

Regular Board Meeting - January 13, 2025

The Tri-Center Board of Education met January 13, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Secondary Library. Members present were President Sara Arnold, Katie Ausdemore, Amanda Scherer, Jeremy VanArsdol, and Mike Olsen. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Angela Huseman, Elementary Principal Jami Bertelsen, Board Secretary Jennifer Harder, Chad Freeberg, Ryan Schroder and Jill Schroder. Michelle Baatz joined the meeting at 5:44 p.m. President Arnold called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Olsen with a second by Ausdemore to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Ryan Schroder spoke to the Board regarding the football program.

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

Chad Freeberg, Ryan Schroder and Jill Schroder left the meeting.

No Correspondence.

Under Administrative Reports, Superintendent Huseman and Principal Bertelsen and Curriculum Director Baatz reported on the following:

- Ag in the Classroom winners selected for grants including K. Finken, T. Smith, and J. Wiggins
- Monica Osborn, Westfair Queen, will be coming to read to the first graders about the Fabulous Fair Alphabet
- Teammates currently has 24 matches in the District
- Through the Iowa Dept. of Education all 1st graders will receive a total of 20 books to help accelerate reading achievement in the state.
- February Conferences – Elementary will be rolling out a new online scheduling to help save time and resources.
- Reviewed Secondary testing for 2nd semester
- Elementary testing calendar is still in process
- Envisions training was held on January 2nd for secondary
- Supt. Huseman will be on a panel for the Omaha National Weather Service on January 15th
- Dr. Huseman attending the Legislative Forum last week
- The Barrier family will be donating the equipment to teach laser cutting in the District

Under New Business, Superintendent Huseman reviewed the Bus Barn Maintenance agreement for renewal. Motion by Olsen with a second by Ausdemore to approve the agreement for one year. Motion carried 4-0, VanArsdol abstained.

Motion by Ausdemore to approve the following first reading of the following policies and waive the second reading. The motion was seconded by Olsen.

- 102 Equal Education Opportunity
- 401.2 Equal Employment Opportunity
- 401.13 Limitation to Employment References
- 502-3 Use of Motor Vehicles
- 503.9 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices (new)
- 503.9R1 Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices Regulation (new)
- 603.1 Basic Instruction Program

- 700 Purpose of Non Instructional and Business Services
- 710.1R1 School Food Program-School Nutrition Program
- 710.1E1 School Food Program-School Nutrition Program Notices of Nondiscrimination
- 710.E2 School Food Program-School Nutrition Program Civil Rights Complaint Form

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by VanArsdol to approve the first reading of the following policies.

- 501.9 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy
- 501.9R1 Chronic Absenteeism and Truancy Regulation

Motion carried 5-0.

A motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the receipt of early notification and retirement papers of Amy Mathias. The retirement is effective June 30, 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared information with the Board regarding a Sharelowa site.

Motion by Scherer with a second by Ausdemore to approve the fall coaching contracts for volleyball and cross country. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Olsen with a second by VanArsdol to approve the MOU with Family Connections LLC effective immediately. Motion carried 5-0.

No Employee Requests for Unpaid Leave
No Fundraising Requests

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the retirement of Amy Mathias as Elementary Teacher effective June 30, 2025 and Ryan Schroder as HS Football Coach after the 2024 season. Motion carried 5-0.

Next board meeting will be February 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Olsen with a second by Scherer to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Arnold declared the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Board Secretary/Business Manager

Sara Arnold
Board President