

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

April 9, 2025

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

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rick Lester, High School Principal; Garrett Collin, Athletic Director; Marcus Scheer, Director of Technology

7 visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, 2025 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 and on the school district website.

President 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Sarah Weber to approve the March, 2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Carried 6-0

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Student Council sponsor Nick Weber, and two representatives were present. The students shared ideas they had for the Board of Education and administration to consider. Discussion was held.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Jon Schmid and second by Gail Hutt to approve the General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$871,780.51 and the Building Fund in the amount of \$39,090.48 as presented. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

High school Principal Rick Lester reported on the following:

- Last day for seniors – May 2nd

- 2025 Graduation Ceremony- May 10th
- Honors Day Program – May 2nd
- 8th Grade Orientation – May 7th

Middle School Principal Justin Damme reported on the following:

- 7th Grade- ECNC Quiz Bowl Champions
- Middle School -ESU 4 Champions
- Mudecas Quiz Bowl- April 15th- JCC to host
- HTRS Middle Schools Music Contest results

Athletic Director, Garret Collin reported on the following:

- JCC to host ECNC and District track meets
- JCC Golf Invite- May 2nd
- East Central Nebraska Conference Honors
- Athletic Award Ceremony- April 24th
- Athletic Banquet – May 5th
- Concussion Testing
- Scoreboard replacement at Cook site

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- Standards based grading, elementary level
- K-3 March 2025 Thunderbirds of the Month recognition
- Kindergarten Round-Up, April 14th
- English Language Arts curriculum being reviewed
- Behavior Intervention Support Team to attend workshop.

FUTURE DATES

- New Construction School Visits – April 16th
- NASB School Law Seminar- June 11th and 12th

- NASB Leadership Workshop – July 30th

DISCUSSION

A discussion was held regarding JCC Board of Education and administration visiting school sites with recently completed building bond projects.

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

Superintendent Rother reviewed the following policies: **3035-** Law Enforcement Unit, **3053-** Nondiscrimination, **4064-** Transporting Students in Employee Vehicles, **5053-** Self Management of Diabetes or Asthma or Anaphylaxis. **5054-** Student Bullying, **6040-** Prekindergarten, Policy **6041-** Malcolm X Day will be revisited at the May 2025 Board of Education meeting.

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Dan Jones at accept the letter of resignation from Madison Lang at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote: Dan Jones, Jon Schmid,-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Jon Schmid to approve the teaching contract for Mrs. Brianna Pfeiffer for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to approve the teaching contract for Mrs. Freedom Steele for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes. Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Jon Schmid to approve the teaching contract for Ms. Jami Gabriel for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes. Carried 6-0.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding a high school fire sprinkler system. Director of Operations, Russ Waring and Director of Technology Marcus Scheer provided insight to such as project. Mr. Waring will gather additional information regarding this project.

President Kim Wellensiek called a recess at 7:45 p.m.

Meeting called back to order at 7:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Sarah Weber to enter executive session for the purpose of negotiating for property acquisition. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0.

Entered executive session at 7:49 p.m.

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

Left executive session at 8:23 p.m

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Jon Schmid to authorize Mr. Jon Rother to negotiate with Sam Murante on the purchase of property described as OT S98' LOT 6 & ALL LOT 7 BLK 17 (.44) LOCATED AT 462 Broadway St. and owned by Property Ventures LLC. Roll call vote: Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska. The notices of the meetings will be published in the Tecumseh Chieftain as well as on the school website. The agendas will be posted at the three main school buildings as well as at 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.