

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

July 12, 2023
6:00 p.m

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

Absent: Bob Hutt (Excused)

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon, Pre-K Cook site/4-8 Principal. Garrett Collin; Activity Director.

2 visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 12, 2023 in the high school room 201, 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 were 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.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve June 2023, Regular Board of Education Meeting minutes as well as the June 3, 2023 and June 14, 2023 Special 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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Plager to approve the July 2023, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$679,364.21 and the financial report as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek- yes, Arlin Beethe-yes Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A patron was present to address the board regarding post-bond election thoughts.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Rick Lester provided information on the following:

- Handbooks for 2023-2024
- Summer school complete

Principal Bacon reported on the following:

- Cook Site Pre-K, 4-5 and Middle School Open House/Walk-Through- Wednesday, August 9, 6:00 P.M.
- Class schedule provided

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin reported on the following:

- July 31-August 4- No weight room
- August 7- Fall practices begin
- November 3- Deadline for schools to submit their declaration of football participation.
- Legislative Bill 705 regarding home school students participation was reviewed

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Transportation options being considered.
- enVision Math Curriculum for K-8 will be implemented.
- Staffing changes for 2023-24 school year reviewed.
- Board Committees reviewed.
- Statistics provided as a result of the 2022-23 school calendar.

FUTURE DATES

- July 25-NRCSA Golf Tournament
- September 13- Phi Delta Kappa Fall Leadership Dinner
- September 27- NASB Area Membership Meeting
- October 4 and 5- Labor Relations Conf.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding the Building Bond Election results held on July 11, 2023. The JCC Building Bond election results were as follows: For- 692, Against-798. The 2023-2024 Johnson County Central Public Schools budget was also discussed. The Board of Education will plan a Special Meeting/ Retreat to be held at KSB School Law, Lincoln, NE. on July 21, 2023.

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

Superintendent Rother provided information on handbook changes for the 2023-2024 school year.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Arlin Beethe to approve the 2023-2024 Handbooks as presented. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0

Honor roll requirements for the 2023-2024 school year as they pertain to the new grading scale were reviewed. Discussion was held.

Lunch prices for the 2023-2024 school year will be set at a later date as the federal reimbursement rates have not been released.

The Board of Education discussed and considered the following JCC School Board policies: **3001:** Budget and Property Tax Request, **3003.1:** Bidding for Construction, remodeling, repair, or related projects financed with Federal Funds, **3004.1:** Fiscal Management for Purchasing Procurement using Federal Funds, **3033:** Lending Textbooks to Children Enrolled in Private Schools, **3036:** Purchasing (Credit) Card Program, **3059:** Audio and Video Recording, **4003:** Drug Policy Regarding Drivers, **4045:** Milk Expression, **4059:** Behavioral and Mental Health Training, **5003:** Admission of Part-Time Students, **5004:** Option Enrollment, **5035:** Student Discipline, **5045:** Student Fees, **5052:** School Wellness, **5062:** Lice and Nits, **5064:** Supplement, Not Supplant, **6003:** Instructional Program, **6004:** Curriculum Development, **6025:** Student Cell Phone and Other Electronic Devices, **6038:** Artificial Intelligence.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the policies as presented with the exception of 6038 Artificial Intelligence. 6038 will be revisited at the August 2023 Board Meeting. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent. Carried 5-0.

The following policies were reviewed. **3012:** School Meal Program **3013:** Emergency Closing, **3040:** School Safety and Security, **4011:** Family Medical Leave Act, **4012:** Staff Internet and Computer Use, **4031:** Evaluation of Probationary Certified Employees, **5001:** Compulsory Attendance and Excessive Absenteeism, **5002:** Admission of Students, **5002.1:** Admission of Students who Reside Out of State of Nebraska. **5045:** Student Fees, **5057:** District Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy. No changes were needed.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager to approve the propane bid from Gottula Propane as presented at \$1.24 per gallon for the Cook site. Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to renew the Johnson County Central Public Schools membership with the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA). Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding the Option Agreement to Purchase Real Estate and the next steps following the building bond project election.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held on August 9, 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.