

Regular Board Meeting - May 13, 2026

The Tri-Center Board of Education met in regular session on May 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library.

Board members present were Board President Mike Olsen, Katie Ausdemore, Sara Arnold and Jeremy VanArsdol. Board Member Stephanie Witt was unable to attend. Others present were Superintendent Angie Huseman, Principals Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder, Chief Engineer Dustan Huber, and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Olsen at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by VanArsdol to approve the agenda with the adjustment of moving Superintendent/Board Evaluation to be after New Business. Motion carried 4-0.

Hearing held at 6:00 pm for the FY26 Budget Amendment. No public comments.

No Public/Staff Forum

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

Under correspondence, a thank you note from Wendy Matson was read.

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

- Read & Ride bike winners drawn
- Next Wednesday, last family group session in Elementary
- Literacy adoption update
- Thanks to Becky Thomas another successful Track and Field Day
- Seniors' last day was today
- iJAG Conference
- SPED planning for next year
- Greenhouse grant update
- Ag Exploratory summary presented by Katie Ausdemore

Under Old Business, Principal Harder reviewed T-C's District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP). Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to table the SUIC/Jester renewal because numbers were not yet available. Motion carried 4-0.

Under New Business, Business Manager Harder reviewed the FY26 Budget Amendment. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the amendment. Motion carried 4-0.

Bids were reviewed by Chief Engineer Huber. Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the bid from Commercial Flooring Systems for the elementary restrooms in the amount of \$26,300. Motion carried 4-0.

Bids were reviewed by Huber. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the bid from Trane for lower elementary HVAC units in the amount of \$73,912.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Bids were reviewed by Huber. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the bids from Lupe's Concrete for the HS Section in the amount of \$6,500 and the drive entrance for \$8,820.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the winter coaching contracts for girls and boys wrestling and girls and boys basketball and the annual contracts for AD, Assistant ADs, Weights, and Sponsors for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Milk bids were opened. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to approve the firm bid from A&E. Motion carried 4-0.

Bread bids were opened. Motion by Ausdemore with second by Arnold to approve the bid from Bimbo. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to approve the Operational Sharing Agreements with Riverside for Curriculum Director and Underwood for Operations Director both for FY27. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the contract with Capturing Kid's Hearts for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$3,500.00. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion carried by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the Educational Service Agreement with IWCC for 2026-2027. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to approve a contract with Allison Story as Librarian starting with the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

No Fundraising Requests

No Employee Requests for Unpaid Leave

Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to approve the resignation of Zach Fisher as Vocal Music and Chad Freeberg as Assistant FB Coach effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve hiring the following positions; Karen Hander, Food Service Director; Steven Petersen, Part-time Assistant Football Coach; Calise Mackland, Dance Sponsor; Caleb White, JrH Boys Wrestling Coach. All for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board reviewed two of the Districts Long-Term Goals. Those included 'Students and staff engaged in meaningful instruction so students are well-prepared for life' and 'Thriving two-way partnership between the community and school district'

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Board President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Board Secretary/Business Manager

Mike Olsen
Board President