

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 12, 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; Justin Damme, High School Principal; Marsha Bacon, Middle School Principal; Dr. Laura Rademacher, Director of Student Services/Special Education Director; Garret Collin, Activity Director; Russ Waring, Director of Operations

Four visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 12, 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 Nemaha Valley Observer and on the school district website.

President Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 Justin Beethe and second by Sarah Weber to approve the October 2025, Regular Board of Education 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

FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Gail Hutt to approve the General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$930,786.59, Building Fund expenditures in the amount of \$5,491.00 and the financial report 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

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Student Council members Adree Case, Stefani Peters and Teagan Topp were present representing the Johnson County Central Student Council. Discussion was held regarding the following:

- Cell Phone Use
- Ice Accessibility
- 1:1 iPads
- Temperature of Gym Space

Superintendent Rother shared a drawing provided by Jerry McCall of Educational Consulting Services. This drawing provided information regarding Jerry McCall's vision of how the 52 acres the district is purchasing could be developed in the future. Discussion was held.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

High School Principal, Justin Damme reported on the following:

- External Team Visit
- Veterans Day Program
- First Quarter Honor Roll- 86 students
- Fall Sports
- Random Drug Tests
- Teacher Evaluations
- JCC was C2-2025, NCA, NSIAAA, and NSAA Sportsmanship Award recipients

Discussion was held regarding student attendance the day after JCC played in the State Volleyball Tournament. A total of 79 students were absent.

Middle School/ 4-5 Principal, Marsha Bacon reported on the following:

- JCC Recipient of Education Quest Mini-Grant
- JCC Recipient of National Archery in Schools Grant
- UNL Life Skills Pep Rally
- Red Ribbon Week
- Jr. High Basketball (18)
- Girls Jr. High Wrestling (10)
- ECNC Honor Choir
- Wade Bartels -Veterans Day Guest Speaker
- New Chiller Installation Update
- School Improvement Process – External Team Visit

Elementary Principal, Beckie Robeson reported on the following:

- Thunderbirds of the Quarter
- University of Nebraska Extension Agency – 3rd grade
- Ag Literacy Day
- Red Ribbon Week
- Food Drive
- Preschool 2026-2027

Special Education Director/Student Services Director, Dr. Laura Rademacher reported on the following:

- Special Education Financial Report
- BIST
- REACH Program
- Special Education Law Conference
- CPI Re-Certification
- BIST Leadership

- JCC to Host SUBMIT and SHINE program in partnership with PTI (Parent Training and Information) and Southeast Nebraska Transition – March 26, 2026

ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT

Activity Director Garrett Collin provided information on the following:

- Fall Sports Records
- JCC Awarded Class C2 Sportsmanship Award at the State Volleyball Tournament
- Winter Sports Participation Numbers
- Classifications for Winter Sports: Girls Basketball- C2, Boys Basketball-C1, Wrestling-C, Unified Bowling-B
- ECNC One Act – November 18, 2025 - Palmyra
- District One Act – December 3, 2025 - Centennial
- Soccer Co-op
- NSAA Meeting – November 12, 2025 – Lincoln

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother reported on the following:

- ESU 4 2024-2025 Annual Report
- Superintendent Meeting with Senators Dorn and Hallstrom – November 14, 2025
- ECNC- Freeman Leaving Conference starting with 2026-2027 School Year
- ECNC – Basketball Tournament Site Options Being Considered

Superintendent Rother recognized Mrs. Bacon for her hard work and excellence with the Continuous Improvement Plan over the last five years as well as her work preparing for the external team visit for the Johnson County Central School District. “Her work was most impressive!” stated Mr. Rother.

FUTURE DATES

- NASB State Education Conference – November 19- 20, CHI Health Center Omaha

DISCUSSION

REGULAR AGENDA-BUSINESS

Superintendent Rother reviewed the following policies: **2009-** Public Participation at Board Meetings; **2011-** Membership in Organization; **2012-** Board Code of Ethics; **3007-** Review of Bills; **4006-** Insurance; **5002.1-** Admission of Students Who Reside Out of the State of Nebraska; **5006-** Foreign Exchange Students; **6001-** School Organization. Discussion was held regarding Policy 2009- Public Participation at Board Meetings and rules for such participation. No changes were made to the policies as presented.

Discussion was held regarding facility repairs. Director of Operations Russ Waring was provided a summary of planned repairs at this time.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding the possibility of pursuing a lease purchase agreement through DA Davidson for repairs to the high school. Mr. Rother will invite Paul Grieger of DA Davidson to the December 2025, Board of Education Meeting.

Discussion was held regarding scheduling sub-district and district activities for the Johnson County Central School District.

A motion was made by Sarah Weber and second by Gail Hutt to accept the 2024-2025 Johnson County School Audit as conducted and presented by Julie D. Bauman, CPA. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

AQuESTT Classification and Student Assessment Results are preliminary scores only at this time and are not public knowledge. Mr. Rother informed the Board of Education about the process and timing of the testing and results.

Superintendent Jon H. Rother informed the Board of Education that he is still working on details of the arrangement to have the JCC FFA Chapter managing the 52 acres of ground for the purpose of farming. The district will close on the land purchase on January 15, 2026.

Discussion was held regarding a Building Project for Johnson County Central Schools. Items of discussion included the following:

- Impact of Project on the Community
- Community Member Committee
- North Land Securities
- Boyd Jones Contract
- Design Options
- Time Frame
- Fifteen to Thirty Year Plan

The Board of Education would like to have a Special Board Meeting with Clark Enersen.

A motion was made by Jon Schmid and second by Gail Hutt 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 7:43 p.m.

A Special Board of Education Meeting will be held December 1, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska. The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 10, 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 Nemaha Valley Observer 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.