

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

Meeting

September 13, 2023

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, Principal PreK, 4-8; Rick Lester, Principal 9-12; Garrett Collin, Activity Director.

Seven visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met at 6:20 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2023, in the High School room 204 in 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 6:20 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 Jon H. Rother presented the teachers new to the Johnson County Central Public Schools district for the 2023-2024 school year. The teachers introduced themselves to the Board of Education as follows: Maggie Badertscher-Kindergarten, Braden Hawley- Music, Madison Panko-2nd grade, Brittney Teeman-Art, The Board of Education is appreciative of their desire to serve as educators in the district.

Aaron Bos, Director of Investment Services from Nebraska Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System (Nebraska CLASS) was present to address the Board of Education about investment opportunities Nebraska CLASS offers.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to approve the August 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes and the August 16, 2023 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

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Bob Hutt to approve the September 2023, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$1,179,304.66 and the Building Fund expenditures in the amount of \$72,795.00. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Gail Hutt, Plager, Wellensiek, Arlin Beethe, Carried 6-0.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Prinicpal Rick Lester reported on the following:

- MAPS testing will be August 29th and 30th.

- Four day week was discussed in teacher meeting
- Random drug testing will continue for students.

Principal Rich Bacon, reported that Johnson County Central participated in the Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER Funds) program. Pitsco Education, a leader in STEM learning in education worked the GEER to provide thousands of dollars of learning materials for the staff of Johnson County Central Public Schools to incorporate into their classroom curriculum. The items will be a great addition to many of the classrooms.

Mr. Bacon also reported that the 7th and 8th grade band will be marching in the Richardson County Fair on Thursday, September 14th. Sixty-nine percent of the 7th and 8th grade students are involved in a fall sport. Mrs. Bacon has submitted a grant through Education Quest.

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT

- Homecoming Week – September 10th-15th
- Girls Golf Invite at Tecumseh- September 14th
- November- deadline for declaring 8-man or 11-man football

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- The Thunderbird Golf Classic raised over \$2000 this year
- The Community Tailgate and Pep Rally was well attended
- Two 2021 Ford F-350 vans will be purchased with ESSER funds
- Two buses are being purchased with ESSER funds
- The new K-8 math series is being implemented

FUTURE DATES

- NASB Area Meeting – Nebraska City Sept. 27th
- NASA & NASB Labor Relations Conference – Lincoln Oct. 4-5
- NASB State Education Conference- Omaha, Nov. 15th-17th

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Plager to adopt the 2023-2024 school budget as advertised in the September 7, 2023 edition of the Tecumseh Chieftain. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 9-13-23

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of Johnson County Central passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Johnson County Central resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$6,803,077.00

Bond Fund: \$ -

Special Building Fund: \$1,103,030.00

Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund: \$242,663.00

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 6.52 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.985719 per \$100 of assessed value.

4. Johnson County Central proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 1.006601 per \$100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Johnson County Central will increase last year's budget by 7.91 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023

Motion by Gail Hutt, seconded by Bob Hutt to adopt Resolution #9-13-23.

Voting yes were:

Arlin Beethe

Justin Beethe

Bob Hutt

Gail Hutt

Rebecca Plager

Kim Wellensiek

Voting no were:

Dated this 13th day of September, 2023

Superintendent Jon H. Rother led a discussion regarding the 2024-2025 Johnson County Central Public Schools calendar. A motion was made by Plager and second by Bob Hutt to move to a Four Day School Week Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll Call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

The Board of Education and administration discussed and considered the following JCC School Board policies: 3016-Use of Tobacco Products, 3017-Press Releases, 4017- Relations with Collective Bargaining Associations, 4018- Corporal Punishment, 5005-Transportation of Option Students, 5006-

Foreign Exchange Students, 6038-Artificial Intelligence. A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve policies 3016, 3017, 4017, 4018, 5005, 5006, and 6038 as presented. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding a pre-bond survey for an upcoming bond vote. The Board of Education would like to meet again with the Building Project team.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held October 11, 2023, in the High School room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. The notices 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 agenda will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting.