball coop for 2024-2025.
- Spring sports participation numbers provided.
- Winter sports season results provided.
- MUDECAS All Star Game- Wyatt Ludemann will represent JCC.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Thunderbirds of the Month were recognized.
- JCC State Aid expected to increase \$27,742 for the 2024-25 school year.
- ALICAP Inspection Summary Report was provided
- JCC's Plan for Safe Return to School was reviewed as required for Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief Funds.

FUTURE DATES

NRCSA Spring Conference- March 14th. 15th

DISCUSSION

Superintendent Rother provided an update on the 2024 Legislative session and bills that could impact schools. The proposed changes to TEEOSA were discussed and numbers provided. Options regarding the circulation of the school newsletter were discussed.

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the replacement of an HVAC unit at the Cook site. One unit will be replaced at this time.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to purchase a fixed digital score board and to pursue the option of a video board with the condition that sponsorships are

obtained for funding. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0

Arlin Beethe excused

The following policies were reviewed and no changes made. **Policy 3027-** Resolution of Conflicts Between Parents Over School Issues. **Policy 3028-** Sex Offenders; **Policy 4031** Evaluation of Probationary Certificated Employees; **Policy 4032** – Professional Growth **Policy-5017-** Routine Directory Information ; **Policy 5018-** Parental Involvement in Educational Practices; **Policy 6009-**Grade Placement of Transfer Students; **Policy 6010-** Special Education Identification, Evaluation and Verification.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Plager to accept the letter of resignation from Julie Damme effective at the end of May 2024. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Carried 4-0

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Plager to accept the letter of resignation from Julie Beach. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made Plager and second by Gail Hutt to approve the Teacher Contract for Ms. Eryn Snethen for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the Teacher Contract for Ms. Emily Gist for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the Teacher Contract for Ms. Ashlee Twohig for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-absent, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes. Carried 4-0

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Plager to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent. Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to set the 2024-2025 school day hours as follows: High School- 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m., Middle School 8:00 a.m.-3:55 p.m, Elementary 8:00 a.m.- 3:50 p.m. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent. Carried 4-0.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding the facilities and facility usage for Johnson County Central Public Schools.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Gail Hutt to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing Principal Contracts. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 4-0.

Entered executive session at 7:55 p.m

A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to leave executive session. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent, Justin Beethe-yes. Bob Hutt-absent Carried 4-0.

Left executive session at 8:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the 2024-2025 Principal Contracts as presented with the addition as follows: When a principal has been continuously employed by the district as a certificated staff member for at least fifteen (15) consecutive years, the school district will compensate the principal for each accrued unused sick leave day, up to a total of sixty days at a rate of one-hundred dollars per day. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-absent, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent. Carried 4-0.

President Wellensiek declared the meeting adjourned at 8:14 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 April 10, 2024. 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.