

Regular Board Meeting - March 10, 2025

The Tri-Center Board of Education met March 10, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library. Members present were: President Sara Arnold, Board Members Katie Ausdemore, Mike Olsen, Amanda Scherer, and Jeremy VanArsdol. Others present: Superintendent Angela Huseman; Principals Chad Harder and Jami Bertelsen; Athletic Director Cassie Harris; and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder.

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

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

Business Manager Harder presented information on the FY25 Budget Amendment. Motion by Olsen with a second by VanArsdol to approve the Budget Amendment for FY25. Motion carried 5-0.

No Public/Staff Forum

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

No Correspondence

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

- Track started practice last week, golf and soccer start next week
- Spring sport meeting is Wednesday, March 12th
- WIC Quiz Bowl will be Tuesday in Underwood
- WIC AD meeting is rescheduled for this week
- Literacy Night for the Elementary had 150 kids attend
- Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences had a 96% attendance rate
- Preschool registration is going on now
- 3rd Grade will now be getting 'Just Like Caitlyn' book from the Jensen Family
- D/F List for Secondary is still very small
- CKH representatives visited our campus during school and loved the staff & kid interactions
- Update on the road and bus routes

No Old Business.

Under New Business, Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026 Budget information was shared.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the agreement for the Iowa LGRP for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Olsen to approve the agreement with AEA Purchasing for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

No Fundraising or Leave Requests

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the following resignations: Noh Sappal as Secondary Math teacher at the end of the 2024-2025 school year, James Neukirch as Maintenance effective June 1st, and the retirement of Mary Kay Nieman as Associate effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by Olsen to approve the hiring of Madilyn Minnehan as Elementary Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year and Jerry Orozco as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach. Motion carried 5-0.

FY26 Budget Hearing will be March 20th starting at 7:30 a.m.
The April meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Olsen with a second by VanArsdol to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Arnold declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

The Board of Directors met under Iowa Code section 21.9 to discuss negotiations. Entered the exempt session at 6:30 PM. Exited at 6:45 PM.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Sara Arnold
Board President