

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting
December 1, 2025

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

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Marsha Bacon, Middle School Principal; Dr. Laura Rademacher, Director of Student Services/Special Education Director; Marcus Scheer, Director of Technology

Three visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met at 5:30 p.m., Monday, December 1, 2025, in the High School room 204 in 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 Nemaha Valley Observer.

President Kim Wellensiek called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and opened the meeting by announcing that the Open Meetings Act rules were posted. Roll call was taken. Justin Beethe-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Dan Jones-yes, Jon Schmid-yes, Sarah Weber-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes.

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

Rule 10 Assurance

Superintendent Rother informed the Board of Education that Johnson County Central Public Schools failed to meet a Mandatory Requirement for Legal Operation as he did not submit the 2025 Assurance Statement on or before November 1st. The statement was submitted on November 3rd, 2025.

03.7 Assurance Statement. Each school system must, by November 1 of each year, submit to the Department an Assurance Statement, as prescribed by the Department, signed by a representative of the school system governing body affirming compliance or specifically noting any noncompliance with the regulations contained in this Chapter.

Future Building Plans

Clark & Enerson architect, Tim Ripp, was present to discuss future building plans for Johnson County Central. A new drawing of a PreK-8 building as per the request of the Board of Education was provided. Discussion was held regarding the responsibilities and options of having a construction manager at risk. At the December Regular Board of Education meeting, the Board will decide if they will conclude the agreement with Boyd Jones as construction manager at risk.

Members of the Board of Education asked many questions regarding a future building project. A lengthy discussion was held regarding dirt work, gym size, bleacher capacity, wrestling room, a walking track and the nutrition services area. The layout of the locker rooms and fine arts area were discussed as was the

size of the classrooms and commons area. Board members would like Clark and Enersen to consider the possibility of using the existing stage in the high school gym for performing arts.

Facility Advisor, Russ Koch was present to offer his insight regarding cost savings with heating and cooling related to a new facility. Other considerations discussed included what the building site would look like should a high school be added to the site in the future.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the cost of the project. Board members discussed a bond between 30 and 35 million dollars for a PreK-8 facility. Discussion was held about the importance of continuing to educate the public regarding the levy impact of a bond. Superintendent Rother will work with Paul Grieger of D.A Davidson and Company to estimate what the impact on the levy would be with a 20-year and 30-year bond.

Superintendent Rother will continue to look at cost savings if the district facilities were all in one community. Currently the district operates inefficiently with two sites. The ability to lower the levy for the Qualified Capital Purpose Undertaking Fund and the Building Fund should a bond pass will also be considered. Superintendent Rother reminded the Board of Education that ultimately, they are responsible for the outcome of a project. Doing what is best for the students of the district is top priority.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:26 p.m

Meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Sarah Weber to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing teacher negotiations for 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

Entered executive session at 7:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Sarah Weber to leave 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 7:52 p.m

A motion was made by Jon Schmid 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 was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be held December 10, 2025 in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. The notice of meeting will be published in the Nemaha Valley Observer as well as on the school district website. 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 agenda will be available for inspection in the office of the Superintendent prior to the meeting.