

September Board Meeting - September 10, 2025

The Tri-Center Board of Education met September 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Those present were: Vice President Jeremy VanArsdol; Board Members Mike Olsen and Amanda Scherer. Board Member Katie Ausdemore arrived at 6:17 pm. Board Member Sara Arnold was unable to attend due to prior obligations. Others present included Superintendent, Angie Huseman; Board Secretary/Business Manager, Jennifer Harder; Principals, Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder; and Athletic Director Cassie Harris.

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

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

No Public/Staff Forum

Motion by Olsen with a second by Scherer approving the consent agenda including paying the bills, approval of financial reports and the minutes from the previous board meeting. Motion carried 3-0.

Under Administrative reports, Building Principals, Athletic Director and Superintendent reported on the following:

- Fall Sports Numbers: Football 42 / JrH 24; Volleyball 27 / JrH 31; Cross Country 20 / JrH 10
- Booster Club used funds to update the football scoreboard
- Gym sound system has been ordered
- Reading assessments going on now
- Read & Write contest in the 2nd grade this year
- Picture day is September 18th
- Oct 9th & 10th will be Fire Safety with both Minden and Neola Fire Departments
- Monster Math night will be October 28th
- Many new students to the District
- Phone Policy is going well
- Flextime for Secondary Building
- Saferoom Update
- Conference Update
- Custodial Update

No Old Business

Under New Business, Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Olsen to approve increasing the substitute pay for the 2025-2026 school year as suggested by the Business Manager. Motion carried 3-0, Scherer abstained.

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

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

Motion by Olsen with a second by Scherer to approve the first reading and waive the second reading of the following policy. Motion carried 3-0, Ausdemore abstained.

- 203 – Board of Directors Conflict of Interest

Motion by Ausdemore with second by Scherer to approve the SBRC request for Allowable Growth for Special Ed Deficit of \$39,505.17. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared Tri-Center's Talented and Gifted Program (TAG). Motion by Olsen with a second by Ausdemore to accept the plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared the plan for Tri-Center's English Language Learners (ELL) and LAU. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve this plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by Olsen to approve the following fundraiser. FCCLA will join the nationwide fundraiser We Help Too. With this, they will sell socks to help provide clean drinking water for people in Africa. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by Olsen to approve hiring of Kelly Hopp as 2026 Prom Sponsor and Ethan Flaharty as Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 25-26 season. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by Ausdemore to approve hiring of Fred White as HS Wrestling Coach pending his ability to obtain a Coaching Authorization. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion By Olsen with a second by Scherer to approve the hiring of Katie Ausdemore as a Part-Time Secondary Teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 3-0, Ausdemore abstained.

The October meeting will be held October 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the HS Library.

Motion by Olsen with a second by Ausdemore to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Vice President VanArsdol declared the board meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Jeremy VanArsdol
Board Vice President