

Board Meeting – April 15, 2026

The Tri-Center Board of Education met April 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library.

Board members present were President Mike Olsen, Katie Ausdemore, Sara Arnold, and Stephanie Witt. Board Member Jeremy VanArsdol was unable to attend. Others present were Superintendent Angie Huseman, Principals Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder, Athletic Director Cassie Harris, Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder.

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 written. Motion carried 4-0.

The Budget Hearing for 2026-2027 was held at 6:00 p.m.

Budget information was presented by Business Manager Harder.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Tri-Center Community School District, will levy property taxes for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the budget for 2026-2027 as presented, setting the total levy rate at \$12.74. Motion carried 4-0.

The FY26-27 Calendar Hearing was held at 6:01 p.m. Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to approve the calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

No Public/Staff Forum.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the consent agenda including paying bills, approval of financial reports and the minutes from the two board meetings in March. Motion carried 4-0.

No Correspondence.

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

- Spring sports now in full swing after weather delays
- Senior Signing Day is April 17th
- AD Convention, watching Legislature for changes to athletics across the state
- Preparing class lists and schedule for next school year
- April 17th, Kindergarten Music Program
- Spring FAST window opens
- Midlands of Iowa Young Author Night (Fremont-Mills)
- NAEP positive feedback for our students
- May 1st – Kindergarten Zoo trip
- May 5th – Elementary Track & Field Day (Rain Date – May 12th)
- Read & Ride Bike Presentation for 2nd Grade
- Secondary Spring Schedule Shared
- ISAPS starting this week

- Literacy adoption update
- PLC Discussion
- Farm to School Grant update
- Legislative changes
- Pott Co Emergency Table Discussion
- Healthy Iowan Week Planned

No Old Business

New Business, motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to table TC's District Career and Academic Plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the agreement for On To College, Baylor Test Prep. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared the plan for iJAG for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion by Witt with a second by Arnold to approve the MOU with iJAG. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared that we have not gotten the final SUIC/Jester renewal for 26-27. Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to table. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the 28E agreement with Harlan CSD for Special Education Administrative Associates for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared with the Board the recent updates to the BRIC/HMPG Grants. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve forward progress with FEH Design for architect plans. Motion carried 4-0.

Athletic Director Harris shared uniform bids for the football team. The Booster Club has agreed to reimburse the school for the purchase. Motion by Arnold with a second by Witt to approve the purchase from BSN Sports in the amount of \$23,422.30. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the first reading of the following policies and waive the second reading. Motion carried 4-0.

- 102 Equal Education Opportunity
- 102-R1 Equal Education Opportunity-Grievance Procedure
- 102-E1 Equal Education Opportunity Annual Notice of Nondiscrimination
- 102-E2 Equal Education Opportunity Continuous Notice of Nondiscrimination
- 102-E3 Equal Education Opportunity Notice of Section 504 Student and Parental Rights Form
- 102-E4 Equal Education Opportunity Discrimination Complaint Form
- 102-E5 Equal Education Opportunity Witness Disclosure Form
- 102-E6 Equal Education Opportunity Disposition of Complaint Form
- 710.1-R1 School Nutrition Program Civil Rights Complaint Form
- 710.1-E1 School Nutrition Program Notice of Nondiscrimination
- 710.1-E2 School Nutrition Program Civil Rights Complaint Form

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve hiring of the following positions: JD Culjat as Assistant Football Coach, Kevin Culjat as PT Assistant Football Coach, Abigail Petersen as Assistant Volleyball Coach, and Kelly Alfors as a one year Assistant XC Coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Witt to accept the following resignations: Kelli Finken as TLC Data Coordinator and Mark Hazen as JrH Boys Wrestling Coach. Both effective at the end of the 25-26 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to approve employee A's request for unpaid leave. Motion carried 4-0.

No Fundraising Requests.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve tabling the Board and Superintendent Evaluation. Motion carried 4-0.

Supt. Huseman presented the options for Administrative/Business Manager Salaries. Motion by Arnold with a second by Witt to approve the salaries as presented by Huseman for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting will be May 13th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Board President