

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 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, Middle School Principal, Garrett Collin, Athletic Director, Rick Lester, High School Principal

One visitor was present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:09 p.m., Wednesday, January 11, 2023, in the high school room 204, 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 the 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 6:09 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.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Superintendent Rother assumed the leadership role and requested nominations for President. Arlin Beethe nominated Kim Wellensiek for Board of Education President. A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to cease nominations. Nominations ceased. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt--yes, Gail Hutt- yes, Plager- yes, Wellensiek-abstain. Carried 5-0-1

Kim Wellensiek assumed the leadership role as Board President and requested nominations for Vice-President. Plager nominated Arlin Beethe for Vice President. A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Wellensiek to cease nominations. Nominations ceased. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-abstain. Carried 5-0-1

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding the roles of the Board of Education Secretary and Treasurer.

President Wellensiek requested nominations for Secretary. Justin Beethe nominated Superintendent Rother for Secretary of the Board. A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager to cease nominations. Nominations ceased. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

President Wellensiek appointed Laurie Badertscher as the Recording Secretary.

President Wellensiek requested nominations for Treasurer. Wellensiek nominated Gail Hutt. A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to cease nominations. Nominations ceased. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-abstain, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0-1

President Wellensiek appointed committee members as follows:

AMERICANISM: Arlin Beethe, Rebecca Plager, Kim Wellensiek

BUDGET REVIEW: Arlin Beethe, Gail Hutt, Rebecca Plager

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe, Gail Hutt

NEGOTIATIONS: Bob Hutt, Rebecca Plager, Kim Wellensiek

POLICY REVIEW: Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Gail Hutt

TRANSPORTATION: Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Kim Wellensiek

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022 Special Meeting and the December 14, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting as presented. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Bob Hutt to approve the January 2023 Financial Report and the General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$699,137.24. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 6-0.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Rick Lester provided information and led a discussion on the current grading scale used for grades 9-12. Principal Rich Bacon provided information pertinent to the 4-8 schools.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin provided information on current proposals from the Nebraska School Activity Association (NSAA) District 1 meeting. Dates for upcoming events were provided.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Transportation options for the 2023-2024 school year.

- Potential staffing changes for the 2023-2024 school year
- Preschool playground at the Tecumseh site to be installed in the spring.
- Nebraska State School Board member, Lisa Fricke would like to visit the district in the near future.
- Current topics at the state level include state standards, school funding, and state testing.
- The search for a State Commissioner of Education has started.

FUTURE DATES

- Legislative Issues Conference, Jan 22-23.
- NASB Board President Workshop, Feb. 15.
- NRCSA Spring Conference March 23- 24

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

The Board Code of Ethics Policy was reviewed and discussed and no changes were needed. Policies 1001-1003 and policies 2001-2004 were reviewed and no changes were needed. Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding the options for the 2023-2024 school year calendar. The Conflict of Interest Form was provided to the Board of Education members to review and complete as needed.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager to designate KSB School Law as the legal counsel for Johnson County Central Public Schools. 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 second by Gail Hutt to designate American National Bank and Western National Bank as the depository banks for Johnson County Central Public Schools. 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 Bob Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to designate the Tecumseh Cheiftain as the district newspaper. 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 Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to appoint Mr. Richard Lester as the Johnson County Central Public Schools Title IX Coordinator. 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 Bob Hutt and second by Gail Hutt to appoint the Superintendent of Schools as the Johnson County Central Public Schools Non-discrimination Compliance Coordinator. 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 Bob Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the 2023-2024 school year teaching contract as presented to Mr. Braden Hawley for the position of Instrumental/Vocal Music. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Plager to accept the letter of resignation, due to retirement, from Susie Lacey effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year with regrets. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0.

No action was taken at this time in regard to classified staff compensation for the 2023-2024 school year.

President Kim Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:11 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 7:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations and administrative compensation as it is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

Entered executive session at 7:17 p.m.

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

Left executive session at 8:14 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on February 8, 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.