

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2009
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:00 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, Jack Gutschenritter, Mike Kusch, Kent Rice, Judie Ristow, Al Zietlow

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

Staff present: Tim Tower

Students present: Lorelei Norman, Alex Dabertin, Leah Munkwitz, Analese Linton, Nicole Wisnieski

Also present: Jane Stadler

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2008, Special District meeting with one noted revision, and the December 10, 2008, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 120829-120942, 120944-121069, and 121071-121116 in the amount of \$992,376.34. Aye – 8; Mike Kusch recused himself and did not vote on the motion. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Tim Tower, social studies teacher and advisor to the Junior State of America (JSA) “Junior Statesmen Foundation” and the South Division High School Partnership, related information regarding these programs and shared pictures from some of the students’ activities. JSA students, Lorelei Norman and Alex Dabertin, also shared their experiences in this non-competitive debate program, which meets twice a month. JSA is the largest student-run organization in the country. Students involved in the South Division High School Partnership, including Leah Munkwitz, Annelise Linton, and Nicole Wisniewski, shared their experiences with this culturally diverse high school.

Dr. Laugerman noted that Dr. Willard Daggett, President of International Center for Leadership in Education, will be the keynote speaker on the evening of March 5, 2009, at WCTC. His message will be on the topic of “Balancing Declining Resources with the Need to Improve Student Performance.” Board members are invited to attend.

Dr. Laugerman also updated the Board of Education on the status of the 2020 Initiative Launch Team. This 60-member group, which is comprised of teachers, administrators, and community members, will meet again tomorrow evening. The Launch Team will share what has been learned about the learner. They will also review a video of students’ responses to a series of questions focused on motivation, technology, and the ideal future school to better understand how students learn best and under what circumstances they best retain knowledge. The Launch Team will meet again on February 18, 2009. Recommendations from the Launch Team will then be brought forward to the respective school boards.

Mr. Jefson distributed an update to the Board of Education on the Random Drug Testing program for the time period from September-December 2008.

CURRICULUM – No report.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Thompson reported on the January 8, 2009, meeting. The committee discussed options to address declining enrollment and projected budget deficits. This will be an item for further discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for January 28, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. A preliminary proposal of budget reductions will be presented to the Board of Education in March, with the final proposal to be presented for approval in April.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2009, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – No report.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2009, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reviewed the WASB Report to the Membership on 2009 Recommended Resolutions, including the additional proposal submitted by the School District of Beloit. Mr. Zietlow will attend the WASB Delegate Assembly on January 21, 2009, and vote on the 2009 Recommended Resolutions on behalf of the Arrowhead School District.

Mr. Zietlow reminded Board members that the State Education Convention is scheduled for January 21-23, 2009, at the Midwest Airlines Center in Milwaukee.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported on the CESA #1 meeting he attended last evening and distributed information regarding CESA #1's Project Fresh Start, which was designed to assist school districts by providing services for expelled students.

ADSEC – No report.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No report. An agenda item for their next meeting was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to accept the retirements of Joan Blaschke (26 years of service), Randy Georgeson (31 years of service), Cynthia Kinzel (33 years of service), Bill Peche, (33 years of service), and Mary Ziegelbauer (32.5 years of service), effective June 12, 2009. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the following cocurricular contracts: Boys Golf: Head Coach – Tom Tallmadge, Asst. Coaches – Roger Kuckkan, Greg Budzien, and Mike Breaker; Boys Tennis: Head Coach – Jeremy Schlitt, Asst. Coaches – Gina Resch and Aravind Aravindan; Boys Track: Head Coach – Chris Herriot, Asst. Coaches – Mike Mulrooney, Mike Ray, Mike Gnewuch, Neil Smedema, and Ty Breitlow; Girls Soccer: Head Coach – Kevin Martin, Asst. Coaches – Scott Asher and Dave Richman; Girls Softball: Head Coach – Emily Martin, Asst. Coaches – Jim Albers and Tim Tower; Girls Track: Head Coach – Steve Kostka, Asst. Coaches – James Ziech (75%), Tony Dai (25%), Tom Whelan, Liz Jorgensen, Julie Marrazzo, Curt Kaczor, and Jim Vento. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Zietlow to accept the donation of \$10,000 to the Senior Party and \$6,000 to the Wrestling Program, as presented. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk