

Board Meeting – April 10, 2024

The Tri-Center Board of Education met April 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the HS Media Center.

Board members present were President Mike Olsen, Katie Ausdemore, Amanda Scherer, Sara Arnold, and Jeremy VanArsdol (joined at 6:03 p.m.). Others present were Superintendent Angie Huseman, Principals Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder, Technology Director Matt Schmitz, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder. Chief Engineer Dustan Huber joined the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

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

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried 4-0.

No Public/Staff Forum.

Motion by Scherer 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 4-0.

No Correspondence.

Under Administrative Reports Superintendent Huseman, and Principals Harder and Bertelsen, shared information on the following items:

- MS/HS end of year event calendar shared
- CLNA & DCAP update
- Senior Trip will be May 5th
- State FFA is next week
- ISAPS testing going on now
- Elementary BLT meeting today
- April 17th will be the last LETRS overview
- Elementary Step-Up day, PreK May 21st, K-5 May 23rd
- April 9th PreK field trip to Children's Museum and Straight from the Farm 'Calves in Spring'
- April 22nd – Spring FAST screening window opens
- May 7th – Elementary Track & Field Day
- Jennie Edmundson will not be continuing the Sport Trainer program
- State changed illegibility, now if failing a class, student must miss 20 calendar days out of extracurricular activities
- Spring is very busy for activities, there are 80 activities in 50 days
- April 30th will change to a 1:30 early out to host WIC Track

Bids for the purchase of 150 Chromebooks reviewed by Technology Director Schmitz. Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Scherer to approve the bid from Trafera in the amount of \$36,900.00. Motion carried 5-0.

E-Rate agreement with RTI discussed by Technology Director Schmitz. Motion by Arnold with a second by Scherer to approve Application 240016981 for E-Rate services. Motion carried 5-0.

Door access improvement quotes reviewed by Technology Director Schmitz. Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the bid by RTI in the amount of \$28,167.28. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the contract with LGRP for natural gas for the 2024-2025 school year in the amount of \$44,423.31. Motion carried 5-0.

Technology Director Schmitz left the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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 5-0.

Principal Harder reviewed TC's Comprehensive Local Plan Needs Assessment (CLNA). Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Carpet bids were reviewed by Chief Engineer Huber. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the bid by Commercial Flooring Systems in the amount of \$56,770.00 to replace the upper elementary flooring. Motion carried 5-0.

Air conditioner bids were reviewed by Chief Engineer Huber. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to approve the bid from Feekes Heating and A/C to install 2 units in the Ag Building. The amount of the bid is \$14,938.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Business Manager Harder shared that an extension was requested for our FY23 Audit based on the requirements of the District's auditors.

Shared Librarian Contract with the AEA discussed. Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to table the discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board of Directors met under Iowa Code section 21.9 to discuss negotiations. Exempt session was entered at 6:58 PM. Exited at 7:23 PM.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the classified salaries as present. This includes the new base, increasing the substitute pay to \$140.00 per day, summer ESY to \$30/hr and student workers to \$9/hr. Motion carried 4-0 with Scherer abstaining due to conflict.

Business Manager Harder shared that there is additional TSS funding that will be distributed to teachers in the amount of \$190.00 per FTE. This will be part of regular payroll in May. Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to approve the payment. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by Arnold to approve the hiring of the following positions; Abigale Petersen as Dance Team Sponsor and Sherri Wilson as Elementary Student Council Co-Sponsor. Motion carried 5-0.

The board will hold a special meeting and budget hearing on April 22nd at 8:30 a.m. and the next regular meeting will be May 14th at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Board President