

September Board Meeting - September 13, 2023

The Tri-Center Board of Education met September 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Teacher's Lounge.

Those present were: President Mike Olsen; Board Members Jeremy VanArsdol, Katie Ausdemore, Sara Arnold, and Amanda Scherer; Superintendent, Angie Huseman; Board Secretary/Business Manager, Jennifer Harder; Principals, Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder; Athletic Director, Cassie Harris; Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz joined the meeting at 6:08.

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 VanArsdol 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 5-0.

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

- Digital ticketing is going well.
- District is looking into possible options for girls wrestling
- Preliminary options for new bleachers at the football field
- Parking for HS kids going well since bus parking was moved
- Working through new students and allocating resources
- Ag Barn in preparation for this school year
- Perkin funds will benefit the Ag Dept. for 23-24
- Alternative Program off to a great start in the HS
- HS Library update started which includes an additional classroom and sensory room
- Staffing updates
- Transitional Kindergarten within PK going well
- Teammates starting year 3 with good success
- Sept 21st – School Picture Day
- Sept 29th – Farm Safety Day
- Sept 15th – 1st Grade to the Rose
- Sept 28th – 1st Grade to Smalls Fruit Farm
- Sept 8th – 4th Grade trip to Carsten's Farm
- Rachel's Challenge will be presented to TC students. There will be 3 different age appropriate presentations about being positive and kind
- TLC Updates
- LETRS information shared
- SRO Update
- Project Priorities reviewed

Under Old Business, the FY22 Audit performed by Nolte, Cornman and Johnson P.C. was tabled with a motion by Ausdemore and a second by Arnold. Motion carried 5-0.

Under New Business, motion by VanArsdol to enter into an Operational Sharing Agreement with IWCC for College and Career Transition Counselor. Second by Arnold. Motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Huseman presented the following board policies:

507.9 Wellness Policy

711.1 School Bus Passenger Restraints

Motion by Scherer with a second by Ausdemore to approve the above listed policies and waive the second reading. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the contract between Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Service (IVRS) for Iowa Jobs for America Graduate Program (iJAG) through September 2024. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the TLC role contracts for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Scherer to approve an employee request for unpaid leave. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by VanArsdol to approve the SBRC request for Allowable Growth for Special Ed Deficit of \$151,858.28. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared Tri-Center's Talented and Gifted Program (TAG). Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to accept the plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared the plan for Tri-Center's English Language Learners (ELL). Motion by Scherer with a second by VanArsdol to approve this plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by Ausdemore to approve the resignations of Marquel Renberg as JH Girls Basketball Coach, Cindy Sibert as Prom Sponsor, and Diana Dahir as Assistant Boys Soccer Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the hiring of Amy Wingert as Bus Route Driver for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

The October meeting will be held October 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the HS Media Center.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to adjourn the regular board meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the board meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Board President