JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 11, 2026
6:00 p.m

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, 9-12 Principal; Marsha Bacon, 4-8 Principal; Rebecca Robeson, PreK-3 Principal, Dr. Laura Rademacher, Director of Student Services/Special Education, Garrett Collin, Activity Director; Russ Waring, Director of Operations

8 visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 11, 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. 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 6:01 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 October 2026, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes as well as the November 10, 2026 Minutes of the Board of Education Personnel Hearing/Special Meeting Minutes. 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

Superintendent Rother reviewed the financial report and answered questions regarding the claims for payment listings. A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the General Fund Claims for payment in the amount of $888,392.83, and the Special Building Fund payments in the amount of $73,219.94 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

DISCUSSIONS

Two members of the Johnson County Central Student Council were present. Members reported that they are excited about the proposed science room renovations as well as the possibility of an elevator being installed.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

High School Principal, Mr. Damme reported on the following:

- Veterans Day Program
- High school First Quarter Honor Roll released
- Appreciation to all fall season coaches for their time and effort
- Teacher evaluations
- Plans for computer lab being converted to a media center
- Students recognized for accomplishments
- Letter of resignation from Mr. Justin Damme

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Bacon reported on the following:

- Science of Reading course
- English Language Arts curriculum
- UNL LifeSkills Pep Rally
- Classroom observations
- Curriculum planning
- Crete Choral Clinic
- Jr. High boys basketball / girls wrestling
- ECNC Honor Choir
- Veterans Day Program

Elementary Principal, Mrs. Robeson provided information on the following:

- Amplify/CKLA
- Instructional practice guides
- Core Teaching Rubric observations
- Preschool snacks
- 2027- 2028 Preschool programming options
- 1st Quarter Thunderbirds recognized
- Upcoming dates

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

- Student observations and evaluations
- AERO Academy
- BEST Program
- SPEDFERS (Sped Final Financial Report)
- Alternate assessments
- Parent Survey – Indicator 8 Part B
- TIP monitoring
- File monitoring
- Tri-State Law Conference Nov 12th-13th

Activities Director, Mr. Collin provided a report on the following:

- Fall sports wrap-up
- Early winter sports participation numbers
- Classifications for winter sports
- One-Act
- ECNC Honor Choir
- NSAA meeting

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Nebraska AQuESTT ratings will be made public end of November
- JAG Program
- 2027-2028 teacher openings
- Southeast Community College fees
- JCC STRIV recruited by NSAA to Broadcast C1-semi final football game

Superintendent Rother also provided a Building and Grounds Report as follows:

- Cheever Construction high school door work
- HVAC
- Lighting in parking lots at Cook and Tecumseh completed
- Sprinkler system at Cook site
- Heartland Roofing inspections
- State of Nebraska boiler inspections
- Track resurfacing update

FUTURE DATES

- Negotiations Meeting – November 13, 2026
- NASB State Education Conference – November 19, 2026
- NASB New Board Member Workshop – December 9, 2026

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Justin Beethe to accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Robyn Faris with regrets effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Sarah Weber to accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Kirk Faris with regrets effective at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Justin Beethe to approve the continuation of the Baseball Cooperative Agreement between Johnson County Central and Nebraska City Public Schools for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes. Carried 6-0

Policy 5105-Extra Curricular Drug Testing Program; was reviewed and discussion was held. A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Sarah Weber to amend the policy to include the following. Students not participating in a fall activity must submit a signed copy of the policy to the high school office within 5 days of the first day of school, or at the discretion of administration at any time thereafter.

The following policies were reviewed: 3030-Automatic External Defibrillator Program; 3031-Students Electing to Attend School in Adjoining State. 4030-Evaluation of Certificated Employees; 4032-Professional Growth, 5031-Student Appearance; 5032-Closed Campus; 6021- District Criteria for Selecting Evaluators to be Used for Special Education; 6026-Emergency Dismissal. Discussion was held and no changes were needed.

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Jon Schmid to accept the 2025-2026 Johnson County Central Audit as submitted 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

Superintendent Rother informed the Board of Education that Russ Koch, facilities consultant, contacted him to offer his services moving forward should the proposed building bond pass.

No action was taken regarding a payment to Clark Enersen for pre-bond work to date.

No action was taken regarding the closure of the JCC Tecumseh Site Elementary building.

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Sarah Weber to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the 2027-2028 Teacher Negotiations. 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 6:34 p.m.

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

Executive session ended at 6:49 p.m.

President Wellensiek called the meeting back to order at 6:49 p.m

A motion was made by Dan Jones and second by Justin Beethe 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

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday December 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the high school in Tecumseh, Nebraska room #204.

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