

Regular Board Meeting - October 14, 2026

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

Board members present were: President Mike Olsen; Board Members: Sara Arnold, Katie Ausdemore, Stephanie Witt, and Jeremy VanArsdol. Others present were Superintendent Angela Huseman; Principal Jami Bertelsen; Athletic Director Cassie Harris; Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz; and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder. Members of the public included McKenzie Ring, Brett Leaders, Kevin Culjat, Gabe Meis, Zach Acamo, JD Culjat, Jake Gentile, Randy Ring, Irene Gentile, and Dan Gentile.

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

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

Jake Gentile, Randy Ring, Kevin Culjat and JD Culjat each spoke about the Varsity Football Program.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by VanArsdol to approve the consent agenda including paying the bills, approval of financial reports and the minutes from the previous board meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

No Correspondence.

Superintendent Huseman, Principal Bertelsen, Curriculum Director Baatz, and Athletic Director Harris reported on the following items:

- We will host post season volleyball on the 21st and 26th.
- AD WIC Meeting – Supervision and statewide ejection rules update
- WIC approved baseball/softball to start JV games at 5pm
- Elem Fall FAST testing completed and now working on interventions
- Field Trips: PK to Valas , Knd to Nishna Bend, 1st to Hitchcock, and 5th Public Art Tour
- Fire Safety last week with Minden and Neola Fire Depts.
- Elementary Behavior Plans shared
- PD Book Study 'What Great Teachers Do Differently'
- Teachers and Paras working on the list of required training
- Elementary TAT (Teacher Assisted Team) for 2 days last week
- Civics Exam, setting dates to allow students to start the test
- Literacy and Math Law changes
- New literacy curriculum is going well in Elementary
- HS ACT Prep course coming soon
- HS Biology, new curriculum is going well
- Drone Class to be offered this spring
- IASB Board Work Session, date options
- Final year of IKMM sharing agreement
- Update on football program

No Old Business

Under New Business, Athletic Director Harris reviewed the baseball scoreboard bids. Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the bid from Daktronics in the amount of \$23,005. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by Arnold to approve the annual review of the following policies and waive a second reading:

- 103 Long Range Needs Assessment
- 103R.1 Long Range Needs Assessment
- 505.9 Parent and Family Engagement District Wide
- 505.9R1 Parent and Family Engagement Building-Level Regulation
- 506.1 Education Records Access
- 506.1E2 Request of NonParent for Examination of Student Records
- 506.1E3 Authorization for Release of Student Records
- 506.1E4 Request for Hearing on Correction of Student Records
- 506.1E5 Request for Examination of Student Records
- 506.1E6 Notification of Transfer of Student Records
- 506.1E7 Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of a Subpoena
- 506.1E8 Juvenile Justice Agency Information Sharing Agreement
- 506.1E9 Annual Notice
- 506.1R1 Use of Student Records Regulation
- 506.2 Student Directory Information
- 506.2E1 Authorization for Releasing Student Directory Information
- 506.2R1 Use of Directory Information
- 506.4 Student Library Circulation Records

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Witt to authorize administration to submit a request to the SBRC for a modified supplemental amount of \$725.18 due to excess costs of providing the EL program in the prior year. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Huseman presented the Early Notification Plan. Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the plan increasing the maximum total payout to \$15,000.00. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Huseman and Business Manager Harder presented on the state of the Nutrition Fund. Motion by Arnold with a second by Witt to approve a loan from the General Fund to the Nutrition Loan for the remainder of this fiscal year on an as needed basis, not to exceed \$100,000. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to select Sara Arnold as the delegate for IASB. Motion carried 5-0.

Annual Review of Attendance Center and course enrollment data was shared for FY27 by Superintendent Huseman.

No unpaid leave requests. No Fundraiser Requests. No Personnel.

The November meeting will be held November 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by VanArsdol with second by Ausdemore to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder

Business Manager/Board Secretary

Mike Olsen
Board President