

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

September 11, 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, PreK /4-8 Principal; Rick Lester, High School Principal; Garret Collin, Activities Director,

7 Visitors were present

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday September 11, 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-yes, Bob Hutt-present, Gail Hutt-present, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and seconded by Arlin Beethe to approve the August, 2024, regular Board of Education Meeting 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 Gail Hutt and seconded by Plager to approve the September 2024, financial report and General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$1,067,053.47, and the Building Fund in the amount of \$184,999 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

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Mary Kent (Johnson County Hospital Administrator) and Tiffany Clifton (Johnson County Hospital Foundation Director) were present to provide information to the Board of Education regarding a hospital building expansion/improvement project.

Student Council representatives were present to provide information regarding the start of the 2024-2025 school year. Discussion was held.

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- 2024-2025 budget preview
- Estimate from Precision Concrete Cutting
- Student cell phone usage

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Principal Lester reported on the following:

- Homecoming- September 13th
- KSB School Law digital citizenship assembly -September 13th
- Bus evacuation drills being conducted
- Parent/Teacher conferences October 7th, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Principal Bacon reported on the following:

- KSB School Law digital citizenship assembly -September 13th
- Education Quest Grant
- Middle School FFA program implementation
- MAP Testing

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

- Fall sports participation numbers
- Mudecas Volleyball Sept 16-19
- Homecoming
- Parents night Football/Cross Country-September 27th
- Booster Club will host "Booster Night" – September 27th

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Merry-Go-Round has been ordered
- 14 passenger bus to be delivered in November
- Homecoming tailgate and bonfire
- ESU 4 Principals Cadre

- NRD Hazard Mitigation Meeting
- NRCSA Region Meeting- October 1st

FUTURE DATES

- Johnson County Joint Public Hearing- September 23rd, 6:05 p.m., Johnson County Courthouse
- NASB Labor Relations Conference- October 2-3, Lincoln, NE
- NASB State Education Conference- November 20-22, Omaha CHI Center
- Meet the Board Candidates prior to October Board Meeting in HS Cafeteria

REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS

A motion was made by Plager and second by Arlin Beethe to recognize Mr. Jon H. Rother as representative of Johnson County Central Public Schools. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes. Carried 6-0

The 2024-2025 Budget Hearing will be held September 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The 2024-2025 Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request will be September 24, 2024 at 6:15 p.m. with a Special Board of Education Meeting to follow.

The following policies were reviewed with no revisions needed. **Policy 3039-** Threat Assessment and Response; **Policy 4046-** Internet Searches Regarding Potential Employees; **Policy 4048-** Assessment Administration and Security; **Policy 5033-** Student Driving and Parking; **Policy 5034-** Handbooks; **Policy 6026-** Emergency Dismissal; **Policy-6027-** Field Trips.

A motion was made by Bob Hutt and second by Gail Hutt to recognize the Johnson County Central Education Association (JCCEA) as the 2025-2026 collective bargaining agent for negotiations. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0

Discussion was held regarding the 2024-2025 Superintendent Evaluation Tool. The Board of Education will use the NASB Superintendent Evaluation tool.

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding a Pre-Bond Public Opinion Survey and a future building project for Johnson County Central Public Schools. No action was taken

A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to approve an amendment to the ESSER III Grant as presented. 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 Justin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to approve the Baseball Co-Op with Nebraska City for the 2025 and 2026 NSAA High School Baseball seasons. Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes. Carried 6-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

The next special meeting will be Tuesday September 24, 2024 and will be held in the high school room 204 in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m. The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday October 9, 2024. The notices of meetings 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.