

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
September 16, 2026

Members Present: Justin Beethe, Gail Hutt, Dan Jones, Jon Schmid, Sarah Weber, Kim Wellensiek

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Justin Damme, High School Principal; Marsha Bacon, 4-8 Principal; Rebecca Robeson, PreK-3 Principal; Dr. Laura Rademacher, Director of Student Services/Special Education, Marcus Scheer-Director of Technology; Russ Waring, Director of Operations; and Casey Fricke, Director of Janitorial Services

Five visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in special session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2026 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 and on the school district website.

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. Justin Beethe-present, Gail Hutt-present, Dan Jones-present, Jon Schmid-present, Sarah Weber-present, Kim Wellensiek-present.

Superintendent Jon Rother and President Kim Wellensiek facilitated a discussion on the upcoming bond proposal in the amount of \$35 million for the construction of a new PreK-8th grade facility. This proposal is set to appear on the General Election ballot on November 3rd.

Clark Enersen Architect Tim Ripp was in attendance to review the current floor plan being considered for the proposed PreK-8th grade structure. Information was also provided regarding the proposed site plan on the 52 acres owned by the district. Mr. Ripp reminded the board of education that the actual project plans will not be finalized until after a successful bond is passed.

Andy Forney of D.A Davidson and Companies was present to answer questions regarding the tax impact of the proposed bond. Mr. Forney stated that the interest rates are fixed on the bond and there will be opportunities throughout the life of the bond to refinance. Board member Jon Schmid asked about the bond ratings. Mr. Forney is confident the bonds will have a very high rating. Following a successful bond election, the municipal bonds will be available for anyone to purchase. The board will have input as to when the bonds are offered for sale.

The Board of Education discussed ways to inform the public about the proposed bond. Items of consideration include providing information on the district website, through the use of social media, in the school newsletter, conducting public meetings as well as meeting with organizations throughout the district.

Discussion was held regarding what the next steps would be if the bond should not pass. Getting accurate information presented to the stakeholders of the district is of utmost importance to the members of the board and administration of the district.

Johnson County Central Public Schools Board of Education will be hosting informational public meetings regarding the school building bond election prior to the November 3, 2026 General Election as follows:

- Wednesday, September 30, 2026 7:00 p.m.
JCC Middle School Gym - 407 N 1st St. Cook, Nebraska
- Monday, October 5, 2026 7:00 p.m.
JCC High School Gym - 358 N. 6th St Tecumseh, Nebraska

These special meetings are for the purpose of providing accurate information to the stakeholders pertinent to the November 3, 2026 School Building Bond Election. Board members will be present to answer questions.

Upcoming special board of education meetings will be conducted in the JCC high school room 204 as follows:

- 2026-2027 Budget Hearing- September 28, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
- 2026-2027 Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request – September 28, 2026, 6:10 p.m.
- Special meeting to approve the 2026-2027 Budget – September 28, 2026 6:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school in Tecumseh, Nebraska room 204.

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Dan Jones to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

The agendas will be posted at the three main school buildings as well as at the Tecumseh and Cook Post Offices and on the district website at www.jccentral.org. A current copy of the agendas will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meetings.