

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

April 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, Activity Director

Visitors: Seven 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, April 14, 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 Arlin Beethe and seconded by Bob Hutt to approve the minutes from the March 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 Justin Beethe and seconded by Plager to approve the General Fund claims in the amount of \$671,303.94 and the Building Fund expenditure of \$3,000.00 as presented. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes Carried 6-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Marvin Burbach of Control Services Inc. was present to explain to the Board of Education, services and products Control Services Inc. provides.

**COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD**

A thank-you note was shared with the Board of Education from Mary Teten. Mrs. Teten was the first recipient of the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association “Outstanding Classified Staff Member Award.”

## **PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Representatives of Hausmann Construction, Matt Pollard, Heath Schendt and Matt Stuckenholtz were present. Vice-President of Hausmann Construction; Heath Schendt addressed the Board of Education about the benefits of a Construction Manager At-Risk and how Hausmann Construction can benefit Johnson County Central in their efforts moving forward with a possible building project.

## **PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS**

High School Principal, Rick Lester reported on the following:

- A. "The Way of the Thunderbirds" implementation at the high school level.
- B. Discussion regarding future Salutatorian and Valedictorian recognition.

Middle School Principal, Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- A. NSCAS State Testing
- B. Nine students were selected for the Meridian Honor Choir/Band
- C. Celina Conley and Lydia Mejia were recognized for participating in CodeCrush at the University of Nebraska Omaha. The CodeCrush program is a series of events designed to introduce female 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders to iSTEM, an integrated approach to studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

## **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activities Director, Garrett Collin reported on the following:

- A. Malcolm Public Schools has been approached by another conference regarding their interest in joining another conference.
- B. The Athletic Awards Night will be held May 5, 2021.
- C. The recipients of the 2020-21 ECNC awards were recognized. These award include the ACT Awards, ECNC Scholarship and the ECNC Senior Academic Activity Awards.

## **SUPERINTENDENT-TECUMSEH SITE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- A. Gana Trucking provided an estimate on demolition costs.

- B. All spring activities to include musical programs, graduations and field days are being planned for in person participation at this time.
- C. Author Sherri Duskey Rinker will be visiting JCC on Friday, April 16 as part of Concordia University's Plum Creek Reading Festival.
- D. K-6 Field Day will be held at the Tecumseh Site on April 30, 2021.

## **BOARD CALENDAR**

April 20, 2021- NASB Budget and Finance Workshop- Lincoln

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No action was taken on the Superintendent's 2021-2022 contract at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion was held regarding the proposed "Reorganization Petition to Transfer Property and Change of Boundaries between School Districts." This petition is to transfer property and change boundaries between Syracuse Dunbar Avoca Public Schools and Johnson County Central Public Schools.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Arlin Beethe to approve the Reorganization Petition to Transfer Property and Change Boundaries between Syracuse Dunbar Avoca Public Schools and Johnson County Central Public Schools that does not exceed 640 acres as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Gail Hutt to accept the ESU #4 2021-2022 Core Services Resolution as presented. 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 Gail Hutt to offer a teaching contract to Amber Beard for the 2021-2022 school year. 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 Plager and second by Bob Hutt to offer a teaching contract to Cody Franklin for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Carried 6-0.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:20 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to enter executive session for the purpose of holding a discussion and seeking legal counsel with Attorney; Coady Pruett of KSB School Law and Financial Advisor; Paul Grieger of D.A Davidson & Company regarding building project deliver alternatives and finance. Roll Call Vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes Carried 6-0.

Entered Executive Session at 7:31 p.m.

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

Left Executive Session at 8:56 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt 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 8:58 p.m.

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