

**JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050**  
**JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
November 9, 2022

Members Present: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe, Bob 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

Absent: Gail Hutt (Excused)

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The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 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-absent, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Justin Beethe to approve the October, 2022 Regular Board of Education meeting minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and seconded by Bob Hutt to approve the November, 2022, Financial Report and General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$798,467.73 and the Special Building Fund in the amount of \$72,930.00 as presented. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes. Carried 5-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

## **PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Principal Lester provided an update on random drug testing. He shared the agenda for the staff in-service and informed the Board of Education of information pertinent to the Veterans Day Program planned for Friday, November 11, 2022.

Principal Bacon informed the Board of Education about activities that took place during Red Ribbon Week. The 8th-grade students will visit colleges on November 17, 2022. Mr. Bacon recognized honor choir students from the middle school.

## **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activities Director, Garret Collin provided the records of the fall sports teams. Hayden Huskey finished 34<sup>th</sup> and Madison VanLaningham finished 39<sup>th</sup> at the State Cross Country meet.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Math curriculum options are being explored.
- A copy of the letter composed by a few superintendents and NCSA in regards to AQuESTT, state standards and state assessments was shared. The letter has been sent to Commissioner Blomstedt.
- Mr. Rother and Mrs. Bacon presented to the staff on MTSS (Multi-Tiered Systems of Support) and EduClimber.
- Information was provided regarding potential savings with a 4-day week.
- Information on “Safe Defend” a safety response system product was shared.
- Mr. Rother will be speaking to Future Educators Academy participants at ESU 4 Nov. 15, 2022.
- Results of the 2022 Board of Education Election were provided.

## **FUTURE DATES**

- NASB State Education Conference, Nov.16- Nov 18.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Nebraska Children’s Health and Education Summit, Nov. 30.
- Legislative Issues Conference, Jan 22-23.
- NASB Board President Retreat, Jan 29 - Jan 30
- Budget & Finance Workshop, Feb 15

## **DISCUSSION**

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding the Board of Education’s facility visits. Members of the Board of Education and Mr. Rother had the opportunity to tour Summerland, Springfield Elementary and DC West school districts. This discussion provided board members the opportunity to share comments on their observations of facilities.

Mr. Rother and the Board of Education will meet with representatives from Boyd Jones and Clark & Enersen to inform them of what direction they would like to go regarding a future construction bond.

## **REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to receive the 2021-2022 audit completed by Julie D. Bauman, CPA, PC as presented. Roll call vote. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes Carried 5-0

Recess declared at 6:49 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 6:53 p.m

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Justin Beethe to enter closed session to conduct a strategy session with respect to collective bargaining negotiations because it is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0.

Entered closed session at 6:54 p.m.

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

Left executive session at 7:23 p.m

A motion was made by Plager and second by Arlin Beethe to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Passed 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on December 14, 2022, 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.