

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

September 8, 2021

6:20 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 Middle School Principal; Rick Lester, High School Principal, Garret Collin Activities Director

Visitors: Four visitors were present

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The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:24 p.m., Wednesday, September 8, 2021 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 6:24 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 Justin Beethe to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2021 Special Meeting, the August 9, 2021 Special Meeting and the August 10 2021, Regular Board of Education meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Plager and seconded by Justin Beethe to approve the General Fund claims in the amount of \$852,710.40, and the Building Fund claims in the amount of \$25,561.50. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

### **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Shari Shonka, Managing Partner and Daniel Shonka Account Executive, of ALICAP presented to the Board of Education. ALICAP is the current provider of the district liability insurance.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS**

High School Principal, Rick Lester provided information about the random drug testing process. Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. MAPS testing is scheduled for September. Mr. Bacon provided information on the spring 2021 MAPS testing scores as well as the new information about the "We are the Thunderbirds" citizenship implementation.

### **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activities Director, Garret Collin provided fall sports participation numbers. Homecoming will be held September 17, 2021. MUDECAS volleyball will be held September 13-17<sup>th</sup>.

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Thunderbird Community Tailgate and Bonfire event is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15, 2021.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Thunderbird Fall Classic Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, October 2, 2021.
- Mr. Rother provided transportation fleet information. Superintendent Rother will continue to look into upgrading the transportation fleet.

## **FUTURE DATES**

Superintendent Rother, provided the dates of several Nebraska Association of School Boards workshops and meetings.

## **DISCUSSIONS**

Superintendent Rother, discussed possible uses of the ESSER III funds. Johnson County Central is eligible for up to \$785,009 through the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund. Mr. Rother also facilitated discussion about community meetings concerning the future of the district's facilities.

## **REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to adopt the KSB School Law Board Policies for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Gail Hutt to accept the letter of retirement from Del Novell at the end of the 2021-22 school year with regrets. 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 Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to adopt the 2021-2022 school budget as advertised. Roll Call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0.

## **2021/2022 TAX REQUEST RESOLUTION FOR Johnson County Central Public Schools District 49-0050**

WHEREAS, public was given at least four days in advance of a Special Public Hearing called for the purpose of discussing and approving or modifying the District's Tax Requests for the 2021/2022 school fiscal year for the General Fund, Bond Fund, Special Building Fund, and Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund of Johnson County School District 49-0050; and,

WHEREAS, such Special Public Hearing was held before the Board of Education (hereinafter "the Board") of Johnson County School District 49-0050 (hereinafter "the District") at the time, date, and place announced in the notice published in a newspaper of general circulation, a copy of which notice and proof of publication of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, all as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the Board provided an opportunity to receive comment, information and evidence from persons in attendance at such Special Hearing; and,

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of the property differs from last year's total assessed value by 0.74%; 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 \$0.989801 per \$100 of assessed value; the Johnson County Central School District proposes to adopt a property tax requests that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.995593 per \$100 of assessed value.

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Johnson County Central Public Schools will exceed last year's by 8.06 percent.

WHEREAS, the Board, after having reviewed the District's Tax Requests for each said fund, and after public consideration of the matter, has determined that the Final Tax Requests as listed below are necessary in order to carry out the functions of the District, as determined by the Board for the 2021/2022 school fiscal year.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that (1) the Tax Request for the General Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$7,019,444; (2) the Tax Request for the Bond Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$0.00; (3) the Tax Request for the Special Building Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$469,059; and (4) the Tax Request for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund should be, and hereby is set at \$0.00.

It is so moved by Gail Hutt and seconded by Bob Hutt this 8th day of September, 2021. Roll Call vote as follows: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Rebecca Plager-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0.

The undersigned herewith certifies, as Secretary of the Board of Education of Johnson County School District 49-0050, that the above Resolution was duly adopted by a majority of said Board at a duly constituted public meeting of said Board.

Jon H. Rother, Secretary

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the High School cafeteria in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday October 12, 2021. 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.