

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

June 10, 2024
6:00 pm

Members Present: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe, Bob Hutt, Rebecca Plager, Kim Wellensiek

Absent: Gail Hutt-excused

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon, PreK /4-8 Principal; Rick Lester, High School Principal; Garret Collin, Activities Director.

8 visitors were present.

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Monday June 10, 2024 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 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.

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. Arlin Beethe-present, Justin Beethe-present, Bob Hutt-present, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

A motion was made by Plager and seconded by Arlin Beethe to approve the May, 2024, regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes Carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and seconded by Justin Beethe to approve the June 2024, financial report and General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$824,546.02 and the Qualified Purpose Undertaking Fund in the amount of 300.00. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Superintendent Rother introduced new staff members to the Board of Education as follows: Lynsey Graham (Director of Nutrition Services), Eryn Snethen (1st Grade Teacher), Ashlee Twohig (Middle School Language Arts), Anna Koehler (3rd Grade Teacher).

The 2024-2025 Handbooks were discussed and presented to the Board of Education.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal, Lester provided information pertinent to the high school.

- Summer School
- Report Cards

Principal, Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- 4th and 5th Grade Honors Day
- President's Award for Educational Excellence

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

- Summer Weight Room May 28th – August 2nd
- Baseball Co-op
- Jr. High Girls Wrestling-Fall Season
- Jr. High Wednesday night practices

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Playground considerations
- Outdoor seating for high school lunch considered
- School Leaders and Law Conference June 13th
- Suburban purchased with trade in of Van

Mr. Rother presented the SHARP (Student Health and Risk Prevention) Profile Report for Johnson County Central Public Schools. This report is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and the Nebraska Department of Education through a contract with the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

FUTURE DATES

- Governor Pillen Town Hall to Discuss Property Tax Relief- June 14th, 1:30 in Auburn and 3:30 in Nebraska City
- NASB School Leaders & Law Conference – June 12th and 13th
- Legislative Candidates Forum- Hallstrom and Schaardt at ESU 4- June 24 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m
- ALICAP Summer Workshop-July 12th - Lincoln
- Board Candidate Workshop (NASB)- July 16th - Milford
- NASB Area Membership Meeting- September 11th- Nebraska City

DISCUSSION

Discussion was held regarding possible dates for a Board of Education Retreat in July 2024. Mr. Rother will contact KSB School Law and identify possible dates.

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO INCREASE BASE GROWTH PERCENTAGE TO DETERMINE ITS PROPERTY TAX REQUEST AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") for **Johnson County School District 49-0050**, commonly known as **Johnson County Central Public Schools** (the "School District"), is planning the School District's annual budget for the 2024–2025 school year; and

WHEREAS, the funding needed for the School District to meet its obligations to its students will require an increase in the base growth percentage used to determine the School District's property tax request authority under NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-3403; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska law authorizes the Board, upon an affirmative vote of at least seventy percent (70%) of the Board, to increase such base growth percentage by up to 7%.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that, pursuant to NEB. REV. STAT. § 79-3405(2), the Board hereby increases the base growth percentage used to determine its property tax request authority for the 2024–2025 budget in an amount of 7%.

Said Resolution was adopted by the Board of Education by a vote of 5 to 0 on the 10th day of June, 2024.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding the Afterschool Program. The financial impact of the program based on current data was presented. The Board of Education would like to continue offering the Afterschool Program for the 2024-2025 school year.

The 2024-2025 meal prices were discussed. No action was taken at this time as additional information was requested.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Bob Hutt and to approve the following policies as presented. **Policy 3033** - Lending Textbooks to Children Enrolled in Private Schools; **Policy 4040** - Employment Terms for Classified Staff; **Policy 4041**- Staff Dress and Appearance; **Policy 5024** - Medication of Students; **Policy 5025** - Student Insurance; **Policy 6015** - Summer School; **Policy 6016** - Homebound and Off-Campus Instruction; **Policy 6017**- Homework. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 5-0.

Discussion was held regarding the purchase of a scoreboard/video board for the football field and track. Sponsors for this project will continue to be solicited.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to approve the purchase and installation of the Daktronics scoreboard/video board for the football field and track from Crouch Recreation in the amount of \$255,045 and installation associated with the project of \$35,365 by Kidwell Electric as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-no, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 4-1.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding developing a steering committee for future building projects for Johnson County Central Public Schools.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to move forward with a public meeting to develop a steering committee for a future building construction project for Johnson County Central Public Schools. Roll Call vote: Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-no, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 5-0.

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:23 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 7:27 p.m.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to enter executive session for the purpose of the evaluation of classified personnel as it is necessary to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent. Carried 5-0

Entered executive session at 7:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to leave executive session. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes. Carried 5-0

Executive session ended at 8:00 p.m.

President Wellensiek declared meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday July 10, 2024. The notice of meeting will be published in the Tecumseh Chieftain. 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.