

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

March 8, 2023

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

Excused Absence: Bob Hutt

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon, Middle School Principal; Garrett Collin, Athletic Director; Rick Lester, High School Principal

17 visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, 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 6:00 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 Plager and second by Justin Beethe to approve February 2023, Regular Board of Education 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 Gail Hutt and second by Plager to approve the March 2023, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$759,857.14 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 addressed the Board of Education and Administration

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Christy Hodges, FFA sponsor and Ag-Science teacher at Johnson County Central, facilitated a presentation made by representatives from the FFA organization. Several students have qualified for the state FFA competition. The “Launch Team” developed a Custom Detailing Farm Equipment Business. They have received \$7,000 in grant funds and will soon begin to offer these services to the public.

Wrestling coaches, Neil Bowman and Larry Kuhl as well as representatives from the wrestling team provided a synopsis of the 2022-23 wrestling season. The girls wrestling team had 3 state qualifiers and finished 17th out of 91 teams in all classes this year. Jocelyn Prado was the 100 lb. State Champion of all classes. The boys team had many successes and had one state qualifier this year.

PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS

Principal Rick Lester reported on the following:

- Proposed changes to the grading scale and semester exams reviewed.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences- 25% attendance rate
- April 15th- Prom
- March 21st -ACT test and pre-test grades 10 and 11.

Principal Bacon reported on the following:

- March 17th- Middle School music contest at HTRS
- NSCAS and MAP testing will be in April and May
- March 24th- ESU Quiz Bowl at Peru
- April 11th- Mudecas Quiz Bowl at Parkview Christian
- March 18- All-State Band at Kearney
- Parent-Teacher Conferences- 49% attendance rate

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin reported, eighty-two students are out for Spring Sports. The MUDECAS basketball All-Star game will be March 18th in Diller-Odell. Results of the winter season contests were provided.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Staffing changes were reviewed
- President Wellensiek and Superintendent Rother attended NRCSA Legislative Forum.
- Math selection teams are currently reviewing new Math curriculum options.
- Results from a NRCSA schools, drug testing survey conducted by Mr. Rother, were shared with the Board of Education.

- Some area schools are surveying their communities and considering 4-day school weeks.

FUTURE DATES

- March 22-24 NRCSA Spring Conference, Kearney, NE
- April 17- NASB Legislative Advocacy Day, Lincoln, NE
- June 7-8- NASB School Leadership Workshop, Lincoln, NE

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

The Board of Education discussed and considered the following JCC School Board policies: **2008**-Open Meetings; **2009**- Public Participation at Board Meetings; **3003**-Bidding for Construction Remodeling, or Site Improvements; **3003.1**- Bidding for Construction Remodeling, Repair or Related Projects Financed with Federal Funds; **3004**- General Purchasing and Procurement; **3004.1**- Fiscal Management for Purchasing and Procurement Using Federal Funds; **4004**-Employment of Relatives; **4005**- Communication between Board and District Employees; **5066**- Early Graduation; **6006**- Commencement Ceremony.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:35p.m.

Meeting was called back to order at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing early graduation and to protect the reputation of a student. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek- yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0.

Entered Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Gail Hutt to leave Executive Session. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent. Carried 5-0

Left Executive session at 7:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the following policies as presented with no changes; 2008, 2009, 3003, 3003.1, 3004, 3004.1, 4004, 4005, 5066 and 6066. Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent Carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding a future Building Project and Bond. The Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on March 20, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to include a discussion of the Building Project proposal.

Superintendent Rother led discussion regarding 12 month/ salaried classified staff compensation for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The 2023-2024 school year administrator compensations were discussed. A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to offer administrative contracts to include compensation as follows: Principal- Rich Bacon-\$113,000; Principal Richard Lester-\$119,000; Superintendent Jon Rother-\$142,300. Roll call vote: 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 to adjourn the meeting, second by Plager. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be a special meeting held on March 20, 2023, in the High School room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 5:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, April, 12, 2023. 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.