

## Regular Board Meeting - March 11, 2024

The Tri-Center Board of Education met March 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Media Center. Members present were: President Mike Olsen, Board Members Katie Ausdemore, Sara Arnold, Amanda Scherer, and Jeremy VanArsdol. Others present: Superintendent Angela Huseman; Principals Chad Harder and Jami Bertelsen; Athletic Director Cassie Harris; Chief Engineer Dustan Huber, Ag Instructor Haley Kirlin and members of the FFA: Addisyn Redinbaugh, Hayden Benson, Asha Goodman, Cade Coatney, and Wyatt Roane. Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz arrived at 6:35 and left at 7:00. Athletic Director Cassie Harris left at 6:54 for another obligation.

President Olsen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by VanArsdol to approve the consent agenda including paying bills, approval of financial reports and the minutes from the previous board meeting in February. Motion carried 5-0.

FFA members of the Ag Issues Team did their presentation that qualified for state.

Under Administrative Reports Superintendent Huseman, Principals Harder and Bertelsen, Athletic Director Harris, and Curriculum Director Baatz shared information on the following items:

- Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences had a 98% attendance rate
- Book Blast Launch had a great response. Every kid in the elementary school received a minimum of 7 books.
- Masked Reader in the Elementary was the finale of the Book Blast and Read Across America
- Preschool will be taking a field trip to the Omaha Children's Museum on April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Preschool screening is Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Concert is March 18<sup>th</sup>
- Spring sports numbers -Girls Track-27, Boys Track-25, Girls Golf-10, Boys Golf-21, Girls Soccer - 25, and Boys Soccer – 27
- WIC AD/Supt meeting Wednesday
- WIC Quiz Bowl is March 20<sup>th</sup> at Treynor
- AD convention is March 23-25<sup>th</sup>
- Girls Wrestling Recap
- Job Opening Update
- BLT is working on common language for the district
- SRO has been a great resource
- Student trip to DC has over 60 kids signed up
- Drivers Ed is set for the summer and testing for permit can still be done at school
- ISAPS will be over a 2-week period
- Data Days completed K-12 during February
- Working on ways to reward MS for growth toward goals in Math/Reading
- LTRS will finish track 1 in the Elementary this semester
- New curriculum for math is in the research stage
- Monkey This discussed

No Old Business.

Under New Business, Preliminary Fiscal Year 2025 Budget information was shared.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the amendment to the iJAG contract #23-ILP-04. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the 28E agreement with IKM-Manning for a shared Superintendent for the term of 3 years starting July 1, 2024. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of the following policies:

- 505.9 Parent and Family Engagement District Wide Policy
- 505.9R1 Parent and Family Building Level Regulation
- 506.1E8 Juvenile Justice Agency Information Sharing Agreement

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArdsol to approve the agreement with AEA Purchasing for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Bids were reviewed by Chief Engineer Huber. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the bid from Zimmerman Sales & Service in the amount of \$118,114.31 for concrete, electrical, and building of a new pressbox to be completed this summer. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the following resignations: Lesley Nelsen as Preschool teacher at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, Emily Hack as Dance Team Sponsor and the retirement of Diana Ring as cook effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by VanArsdol to approve the hiring of Kelsey Cowgill as HS Spanish Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Scherer to approve the hiring of Ethan Flaharty as Assistant Boys Soccer Coach for the 2024 season and Savanna Huseman as eSports sponsor for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board of Directors met under Iowa Code section 21.9 to discuss negotiations. Entered exempt session at 7:58 PM. Exited at 8:13 PM.

FY25 Budget Hearing and Special Board meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:30 a.m.  
The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Scherer to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder  
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen  
Board President