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

February 10, 2021 6:00 pm

Members Present: Arlin Beethe, Justin Beethe, Gail Hutt, Rebecca Plager

Also Present: Jon H. Rother, Superintendent; Laurie Badertscher, Recording Secretary; Rich Bacon

Middle School Principal; Rick Lester High School Principal

Members Absent: Bob Hutt, Kim Wellensiek

Visitors: Two 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, February 10, 2021 in the High School Cafeteria 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 Tecumseh Chieftain.

Vice President, Arlin Beethe called the meeting to order at 6:13 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- present, Plager- present, Wellensiek-absent.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and seconded by Rebecca Plager to approve the minutes from the January 2021, Regular Board of Education meeting as presented: Roll call vote: Roll call vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent. Carried 4-0

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the General Fund claims in the amount of \$618,630.69 and Building Fund in the amount of \$58,700.00 Roll Call vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes Carried 4-0

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

#### PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

Paul Grieger of DA Davidson & Company made a presentation to the Board of Education. Mr. Grieger provided information regarding what a timeline might look like for a potential bond election as well as the financial impact a bond could have on taxes as outlined by D A Davidson & Company. Discussion was held.

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS

Principal Lester informed the Board of changes being made to the High School Science requirements as well as ACT prep sessions being offered by the district. Principal Bacon shared information about the Johnson County Spelling Bee that was held virtually. Lydia Mejia was the winner of the contest. Ashley Beethe was selected for the All-State Band. Mr. Bacon also shared a project completed by students using the 3-D printer.

### **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT**

Information was provided regarding the format of the sub-district basketball games as well as the five day format for state tournament play. The wrestling districts will be held in Greeley

### SUPERINTENDENT-TECUMSEH SITE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Superintendent Rother shared information regarding the current decrease in COVID- 19 related cases within the district. The Johnson County Central's School Improvement External Team visit is scheduled for March 15, 2021.

## **BOARD CALENDAR**

The 2021 Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) conference will be held in Kearney NE. March 25-26.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Principals' and Superintendent's contracts were reviewed. Action will be taken on the 2021-2022 contracts at the March, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

A motion was made by Hutt and second by Plager to approve the first reading of the Title IX Policy as presented. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Just Beethe-yes, Carried 4-0.

Discussion of a potential land swap has been initiated with the Superintendent's office. No official request has been made by any landowner or the Syracuse Dunbar Avoca School Board of Education. No official request has been made.

Mr. Rother indicated that the administration is currently working on adjustments to the 2020-21 school calendar and will have the calendar finalized by the March 2021, Board of Education Meeting. A committee of staff members will also be working on the 2021-2022 calendar. Discussion was held.

Vice-President Beethe declared a break at 7:07 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

Justin Beethe made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel, seconded by Plager. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-absent, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 4-0

Entered Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

Gail Hutt made a motion to leave executive session, seconded by Justin Beethe. Roll Call vote: Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-absent, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-absent Carried 4-0

Left Executive Session at 7:16 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the High School cafeteria in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday March10, 2021. 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.