

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

October 11, 2023

6:00 pm

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

Excused: Bob Hutt

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

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 11, 2023 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.

Vice-President Arlin Beethe 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-absent.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and seconded by Rebecca Plager to approve the September, regular Board of Education meeting minutes as well as the Special Budget Hearing, Levy Hearing, and Special Meeting held September 28, 2023, as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe, Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and seconded by Justin Beethe to approve the October, 2023, Financial Report, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$813182.80 and the Special Building Fund expenditures in the amount of \$35,163.78 as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 4-0

President Wellensiek arrived at 6:14 p.m. and assumed leadership.

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Nebraska Liquid Assets fund representative, Barry Ballou was present to provide information regarding investment opportunities for the Johnson County Central Public Schools funds. A presentation was made and questions were answered.

Nebraska Association of School Boards representative Colby Coash was present to inform the Board of Education about resources and opportunities available as members of the NASB. Discussion was held.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal, Lester provided information pertinent to the high school.

- Discussion continues regarding the schedule for four-day weeks.
- High School Parent Teacher Conference attendance was 19%

Principal, Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- November 6, 2023 - 8th grade will attend the Life Skills Pep Rally at UNL
- October 13, 2023 - Cook Volunteer Fire Department will present to 4th-5th grades
- 8th grade will continue to make college visits
- Leadership Team has been selected.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin informed the Board of Education that there is a proposal to add shot clocks for basketball classes C1 and C2 for the 2024-2025 season.

- November 9, 2023 - Staff vs. Students basketball game fundraiser
- November 12, 2023 – Winter practices begin.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Dr. Tara Gossman from ESU 4 is partnering with JCC to help implement the new math curriculum.
- JCC will be accepting bids for a new HVAC system in the high school
- The Tecumseh Volunteer Fire Department will provide activities for Fire Prevention Week.
- Thunderbirds of the Month were recognized
- 2022-2023 NSCAS & ACT scores were provided
- 2023 Certified School Adjusted Value Report was provided.

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Arlin Beethe to dispose of Bus #007-2007 Freightliner 72-passenger bus by means of accepting sealed bids. Roll call vote:

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

Discussion was held regarding investing options for the district funds. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding a future building bond election. Mr. Rother will continue to work on a survey for the district.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:35 p.m.

Recess ended at 7:37 p.m.

Mr. Rother reviewed KSB policies. A motion was made by Plager and second by Arlin Beethe to approve the following policies for adoption as presented. **Policy 3018**- Denial of Access to School Premises; **Policy 3019**-Sale or Disposal of School Property; **Policy 3020**- Copyright Compliance; **4019**- Workplace Injury Prevention & Safety Committee; **4020** - Ownership of Copyrighted Words; **5007**-Enrollment of Expelled Students. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent. Carried 5-0.

President Kim Wellensiek led a discussion regarding the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument. A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Plager to use the Nebraska Association of School Boards Evaluation tool for the 2023-2024 Superintendent Evaluation

The Board of Education Negotiations Committee will be meeting soon for the 2024-2025 negotiations.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 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, November 8, 2023. 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.