

Budget Hearing - March 27, 2026

The Tri-Center Board of Education met March 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the Tri-Center Board Room. Members present were: President Mike Olsen, Board Members Stephanie Witt and Jeremy VanArsdol. Board Members Sara Arnold and Katie Ausdemore joined the meeting at 8:03. Others present: Superintendent Angela Huseman; Principal Jami Bertelsen; Technology Director Matt Schmitz, Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder, and Melanie Bruck.

President Olsen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Witt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Opening statement by President Olsen.

No written comments received.

Melanie Bruck spoke during oral comments.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Board President

Special Board Meeting - March 27, 2026

The Tri-Center Board of Education met March 27, 2026 at 8:07 a.m. in the Tri-Center Board Room. Members present were: President Mike Olsen, Board Members Katie Ausdemore, Stephanie Witt, Sara Arnold, and Jeremy VanArsdol. Others present: Superintendent Angela Huseman; Principal Jami Bertelsen; Technology Director Matt Schmitz; and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder.

President Olsen called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

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

No Public/Staff Forum. No Old Business.

Under New Business, motion by Arnold with a second by Witt to approve the Master Contract and set certified staff contracts as presented. Motion carried 4-0, Ausdemore abstained.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to approve classified annual and hourly contracts as presented by Business Manager Harder. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Witt approve Schedule B changes. This includes adjusting the Schedule B base and adding language to allow the AD flexibility on the number of Assistant Coaches when needed based on participation. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by VanArdsol with a second by Ausdemore to approve the agreement with Iowa West Foundation and iJAG for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Technology Director Schmitz presented Chromebook bids. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the purchase of student Chromebooks from RTI in the amount of \$41,920. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArdsol to approve the 5-year contract with ICN for E-Rate Category 1 Internet Service Provider. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Witt to approve Western Iowa Wireless for a 5-year contract for E-Rate Category 1 WAN services. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArdsol to approve the bid from RTI in the amount of \$28,876.63 for the E-Rate Category 2 purchase of a new firewall and service contract. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the retirement of Tracy Wellman as Food Service Director effective at the end of the 25-26 school year and hiring of Leyton Nelson as Assistant Golf Coach for the 2026 Season.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Board President