

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

November 13, 2024  
6:00 pm

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

Absent: Bob Hutt, Gail Hutt (excused)

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

10 Visitors were present

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The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday November 13, 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-absent, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-present, Wellensiek-present.

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and seconded by Arlin Beethe to approve the October, 2024, regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes Carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Plager and seconded by Arlin Beethe to approve the November 2024, financial report and General Fund claims for payment in the amount of \$858,745.40, as presented. Roll call vote: Justin Beethe -yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 4-0

**PUBLIC COMMENT-** None

**PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD**

Student Council representatives were present to provide information regarding their experience at Johnson County Central Public Schools. Discussion was held

**PRINCIPALS' REPORTS**

Principal Lester reported on the following:

- Honor Roll
- Random Drug Testing
- Teacher evaluations

Principal Bacon reported on the following:

- Red Ribbon Week
  - ECNC and Crete honor choirs
  - Discovery Days at SCC
  - JH boys basketball
  - Veterans Day Program
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### **ACTIVITY DIRECTOR REPORT**

Activity Director Garrett Collin reported on the following:

- Wrestling mats
- Score table built by shop students
- Bleacher and backboard inspections and repairs
- NSAA proposals and changes

### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Rother provided information on the following:

- Four day school week
- Instructional units and course details
- Calendar information

### **FUTURE DATES**

- NASB State Education Conference- November 20-22, Omaha CHI Center
- ALICAP Membership Meeting- November 20, Omaha CHI Center
- NASB New Board Member Workshop- December 10, York
- NASB New Board Member Workshop- December 11, LaVista

### **DISCUSSIONS**

Student Council representatives were present to provide information regarding their experience at Johnson County Central Public Schools. Discussion was held

Superintendent Rother led a discussion regarding city plans to construct a sidewalk running east to west on Lincoln Street.

## **REGULAR AGENDA BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Rebecca Plager to accept the letter of resignation effective June 30, 2025 from Rick Lester due to retirement. Accepted with regrets. Roll call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 4-0

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to accept the 2023-2024 annual audit as presented by Julie Bauman, CPA. Roll call vote: Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent. Carried 4-0

The following policies were reviewed with no revisions needed. **Policy 3042**- Construction Management at Risk Contracts; **Policy 3043** – Design-Build Contracts; **Policy 3044** – Incidental or De Minimis Use of Public Resources. **Policy 4052**- Job References to Prospective Employers; **Policy 4053** - Conflict of Interest ; **Policy 5037** – Student Internet and Computer Access; **Policy 5039** - Fundraising Activities; **Policy 6030** - Public Appearances of School Groups; **Policy 6031**- Emergency Exclusion Procedure.

Superintendent Rother and Russ Waring, Director of Operations led a discussion regarding the HVAC units in the high school and repairs needed. No action taken.

A discussion was held regarding the football field and dirt work to be considered. No action taken.

Mr. Rother provided a 2025-2026 school calendar rough draft. No action taken.

Superintendent Rother led a discussion in regards to supporting the City of Tecumseh's efforts in constructing and operating an early learning facility.

The Board of Education discussed current fees for the use of JCC weight room facilities. No action was taken at this time.

Mr. Rother led a discussion regarding the administrative organization for Johnson County Central Public Schools for the 2025-2026 school.

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

President Wellensiek declared a recess at 7:18 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order by President Wellensiek at 7:22 p.m

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations for the 2025-2026 school year. Roll call vote: Plager-yes,

Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-absent.  
Carried 4-0

Entered executive session at 7:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Plager and second by Justin Beethe to leave executive session. Roll call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes. Carried 4-0

Left executive session at 8:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Plager to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-absent, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes. Carried 4-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday December 11, 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.