

Board Meeting – April 09, 2025

The Tri-Center Board of Education met April 09, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library.

Board members present were President Sara Arnold (joined at 6:16), Katie Ausdemore, Mike Olsen, and Jeremy VanArsdol. Others present were Superintendent Angie Huseman, Principals Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder, Athletic Director Cassie Harris, Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz, Chief Engineer Dustan Huber Grounds/Custodian Brent Daringer, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder.

Vice President VanArsdol called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Olsen to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 3-0.

The Budget Hearing for 2025-2026 was held at 6:05 p.m.

Budget information was presented by Business Manager Harder.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Tri-Center Community School District, will levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Olsen to approve the budget for 2025-2026 as presented, setting the total levy rate at \$12.77. Motion carried 3-0.

No Public/Staff Forum.

Motion by Olsen with a second by Ausdemore to approve the consent agenda including paying bills, approval of financial reports and the minutes from the two board meetings in March. Motion carried 3-0.

No Correspondence.

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

- Watching Legislature for changed to athletics across the state
- Girls wrestling will keep 2 classes but will readjust numbers
- Researching online streaming of athletics for next school year
- ISAPS testing going on now
- April 8th – PreK to 1st Grade enjoyed the symphony at Iowa Western
- April 22nd – Christina with Shelby County Conservation will be bringing an eagle for students to see
- April 25th – Fish Iowa for 5th Grade, HS student will be teaching and presenting in the morning and then they will all go to Arrowhead in the afternoon to fish
- April 28th – Teammates Zoo trip
- May 6th – Elementary Track and Field Day (Rain date – May 13th)
- Home Run Story – Capturing Kids Heart, what we do matters every day, not only at school but when these students go home
- Senior Trip is still being finalized
- State FFA Convention next week
- WIC Conference update

- BRIC Room Project suspended due to Federal freeze

No Old Business

New Business, Principal Bertelsen presented the agreement for Mystery Science. A 2-year agreement for FY26 and FY27. Motion by Olsen and a second by Ausdemore to approve the contract. Motion carried 4-0.

B.Daringer reviewed the Electrical Bids to replace panels. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Olsen to accept the bid from G5 Services in the amount of \$17,109. Motion carried 4-0.

Principal Harder reviewed TC's District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP). Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to approve the plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Principal Bertelsen shared the District Developed Special Education Deliver Plan.

Business Manager Harder shared that an extension was requested for our FY24 Audit based on the requirements of the District's auditors.

Superintendent Huseman presented a MOU with Green Hills AEA for FY26 services. Motion by Olsen with a second by Ausdemore to approve the MOU. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Olsen to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board of Directors met under Iowa Code section 21.9 to discuss negotiations. Exempt session was entered at 6:56 PM. Exited at 7:06 PM.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Olsen to approve the Master Contract and set certified staff contracts as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to approve classified annual and hourly contracts as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Olsen with a second by Ausdemore approve Schedule B changes. This includes setting a separate generator base for Schedule B and increasing the lunch duty pay for 2% to 3% for FY26. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Olsen to approve the resignation of Chloe Killpack as K-12 Instructional Strategist II pending approval of another District. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Olsen to approve the following resignations: Scott Manhart as Wrestling Coach, David Carlson as Asst Football Coach, Haley Kirlin as Jr High Volleyball Coach, all effective after FY25. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to approve the transfer of Jessica McMains from Special Education to Secondary Math starting in the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to approve the following hirings: Hope McPhillips as Asst Softball Coach for the 2025 season, Owen Smith as JrH Football, and approve an additional role based on numbers for each boys and girls JrH track. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Olsen with a second by Ausdemore to approve employee A's and employee B's request for unpaid leave. Motion carried 4-0.

No Fundraising requests

The next regular board meeting will be May 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by Olsen to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

President Arnold declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Sara Arnold
Board President