

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2011
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:02 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Joe LeBlanc, Bob Rosch, Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, Mike Kusch, Kent Rice, Al Zietlow (arrived at 7:06 p.m.);
Jack Gutschenritter, Donna Vrakas (via Elluminate video conferencing)

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Mary Ann Beckman, Gregg Wieczorek

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Rosch to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2010, Special Board meeting and the December 8, 2010, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education that a second reading of Procedure 911. Student Transportation Policy will not be required, as all Board members were present for the first (and final) reading on December 8, 2010.

Mr. Zietlow arrived at this time.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 129609-129657, 129659-129680, 129682-129766, 129768-129819, 129821-129872, and 201000381-201000437 in the amount of \$1,286,861.50. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – The Board of Education viewed the Arrowhead Center for the Arts promotional video that was created by our students. They also reviewed the staff/student recognition list and determined the Board representative(s) for each event.

Mr. Jefson demonstrated Elluminate, a web-based tool available from LearnCentral, which allows for the online interactive participation of Mr. Gutschenritter and Ms. Vrakas at tonight’s meeting.

Dr. Laugerman shared information regarding a proposal to offer a summer program for middle school students called Gateway Academy Summer Day Camp. This would be a collaborative effort between the feeder schools and high school to stimulate interest and promote the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) programs. The proposal will be presented to the Curriculum Committee for further review and consideration.

Mr. Wieczorek shared information regarding the annual Honors Breakfast and a proposal to change the format and move the event to the same evening as the National Honor Society induction ceremony scheduled for April 18, 2011.

Dr. Beckman gave an update on steps that have been taken to address concerns expressed by staff regarding the physically aggressive behavior of some students in our autism program.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the December 16, 2010, meeting.

The committee reviewed the curriculum proposal for the Warhawk Health and Wellness Center, which would be student designed and student run. An open house, which was scheduled for December 21, 2010, was attended by several Board members. The committee was also updated regarding the progress being made with the 2010/2011 Social Studies 9 pilot program. They also reviewed a curriculum proposal for a Citizenship pilot program for 9th grade students, which would be implemented during the second semester of the 2010/2011 school year. If positive outcomes are attained, consideration will be given to making this a required course for graduation.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson reported on the December 14, 2010, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve Robert W. Baird & Co. as the district's financial advisor for the potential upcoming referendum process, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

The committee continued their discussion of a potential P Card Purchasing program for the district. The committee directed the business manager to develop a policy and procedure to implement the P Card Purchasing program for consideration by the Policy Committee.

Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2011/2012 budget development. Department budgets are due February 11, 2011. Although student enrollment is projected to increase 2% in 2011/2012, our financial planning models indicate that we will be facing deficits of potentially \$425,000 or more. We will have more specific budget information regarding school funding when Governor Walker presents the 2011-13 state budget proposal in February.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the January 5, 2011, meeting.

Mr. Andy Matter, chair of the Arrowhead Center for the Arts (ACA), presented an update on their progress. The ACA has 180 active members and 600 total members. To-date, the ACA has raised approximately \$25,000 through four fundraising events, distributed 6,000 brochures, and presented at 30 feeder school and high school events.

Mr. Jefson provided an update on the Facilities Community Task Force (FCT). They have developed a priority list which has been condensed into the following areas: 1) 21st Century Learning, 2) Theater, 3) Storage, 4) Traffic/Parking, 5) Special Education, and 6) Pool/Gym. The FCT has set a tentative date of April 20, 2011, to present their recommendations to the Board of Education.

The committee continued their discussion of an Energy Star Dashboard for educational purposes and the solar assessment conducted relative to the potential for heating the pool at North Campus. They were also updated regarding issues relative to the stadium elevator controls that need to be weather tight and the safety issues related to the D-ends at the stadium.

It was the consensus of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to reschedule their next meeting for February 3, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2011, which conflicts with the State Education Convention. It was the consensus of the Policy Committee to schedule their next meeting for February 17, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reviewed several Resolutions that he will be voting on at the WASB Delegate Assembly on January 19, 2011, on behalf of the Arrowhead School District.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported that CESA #1 has been requested to become involved in a training program with the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English (WCTE). He also noted that one of our English teachers, Kathy Nelson, is the 2011/2012 WCTE President.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve the following contracts: Julie Brzozowski (Accounts Payable Clerk); Boys Golf: Head Coach – Greg Budzien, Asst. Coaches – Greg Bisbee, Michael Williamson, and Mike Breaker; Boys Tennis: Head Coach – Jeremy Schlitt, Asst. Coaches – Sherry Nutt, Aravind Aravindan, and Jonathon Hart; Boys Track: Head Coach – Chris Herriot, Asst. Coaches – Mike Mulrooney, Mike Ray, Mike Gnewuch, Neil Smedema, Allison Schnelle, and Geoff Steinbach; Girls Lacrosse: Head Coach – Tom Truttschel, Asst. Coaches – Lee Bromberger (50%), Scott Keith (50%), Gerald Nickolaus, Steven Mayer (50%), and Jeffrey Rolerat (50%); Girls Soccer: Head Coach – Scott Asher, Asst. Coaches – Andrew Kolokoski, Dave Richman, and Trina Bower; Girls Softball: Head Coach – Emily Martin, Asst. Coaches – Jim Albers, Tim Tower, and Mike Hall; Girls Track: Head Coach – Steve Kostka, Asst. Coaches – James Ziech, Julie Marrazzo, Curt Kaczor, Andrew Brauer, and Michele Olshanski (50%). Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch that pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(e)(f), the Board of Education will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Personnel negotiations
- Medical leave of absence request
- Confidential support staff contracts
- Administrative contracts

Roll Call Vote: Thompson – aye, Zietlow – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Kusch – aye, Rice – aye, Gutschenritter – aye, Vrakas – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to move into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Gutschenritter – aye, Kusch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye, Vrakas – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the request of Nancy Shaw for a medical leave of absence from January 19 through May 9, 2011. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to approve the confidential support staff contracts as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to table action on the administrative contracts. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Closed session: personnel update (administrative contracts).

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk