

Regular Board Meeting - February 9, 2026

The Tri-Center Board of Education met February 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library. Board Members present were: President Mike Olsen; Board Members: Sara Arnold, Stephanie Witt, Jeremy VanArsdol, and Katie Ausdemore. Others present: Superintendent Angela Huseman, Principals Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder, Business Manager Jennifer Harder.

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

Motion by Arnold with second by Ausdemore to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

No Public/Staff Forum.

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Ausdemore. Motion seconded by VanArsdol. Motion carried 5-0.

Under Administrative Reports, Principals Bertelsen and Harder, and Superintendent Huseman reported on the following:

- Winter Testing window opens soon
- Feb 19th – Hearing Screening
- Mar 10 – Preschool Screening
- Mar 12 – 2/3rd Music Concert
- Elem Track & Field Day will be May 5th, with alternate day of May 12th
- Mental Health
- Field trips in secondary, FFA, SPED, iJag
- CTE Equipment
- CPR training underway for Seniors
- PLC, discussing good and bad of AI
- Illness count and situations
- Wall that Heals, hold over at TC

No Old Business

Under New Business, The FY25 Audit performed by Barr and Associates was reviewed by Business Manager Harder.

Board Member VanArsdol introduced the following resolution: Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of Tri-Center Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2026-27 for the regular program district budget adjustment as allowed under Section 257.14 Code of Iowa. Motion seconded by Witt. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the first reading of the following policies and waive the second reading. Motion carried 5-0.

- 202.2 Oath of Office
- 406.5 Licensed Employee Group Benefits
- 406.6 Licensed Employee Tax Shelter Program
- 407.5 Licensed Employee Reduction in Force
- 501.16 Open Enrollment Transfer–Procedures as a Receiving District
- 802.2 Requests for Improvements

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to approve the 28E agreement with the City of Neola for the use of the soccer field starting July 2026 through July 2031. The term will be for 5 years. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve an adjustment to the ESPSS allocation based on recommendations of the Business Manager due to recent illnesses within the District. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to approve employee A's request for unpaid leave. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Huseman discussed possible options for Board and Superintendent Evaluations.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Thielen as Volleyball Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Witt to approve the hiring of Jacob Gentile as Head Football Coach for the 2026-2027 season. Motion carried 4-0.

The March meeting will be held on March 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Tri-Center Board President