

JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 0050
JOHNSON COUNTY CENTRAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
March 10, 2021
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 Middle School Principal; Rick Lester, High School Principal; Garret Collin, Activity Director

Visitors: Twelve visitors were present.

The Johnson County School District No. 0050 Board of Education met in regular session at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 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.

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 Arlin Beethe and seconded by Bob Hutt to approve the minutes from the February 2021, Regular Board of Education meeting as presented with one correction: 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 Justin Beethe and seconded by Gail Hutt to approve the General Fund claims in the amount of \$640,464.55 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 PERIOD

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD

The Foreign Exchange Students currently attending Johnson County Central Public Schools, were introduced to the Board of Education. Currently there are four exchange students visiting from Spain and Italy. The students shared information about their families and their home countries.

Jack Moles, Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA) Executive Director; presented to the Board of Education and Administration about the benefits of being a member of NRCSA and the programs and work the organization facilitates.

Middle School and Elementary Guidance Counselor, Marsha Bacon, shared information regarding her role as a Guidance Counselor in the JCC School District. Mrs. Bacon provided information

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about the “Thunderbird Way” as well as examples of different programs and lessons she has implemented throughout the district. The Board of Education expressed an appreciation for the work and enthusiasm Mrs. Bacon provides for the students and staff of the district.

BOARD CALENDAR

March 25-26 -Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association Conference-Kearney, NE

April 14, 2021- New Board of Education Member Workshop- Kearney, NE

PRINCIPAL’S REPORTS

High School Principal, Rick Lester reported on the following:

- A. Prom will be held Saturday, March 27, 2021.
- B. All juniors will be taking the ACT Exam, March 23, 2021. ACT Preparatory Workshops are currently being conducted for students in the evenings.

Middle School Principal, Rich Bacon reported on the following:

- A. Students will be taking the NSCAS test in March and April.
- B. Middle School students will be participating in the HTRS Music Contest, March 26, 2021.
- C. There is a significant number of Middle School Students participating in Quiz Bowl this year.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Activities Director, Garrett Collin reported on the following:

- A. Participation numbers for spring sports were provided.
- B. JCC will host the District Track Meet, Thursday, May 13, 2021
- C. NSAA Spring Sports Guidelines were shared.

SUPERINTENDENT-TECUMSEH SITE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Superintendent Rother shared information regarding the current decrease in COVID- 19 related cases within the district. Sixty-six JCC staff members have received at least one dose of the COVID vaccine. The Johnson County Central’s School Improvement External Team visit is scheduled for March 15, 2021. Mr. Rother has been working with Dennison Bholia of Psychometric Solutions to develop perceptual data surveys for future use.

A document developed by the Nebraska Association of School Boards was shared. This document included information related to the spending history of the district. Facility issues that will need to be addressed were reviewed. The Building Committee will meet on March 18, 2021 to complete

a walk-through of the facilities. The 2020-21 amended calendar was provided and the last day for students will be May 12, 2021.

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OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held on a potential land swap that has been initiated with the Superintendent's office. No official request for action has been made at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Justin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to accept the resignation of Colleen Naber with regrets. Roll Call vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

Mr. Gabe Meints was present to extend his appreciation to the Board of Education and Administration for the opportunity he has had to serve the Johnson County Central Public Schools District. The Board of Education expressed gratitude for his service.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Gail Hutt to accept the resignation of Gabe Meints with regrets. 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 Plager to approve the Title IX Policy on second reading as presented. Roll Call vote: Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Carried 6-0.

Mr. Rother provided the 2021-2022 School Calendar to the Board of Education. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Justin Beethe to approve the 2021-2022 School Year Calendar as presented. Roll Call vote: Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Carried 6-0.

President Wellensiek declared a break at 7:57 p.m.

Meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Gail Hutt and second by Bob Hutt to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll Call Vote: Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes Carried 6-0.

Entered Executive Session at 8:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Arlin Beethe and second by Bob Hutt to leave executive session. Roll Call Vote: Justin Beethe-yes, Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Carried 6-0.

Left Executive Session at 9:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Plager and Second by Gail Hutt to extend contract offers to Principals; Rich Bacon and Rick Lester, with an increase of \$3,300 for the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call Vote: Bob Hutt-yes, Gail Hutt-yes, Plager-yes, Wellensiek-yes, Arlin Beethe-yes, Justin Beethe-yes Carried 6-0.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held in the High School cafeteria in Tecumseh, Nebraska at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday April 14, 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.