

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

November 8, 2023

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, PreK /4-8 Principal; Rick Lester, High School Principal; Garret Collin, Activities Director.

Visitors: Five visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 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 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 Bob Hutt and seconded by Justin Beethe to approve the October, regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as well as the Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes held on October 21, 2023. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe, Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and seconded by Justin Beethe to approve the November, 2023, Financial Report, General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$809,557.73 and the Special Building Fund expenditures in the amount of \$214,549.58 as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-present, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-present, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Russ Koch, Johnson County Central Public Schools facility consultant was present to discuss HVAC replacement options for the high school as well as other building repairs and projects. Questions were asked and discussion was held. It was the consensus of the Board of Education to move forward with having engineering firms/vendors look at the project to see what

recommendations they may have. This is a project that may need to be completed in phases due to the cost of the project.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Rick Lester provided information pertinent to the high school:

- Ashley Beethe and Catherine Wendt placed 7th at National FFA in their event
- Veterans Day program November 10, 2023
- Dr. Boone is teaching High School Science

Principal Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- Red Ribbon week was held in October
- 13 students participated in the ECNC Honor Choir
- Veterans Day program Cook site November 10, 2023

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director Garrett Collin reported on the following:

- Fall sports statistics provided
- Winter sports anticipated participation numbers provided
- Sunnie Rother 1 of 48 in the state of Nebraska to be receive the Believers and Achievers Award
- Future repair replacement costs of equipment provided
- Information regarding Baseball COOP provided -January 1, 2024 deadline

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- John Deere gator quote provided
- Superintendent Rother contacted the city of Tecumseh regarding the possibility of a sidewalk on the south side of Lincoln Street between 6th and 9th Street
- 14 passenger vans were discussed
- Accepting sealed bids on the sale of a 2007 Freightliner bus
- Advertising for secondary science position for 2023-24 second semester

FUTURE DATES

- NASB Education Conference – Omaha November 15-17, 2023

DISCUSSION

The Facilities Survey is now on line and in the newsletter. Superintendent Rother has received feedback from 144 patrons. Comments provided to the Board of Education.

A discussion pertaining to the upcoming classification for football's next 2 year cycle was held. Twenty parents attended a meeting led by Athletic Director, Garrett Collin. It is the consensus of those involved to stay 8 man football for the next 2 year cycle.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding the use of 14 passenger buses and vans. Johnson County Central has ordered a 14 passenger bus.

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

A motion was made by Plager and second by Arlin Beethe to accept the letter of resignation from Karla Benson, with regrets, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the 2024-2025 teacher negotiations currently in progress.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to approve the following policies as presented with no changes. **Policy 4022-** Certifications; **Policy 4023-** Professional Ethics; **Policy 5008-** Pregnant or Parenting Students; **Policy 5009-** Adult Education; **Policy-6001** School Organization; **Policy 6002-** School Calendar.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to pursue an agreement with the Nebraska Liquid Asset Fund. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

A discussion was held regarding HVAC replacement options for the High School building. The Board of Education would like to have engineers/vendors look at the project and make recommendations with the possibility of completing such a project in phases.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:10 p.m.

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

Meeting resumed at 7:15 p.m.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding a future building project. Slides showing the tax impact of projects with 20-50 million dollar bonds, developed by Paul Grieger, Bond Underwriter; were provided. After discussion by the Board of Education it was the consensus that they are "not giving up" but will "step back and take a new look at things regarding a building project."

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 13, 2023. The notice 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 agendas will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting.