

Organizational Board Meeting  
November 19, 2025

Board Secretary Harder called the Organizational Meeting of the Tri-Center School Board at 6:30 p.m. on November 19, 2025. Board members present were Mike Olsen, Stephanie Witt, Jeremy VanArsdol, Katie Ausdemore, and Sara Arnold. Others present were Superintendent, Dr. Angela Huseman; Principals, Jami Bertelsen and Chad Harder; Curriculum Director Michelle Baatz, Technology Director Matt Schmitz; and Business Manager/Board Secretary Jennifer Harder. Also present were Justin Cox and Bryon Berndt from Visual Edge.

The Oath of Office was given to the newly elected officials: Witt, Olsen, & VanArsdol.

Board Secretary Harder called for nominations for Board President. VanArsdol nominated Arnold with a second by Witt. Ausdemore nominated Olsen with a second by Arnold. Nominations ceased. Votes were taken, Olsen received 3 votes and Arnold received 2 votes. Mike Olsen was elected as President of the board.

Board President Olsen then led the meeting.

Board Member Arnold nominated Ausdemore as Vice-President. Nominations ceased. Votes were taken, Ausdemore received 4 votes and Ausdemore abstained. Katie Ausdemore was elected Vice-President.

Discussion regarding meeting rules and schedule of meetings was held.

Meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month whenever possible.

Motion by Ausdemore with second by Arnold to approve the following Annual Appointments:

Board Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Harder

Sexual Harassment Grievance Officer/Alternate: Michelle Huber/Angela Huseman

Level I Investigators: Sherry Wilson, Michelle Huber

Title IX Coordinator: Chad Harder

Check Signing Authorization: Jennifer Harder, Angela Huseman, Board President

Legal Counsel: Scott Rogers - Peters Law Firm

Brett Nitzschke - Ahlers Law Firm.

Beth Grob - Ahlers Law Firm

Depository Banks and Limits: Midstates Bank, Neola \$12 Million

Community Bank, Persia \$20,000

ISJIT, \$5 Million

Legal Publications: The Herald & The Daily Nonpareil

Title I - Jami Bertelsen

Motion carried as 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to appoint Stephanie Witt to the Harrison County Conference Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Witt to approve Sara Arnold to the Pottawattamie County Conference Board. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Ausdemore to approve Edwin Gambs as Director of District Number 5 on the AEA Board of Directors. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to authorize the District Administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for a modified supplemental amount of \$3,994 due to an increase of certified enrollment from the prior year. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Arnold with a second by Ausdemore to authorize the District Administration to submit a request to the SBRC for a modified supplemental amount of \$81,084.88 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Witt to approve the plan as presented by Business Manager Harder for the distribution of funds received for Education Support Personnel Salary Supplement (ESPSS). Motion carried 5-0.

Copier bids were reviewed by Technology Director Schmitz. Motion by Arnold with a second by VanArsdol to approve the bid from Visual Edge for 3 copiers to be installed over the winter break. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by VanArsdol with a second by Arnold offering an Early Notification Incentive Program for FY26 to teachers not returning for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

No unpaid leave requests

No fundraisers

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by Arnold to approve the resignation of Shelly Sorenson as JrH Volleyball Coach effective November 2025. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ausdemore with a second by VanArsdol to adjourn the organizational meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

President Olsen declared the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

The next meeting will be held December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Secondary Library.

Jennifer T. Harder  
Board Secretary/Business Manager

Mike Olsen  
Board President