

Regular Board Meeting - November 11, 2024

The Tri-Center Board of Education met November 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library. Board members present were: President Mike Olsen, Katie Ausdemore, Amanda Scherer, Sara Arnold, and Jeremy VanArsdol. Others present: Superintendent Dr. Angela Huseman; Principals Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder, Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz, Chief Engineer Dustan Huber, Activities Director Cassie Harris 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 Ausdemore to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

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

No comments for the hearing on the proposed resolution.

Board Member Katie Ausdemore introduced a resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program. The Resolution was seconded by Sara Arnold. Roll Call Vote: Sara Arnold – Aye, Katie Ausdemore – Aye, Mike Olsen – Aye, Amanda Scherer - Aye, and Jeremy VanArsdol – Aye. Resolution carried.

Superintendent Huseman, Principals Bertelsen and Harder, Activities Director Harris, and Curriculum Director Baatz reported on the following items:

- Just Like Caitlin books distributed today to all 2nd Graders
- Celebrating World Kindness Week
- Elementary Conferences had 99% attendance
- Elementary Student Council had the following veterans visit; Dustan Huber, James Handy, Dean Olsen, & Joe Roberts
- December 9th is the 3rd-5th winter concert
- Parent Staff Appreciation Committee is up and working!
- Veterans Day Program today for secondary with Dustan Huber as the speaker
- Coordinating efforts of the Football team making it to the UNI Dome
- Girls Wrestling has started practice with 5 JrHigh and 4 HS
- December 12th is the MS/HS concert – working through the details with large class sizes
- SIAC updates
- WIC Instructional Coaches will be meeting at TC soon
- Food Service Policy Reviewed

Under Old Business, Final reading of the following policy update:

- 905.3 Weapons in the School

Superintendent Huseman discussed the policy. Motion by Ausdemore with second by Arnold to approve final reading of the above policy. Motion carried 5-0.

Under New Business, Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Arnold to approve the Pottawattamie County Comprehensive Emergency Plan. Motion carried 5-0.

Bids were shared by Chief Engineer Huber for the repair and resurface of the middle school gym. Motion by Scherer with a second by Arnold to approve the bid from Phillips Flooring in the amount of \$32,200. Motion carried 5-0.

Bids were shared by Business Manager Harder for the purchase of a school vehicle. Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to approve the purchase of a 2025 Kia Carnival from H&H Kia in the amount of \$43,349. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to table the Iowa Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Scherer with a second by VanArsdol offering an Early Notification Incentive Program for FY25 to teachers not returning for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Scherer to appoint Mike Olsen to the Harrison County Conference Board and Jeremy VanArsdol to the Pottawattamie County Conference Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve employee A's request for unpaid leave. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to approve employee B's request for unpaid leave. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the following fundraisers. Girls track with a Chili Feed, NHS selling cotton candy, and HS Student Council with movie night/summer days and a pie auction. Motion carried 4-0

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Arnold to approve the resignation of Jessi Gallagher as custodian. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Scherer to approve the hiring of Chloe Killpack and Linnea Handbury as split wrestling cheerleading sponsors and Brody Barrier as Ag Facility Sponsor. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Jennifer T. Harder
Board Secretary/Business Manager

Mike Olsen
Board President