

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

October 9, 2024
6:00 pm

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

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon, 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., Wednesday October 9, 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-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and seconded by Rebecca Plager to approve the October 2024, Regular Board of Education meeting minutes, as well as the 2024-25 Budget Hearing, and 2024-2025 Hearing to Set the Tax Levy minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes Carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the October 2024, financial report and General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$938,444.10, as presented. Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe -yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENT- None

DISCUSSION

Student Council sponsor, Nick Weber as well as Student Council representatives were present to share their thoughts regarding their experiences at Johnson County Central Schools. Discussion was held.

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Lester reported, the first academic quarter ends October 11, 2024, Johnson County Central Schools will host a Veterans Day Program on November 8th at 10:00. Programs will be at the both Tecumseh and Cook sites.

Mr. Bacon, informed the Board of Education that the middle school students will attend the Life Skills Pep Rally at UNL on November 4th. Marsha Bacon applied for and received an Education Quest Grant. The Middle school Leadership team has been selected.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activity Director, Collin reported on the following:

- ECNC Volleyball - October 14-17
- District Cross Country – October 17th at Branched Oak
- Staff vs. Student basketball fund raiser event – November 14th
- Winter high school athletic practices start – November 18th

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Jon Rother reported, Johnson County Central Schools will participate in the Safe2HelpNE program. This program is an anonymous reporting system for the students and families to report any threats of issues pertaining to self-harm. This program is implemented in conjunction with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and Boys Town.

A five hundred dollar donation was presented from the JCC PTO to the Tecumseh site elementary for the purchase of playground equipment. This donation was made possible through the generosity of Brinkman Brothers Inc. Mr. Rother met with Marvin Planning Consultants. Marvin Planning is currently working with Johnson County on their 20 Year Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Rother shared a Property Tax Credit explanation provided by the Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association. The Thunderbirds of the month were recognized and the date of the high school Winter Concert was discussed.

FUTURE DATES

- NASB State Education Conference- November 20-22, Omaha CHI Center
- Completion of Superintendent Evaluation – November 14 – 24

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

The Building Committee will meet with the Precision Concrete Cutting representative to discuss concrete work at the Johnson County Central facilities.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to purchase a 2025 IC Buss 65 passenger in the amount of 120,200 and 2,500 for additional passengers from Cornhusker International Trucks, Inc as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes Carried 6-0.

Discussion was held regarding the HVAC system in the high school and elementary Tecumseh buildings. Mr. Rother will gather information regarding selection of engineers for such a project.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to approve the following policies as presented: **Policy 3041-** Crisis Team Duties; **Policy 3042 -** Construction Management at Risk Contracts; **Policy 3043-** Design-Build Contracts; **Policy 4050-**Overtime and Compensatory Time; **Policy 4051-** Use of Social Media by School District Employees; **Policy 5035 –** Student Discipline; **Policy 5036 –** Lockers; **Policy 6028 -**The Extracurricular Activities Program; **Policy 6029 –** Activity Trips. Roll Call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to adopt the Certificate of Resolution to amend and restate the Flexible Spending Account (FSA) administered by First Concord Benefits Group for Johnson County Central Schools staff as presented. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt -yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Rebecca Plager-yes, Kim Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0.

The 2025-2026 teacher negotiations will start with a meeting to be scheduled as follows: Monday November 16, 2024 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school.

No action was taken at this time regarding a future building project for Johnson County Central Public Schools.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Arlin Beethe to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 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 November 13, 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.