

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JANUARY 4, 2017  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rosch at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Members present: Bob Rosch, Joe LeBlanc, Craig Thompson, Kent Rice, Donna Beringer, Al Zietlow, Sue Schultz, Tim Langer, and Dave Dean

Administration present: Laura Myrah, Steve Kopecky, and Kevin Lipscomb

The meeting was properly posted.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS –

Barbara Begale addressed the Board expressing concern that school was held on January 2nd, which was considered the observance day for the New Year's holiday. It was suggested to Ms. Begale to call Superintendent Myrah in order to receive an explanation of why Arrowhead and its seven K-8 elementary feeder districts developed the calendar in that manner.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL REFERENDUM PROJECT AND RELATED FINANCES –

Superintendent Myrah reviewed the goal of the discussion, which was to continue the prioritization of identified facility projects in order to determine an appropriate referendum project, and its associated cost estimate, for action during the January 11, 2017, Board meeting.

Representatives from Miron Construction and Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA) provided a brief overview of the entire facilities and site project. The revised list and costings of proposed projects were reviewed, discussed, and questions from Board members were answered. The priority levels of various projects were discussed, as well as a palatable cost of an entire referendum project.

Mike Clark presented the hypothetical financial impact, with the higher interest rate than what was in place for the November referendum. For a referendum of \$36,680,000, the average impact is projected at approximately \$45 per \$100,000 of property value each year for a 21-year debt. This constitutes \$.0123 per \$1 million of the project at a 4.0 - 4.25% estimated interest rate and an equalized valuation growth at 1%.

President Rosch noted there will not be a vote on approving a referendum at this meeting, but did informally poll the Board for the comfort level of the presented, revised project total of approximately \$36.68 million. The timing of the election, the increasing cost of construction as years go by, the cost of the project in relation to commercial versus private home construction, data points regarding the expansiveness of the project and size of campus (square footage and acreage), and that a bidding process will be in place to get the best pricing for all of the work, were all discussed. The majority of the Board was in agreement to bring the proposed project at \$36.68 million to the next Board meeting for action. A drafted referendum question was reviewed, which will also be forwarded to the Board for action on January 11<sup>th</sup>. In the weeks to come, district administrators, EUA, and Miron consultants will plan the communication efforts related to the potential referendum. Board members were asked to share communication ideas with Superintendent Myrah to be considered during the planning process.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Dean to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Myrah  
Superintendent

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk