

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

July 14, 2021

6:00 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: Two visitors were present

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The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 13, 2021 in the High School Cafeteria 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 6:00 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-present, Gail Hutt- present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and seconded by Arlin Beethe to approve the minutes from the June, 2021, Regular Board of Education meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, 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 \$656,679.17, the Building Fund claims in the amount of \$24,673.79 and the Depreciation Fund claims in the amount of \$10,492.26 as presented. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Two public members shared comment with the Board of Education.

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS**

High School Principal, Rick Lester and Middle School Principal, Rich Bacon provided an opportunity for board members to recommend any corrections or changes to the handbooks for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Bacon also shared the 2021-2022 class schedule with the Board of Education.

## **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activities Director, Garret Collin informed the Board of Education that girls wrestling has been approved by the NSAA. The "Lincoln Journal Star" Academic All-State winners were identified. Johnson County Central Schools had thirteen students recognized by the Lincoln Journal Star.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- School breakfast and lunch will be free for all students for the 2021-2022 school as announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- The East Central Nebraska Conference receives bids for the milk products for the conference schools. Kemps has received the contract for ECNC Schools.
- Cheever Construction and McCarthy Building Company both visited the Tecumseh Site on separate occasions to help better understand the scope and sequence of the Request for Proposals for a possible building project.
- Mr. Rother provided a list of new staff for the 2021-22 school year.
- Johnson County Central is currently planning for in-person education for all students for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Superintendent Rother provided a letter from the Nebraska Department of Education Commissioner Dr. Blomstedt, in regards to proposed health education standards.

## **FUTURE DATES**

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

## **DISCUSSIONS**

Discussion was held regarding a possible date for a Board of Education Retreat. Through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), Johnson County Central Public Schools is allocated to receive \$784,461 in federal funds. These funds are apportioned to help address the needs of students, their safe return to school and loss of learning that may have occurred during the COVID pandemic. The plan for returning to in-person learning is now posted on the Johnson County Central Public Schools website at [www.jccentral.org](http://www.jccentral.org). Community input for this plan is appreciated.

## **REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Bob Hutt to approve the annual renewal of membership to the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association. 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 Justin Beethe and second by Arlin Beethe to accept the propane bid from Gottula Propane Service, Inc. in the amount of \$1.42 per gallon. Roll Call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Plager to reaffirm the Parental Involvement Policy as presented. Roll Call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the current Student Fee Policy. Mr. Rother will research this policy for future consideration. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to reaffirm the Bullying Policy number 5415 as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Carried-6-0

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to open an account at Main Street Bank for the Student Fee Fund. Roll Call Vote: Justin Beethe yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes Carried-6-0

A motion was made by Justin Beethe 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 7:07 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the High School cafeteria in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday August 11, 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.