

Budget Hearing - March 9, 2026

The Tri-Center Board of Education met March 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library. Members present were: President Mike Olsen, Board Members Sara Arnold, Stephanie Witt, and Jeremy VanArsdol. Board member Katie Ausdemore was unable to attend. Others present: Superintendent Angela Huseman; Principals Chad Harder and Jami Bertelsen; Athletic Director Cassie Harris; Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz, Maintenance Brent Daringer; and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder. Harley Leaders was also present from West Central Roofing.

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

Motion by Arnold with a second by Witt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

No Public/Staff Forum

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the consent agenda including paying bills, approval of financial reports and the minutes from the previous board meeting in February. Motion carried 4-0.

No Correspondence

Under Administrative Reports Superintendent Huseman, Principals Harder and Bertelsen, Athletic Director Harris, and Curriculum Director Baatz shared information on the following items:

- Track started practice last week, golf and soccer start next soon
- Counts: Girls Track – 20, Boys Track – 24, JrH Track – 54, Girls Soccer – 22, Boys Soccer -25, Girls Golf – 16, Boys Golf – 35, Softball – 24, Baseball - 44
- Spring sport meeting is Wednesday, March 11th
- WIC Conference changes were approved, Supt/AD meet April 22nd
- ISASP Testing Updates
- PLC Group Update
- TC Literacy Curriculum adoption under review
- Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences had a 96% attendance rate
- TSAC again provided wonderful meals during PT Conf.
- Child Find for new kids to the District is March 10th
- Dental Screening with IWCC and Vision with Lions Club during child find
- 2nd & 3rd Grade Concert will be March 12th
- Mama Mia will be March 20th and March 22nd, with special presentation to Elementary on March 20th
- March 27, March Madness with Seniors vs Staff during school
- April 1st, 2nd Grade to Lauritzen Gardens
- April 15, Meet & Greet day with new Kindergarteners
- Jazz Band qualified for Iowa Jazz Band Championships to be held in April
- JrH Choirs performed a showcase in Underwood
- FFA had success in Districts

No Old Business.

Under New Business, Brent Darington reviewed roof bids. Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Arnold to approve the bid from Elevate Roofing in the amount of \$79,110.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Darington shared the track resurfacing bids with the Board. Motion by VanArdsol with a second by Witt to approve the bid from Midwest Tennis and Track in the amount of \$98,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Preliminary Fiscal Year 2027 Budget information was shared by Business Manager Harder.

Business Manager Harder shared with the Board that at the end of Fiscal Year 2026, funds from TLC will be used to cover the shortage needed for required minimums in TSS.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArdsol to approve the agreement for the Iowa LGRP for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by Arnold with a second by Witt to approve the agreement with AEA Purchasing for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by VanArdsol with a second by Arnold to approve the GreenHills AEA MOU for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

No Fundraising or Leave Requests

Arnold left the meeting at 6:54.

Motion by VanArdsol with a second by Witt to approve the following resignations: Tim Kramer as Asst Football Coach and Abi Petersen as Dance Sponsor pending a suitable replacement. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Witt with a second by VanArdsol to approve the hiring of Taylor Smith as Head Volleyball Coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by VanArdsol with a second by Witt to approve the retirement of Debra Lund from Nutrition upon completion of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 3-0.

FY27 Budget Hearing will be March 27th starting at 8:00 a.m.
The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by VanArdsol with a second by Witt to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

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

The Board of Directors met under Iowa Code section 21.9 to discuss negotiations. Entered the exempt session at 6:58 PM. Exited at 7:14 PM.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Board President