

September Board Meeting - September 14, 2026

The Tri-Center Board of Education met September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library.

Those present were: President Mike Olsen; Board Members Katie Ausdemore and Stephanie Witt. Board Member Sara Arnold attended via Google Meet. Board Member Jeremy VanArsdol was unable to attend. Others present included Superintendent, Angie Huseman; Board Secretary/Business Manager, Jennifer Harder; Principals, Jami Bertelsen (present via Google) and Chad Harder; and Athletic Director Cassie Harris.

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

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Witt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

No Public/Staff Forum

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Witt approving the consent agenda including paying the bills, approval of financial reports and the minutes from the previous board meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Under Administrative reports, Building Principals, Athletic Director and Superintendent reported on the following:

- Fall Sports Numbers: Football 34 / JrH 24; Volleyball 22 / JrH 21; Cross Country 15 / JrH 10
- Elementary is off to a great start
- Social Contracts are going up in classrooms
- WIC Streaming update
- In the HS, students are participating in 106 online courses through IWCC
- Students off campus, attending the Buss center for welding, Diesel Mechanic through IWCC in Harlan, and Construction through IWCC in CB

No Old Business

Under New Business, the Athletic Director shared with the Board that the price for all day Saturday tournaments will go up this year to help cover costs associated with the event.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by Witt to approve the SBRC request for Allowable Growth for Special Ed Deficit of \$151,975.84. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared Tri-Center's Talented and Gifted Program (TAG). Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Witt to accept the plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Huseman shared the plan for Tri-Center's English Language Learners (ELL) and LAU. Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to approve this plan. Motion carried 4-0.

Policies in the 400 series were reviewed. Motion by Witt with a second by Arnold to approve and waive the 2nd reading. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board discussed future Superintendent/School Board Evaluation process.

No Fundraising Request - No Unpaid Leave Request

Motion by Witt with a second by Ausdemore to approve hiring of Max Kozeal as Boys JrH Basketball Coach. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Witt to approve the following resignations: Hope McPhillips as Asst Softball, Sarah Wright as Associate, and Melissa Barnes as Associate. Motion carried 4-0.

The October meeting will be held October 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the HS Library.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to adjourn the regular board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Jennifer T. Harder
Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Board President