

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

May 10, 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; Marcus Scheer, Director of Technology.

2 visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, 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-present, Gail Hutt-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to approve the April 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes and the May 3, 2023, Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Plager to approve the May 2023, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$744,465.39 and the financial report 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

None

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Rick Lester reported on the following:

- Drivers Education-June 5-8
- Graduation May 13th

Principal Bacon reported on the following:

- Spring Music Concert, grades 4-8- May 12th
- Honors Day, grades 4-8- May 18th
- Science Fair-8th Grade-May 16th

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garret Collin reported on the following:

- NSAA Activities participation numbers were provided.
- District track at Syracuse- May 11th
- District Golf at Hidden Valley Golf Club-Lincoln – May 15th
- Athletic Banquet- May 17th
- Summer Weight Room- May 30th-July 28th

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Staffing changes were reviewed.
- Staff Appreciation Week observed –May 8-12.
- Activity buses scheduled for delivery in late summer. (ESSER Funds)
- New math curriculum is being considered.

FUTURE DATES

- June 6-7- NASB School Leadership Workshop, Lincoln
- June 15- 16-School Leaders & Law Conference, Kearney
- July 12-NASB ALICAP Summer Safety Workshop, Lincoln

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to accept the letter of resignation from Susan Peoples. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

The Board of Education discussed and considered the following JCC School Board policies: **2013**-Violation of Board Ethics; **2014**-Relationship with District Legal Counsel; **3008**-Grants, Gifts and Bequests (Proposed change from \$100.00 to \$1000.00) **3009**- Audits; **4008**-Outside Employment; **4009**-Restrictions on Employees Receiving Gratuities; **5105**-Extracurricular Drug Testing Program.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Gail Hutt to approve the policies as presented with a revision to 3008 as proposed and no action on Policy 5105 at this time. 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 Plager and second by Arlin Beethe to approve the 2023-2024 Teaching Contract for Maggie Badertscher. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding archived Yearbooks and trophies from Nemaha Valley and Tecumseh Public Schools. The Board of Education and Administration recommended these items be housed at the school buildings in an effort to preserve and share history.

A discussion was held regarding a Building Project Bond Resolution.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve a resolution calling a Special Election in Johnson County School District 0050 (Johnson County Central Public Schools) in the state of Nebraska at follows:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION IN JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0050 (JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA; AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 0050 (JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS) IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA:

Section 1. The Board of Education (the **“Board”**) of Johnson County School District 0050 (Johnson County Central Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the **“District”**) hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) The District is a duly organized school district under Nebraska law that maintains both elementary and high school grades under the direction of a single board of education.

(b) It is necessary that funds be provided for the purpose of paying the costs of land acquisition and the construction and acquisition of pre-kindergarten to 12th grade facilities for the District; and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities (the **“Project”**).

(c) To pay the costs of the Project, it will be necessary for the District to issue general obligation bonds of the District in an aggregate stated principal amount not to exceed Forty-nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$49,500,000).

(d) No proposition for the issuance of bonds for any such purposes has been submitted to the electors of the District within six months preceding the date of the special election called by this Resolution.

Section 2. A special election (the **“Election”**) is hereby called and shall be held in the District on July 11, 2023, (the **“Election Date”**) at which Election there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the **“Proposition”**):

“Shall Johnson County School District 0050 (Johnson County Central Public Schools), in the State of Nebraska, issue the Bonds of said District in the principal amount not to exceed Forty-nine Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$49,500,000) for the purpose of paying costs of land acquisition and the construction and acquisition of pre-kindergarten to 12th grade facilities for the District; and providing for the necessary furniture, equipment and apparatus for such facilities; said bonds to be issued in one or more series, at such time or times as may be determined by the Board of Education, to bear interest at such rate or rates as may be determined by the Board of Education and to become due at such time or times as may be fixed by the Board of Education; and

Shall the School District cause to be levied and collected annually a special levy of taxes against all the taxable property in the School District sufficient in rate and amount to pay the interest on and principal of said Bonds as the same become due?”

The ballots to be voted on and cast at the Election shall have printed thereon the foregoing Proposition, with the words “Yes, for such Bonds and tax” and “No, against such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition.

Qualified electors voting in favor of the Proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “FOR such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition, and qualified electors voting against the Proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words “AGAINST such Bonds and tax” following the Proposition.

Section 3. Notice of the Election shall be published in the *Tecumseh Chieftain* at least 42 days prior to the Election Date by the Election Commissioner of Johnson County, Nebraska (the “**Election Commissioner**”). Notice of the Election shall also be given to the qualified electors of the District 20 days prior to the Election and a copy of the sample ballot shall be published one time not more than ten days nor less than three days prior to the Election, or as otherwise provided by law, such notice and sample ballot to be published in the *Tecumseh Chieftain*, a newspaper of general circulation in the District, and the Secretary be and hereby is directed to cause such notice and sample ballot to be published.

Section 4. The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution not later than May 19, 2023 (which is the eighth Friday preceding July 11, 2023) to the Election Commissioner, who shall designate the polling places (if applicable), appoint the election officials and otherwise conduct the Election as provided by law. The District hereby agrees to reimburse the Election Commissioner for the expenses of conducting the Election.

Section 5. The form of ballot and form of notice for such bond election shall be in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as **Attachment I**, utilizing the appropriate provisions for an election held by mail or at polling places and with such other additions and changes determined appropriate by the Election Commissioner. The Secretary of the Board is hereby authorized and directed in conjunction with the Election Commissioner conducting the Election, to arrange for the printing of the necessary ballots for the Election and to do all other things and to take all other appropriate or necessary action in order to cause the Proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors of the District as above provided.

Section 6. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, the President and Secretary of the Board are hereby authorized and directed to (a) cause the form of ballot and form of notice approved herein and attached hereto as **Attachment I** to be published in accordance with such laws, with such changes therein as the President or Secretary of the Board, in consultation with counsel to the District and bond counsel, deem necessary to conform to such laws, and (b) take all further actions necessary to comply with all publication and filing deadlines and other election procedures and requirements as may be necessary or proper to submit the Proposition described in **Section 2** hereof to the qualified electors of the District on the Election Date.

Section 7. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

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

President Wellensiek declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on June 14, 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.