

Regular Board Meeting - May 14, 2024

The Tri-Center Board of Education met in regular session on May 14, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the High School Media Center.

Board members present were President Mike Olsen, Board members Katie Ausdemore, Sara Arnold, and Amanda Scherer. Board member Jeremy VanArsdol arrived at 5:34pm. Others present were Superintendent Angie Huseman, Principals Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder, Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz, Athletic Director Cassie Harris, Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder, Teacher Becky Thomas, and Melanie Bruck.

The meeting was called to order by President Olsen at 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Arnold with second by Scherer to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 4-0.

Melanie Bruck spoke to the Board during the Public/Staff forum about bowling.

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 previous board meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

Under correspondence, a thank you was read from Wendy Matson regarding teacher appreciation.

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

- Senior last day is tomorrow and Graduation walk thru is Thursday
- Senior trip was well attended Sunday, May 5th
- Tornado updates for students/staff
- Summer drivers ed in June
- 16 girls and 6 boys qualified for State Track
- 1 girl golfer is on to Regionals
- Districts are coming up for boys and girls soccer
- Summer sports also start this week
- Booster Club recently purchased the MS gym scoreboards which will be installed this summer
- Elementary track & field was a huge success
- Step Up Day in elementary is May 23rd
- Kindergarten did a Meet & Greet for kids not currently in PK
- Wisner, NE students are sending gifts to all TC students because their community experienced a tornado in 2014
- Volume 1 LETRS finishing up in the elementary
- Will join with IKMM for LETRS II next year
- Reviewing needs of the TLC program for next year
- FAST finishing up now
- Status of MS gym floor
- Public purpose of district property for tornado cleanup

Under Old Business, motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve a Shared Librarian position with Green Hills AEA for \$17,500 for 2024-2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Under New Business, the E-Rate application approval was tabled with a motion by Ausdemore and a second by Arnold. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to approve the Green Hills AEA Managed Services Contract for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by Ausdemore to approve the Operational Sharing agreement with Green Hills AEA for a Social Worker for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the School-Based Interventionist Contract with the GHAEA pending an administration approved applicant. Motion carried 5-0.

Milk bids were opened. Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Arnold to approve the firm bid from A&E. Motion carried 5-0.

Bread bids were opened. Motion by Ausdemore with second by Scherer to accept the bread bid from Bimbo Bakery. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Scherer to approve an employee request for unpaid leave. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to approve the use of General Fund money to be used to pay for the sick leave payout for 2 retirees that provided notice after April 1st. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the winter coaching contracts for girls and boys wrestling coaches and girls and boys basketball coaches and the annual contracts for AD, Assistant AD and Weights for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to approve the retirement of Barb Grap as Bus Driver and Associate and Denise Miller as Associate, as well as the resignation of Paul Hart as Band Director. All are effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve the hiring of Spencer O'Riley as Band Director, Chloe Killpack as Football Cheer Sponsor and Becky Thomas as Basketball Cheer Sponsor. All for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board of Directors met under Iowa Code section 21.9 to discuss negotiations. Entered exempt session at 6:22 PM. Exited at 6:56 PM.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to approve modifying the Transportation Director contract to be for \$12,000 for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 4-1 with VanArsdol voting nay.

Supt. Huseman presented the options for Administrative Salaries. Motion by Arnold with a second by Scherer to approve the salaries as presented by Huseman for the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Board Secretary/Business Manager

Mike Olsen
Board President