

**ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2023 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Schubert at 7:08 p.m. in the South Campus Library.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Darrell Beneker, Tim Evers, Chris Farris, Brandon Miller, Kim Schubert, Craig Thompson, Lynn Vogeltanz, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer

Administration present: Laura Myrah, Jeff Gross, Sue Casetta, Adam Kurth, Adam Boldt

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Langer to approve the January operating bill list and pay vouchers as presented. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Myrah introduced Band Director Ryan Meisel and the students in the Honors Jazz Band who entertained attendees as a way to celebrate music at Arrowhead. Ms. Myrah thanked Ryan and the students for their wonderful performance.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Community comments included considerations for the school board regarding the hiring of a new superintendent, a request for the board to repeal Policy 651 - Procedures for handling student name changes and pronoun usage, request for an inclusion consultant to be brought in for training, concerns over the proposed change to community comments during a school board meeting, concern regarding the lack of community discussion regarding Policy 649 Possession of Personal Wireless Electronic Devices as it related to Chromebooks, as well as the speed and process of recent policy approvals.

CURRICULUM - Chairperson Hemmer provided a report from the January 26, 2023 meeting. The committee heard a proposal for the International Music Festival which will take place in April 2024. Members of the English department provided a presentation regarding the process and extent of work that goes into selecting books for their courses. Ms. Casetta provided information regarding potential impacts of Chat GPT on instruction and reported that our staff is aware and currently learning about this technology. Arrowhead does already have policies regarding academic integrity and cheating. Ms. Casseta shared the ACT and pre-ACT spring test schedules that have been shared with families and students. The committee discussed the change in location for the World language trip from Peru change to Spain. The board began a discussion as to whether board members should have access to Canvas. This topic has been sent to the Policy Committee for discussion.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to approve the Wind Ensemble trip to Washington DC. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to approve the alternative international trip location for the World Language trip from Peru to Spain. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – The next Finance and Legislation meeting date is February 22, 2023 at 6:45 a.m. At this meeting, the committee will discuss and review the financial audit report, review a 5 year plan on enrollment and finance, and discuss board legislative advocacy.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Beneker provided a report from the February 2, 2023 meeting. Mr. Kurth presented an opportunity for the board to visit local schools for a comparison of facilities in order to assist in the planning of future facility improvements at Arrowhead. The tour will likely take place after spring break or during summertime. Mr. Mangan updated the committee on the scoreboard sponsorship with the installation currently scheduled for mid-August. Mr. Lipscomb and Mr. Gross reviewed the Building and Grounds dashboard for the first half of the fiscal year. Mr. Gross introduced that idea of a facilities study as a future agenda item. The committee will need to consider conducting this type of study to identify facility needs in preparation for a possible referendum. This topic will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

The next Building and Grounds meeting is March 2, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Langer provided a report from the January 13, 2023 meeting. The committee reviewed the process for selecting the next superintendent and divided the work among board members and administrators. Superintendent applications will be accepted through February 10, 2023.

Mr. Beneker reviewed the superintendent search survey results. The survey had results from 153 faculty and staff and 902 parents and guardians. It was noted that this survey also included results from approximately 50 other stakeholders from Arrowhead feeder schools. Mr. Beneker commented that he was able to identify these participants and after reviewing their response he felt that the comments shared a lot of similarities with the other participants and therefore he included them in the analysis. Mr. Beneker summarized the top 3 things to know and shared the top 10 attributes to look for in a new superintendent.

Mr. Kurth discussed the results of the recent focus group regarding the superintendent search, which was held with a balanced group of staff, students and parents. He described the format and process of the two-hour session designed to solicit open feedback in a non-biased approach. All comments were recorded and are available to the board for review. Mr. Langer commented that at the last committee meeting board members agreed that they would listen to our staff, administration, and other stakeholders during the superintendent selection process. Mr. Langer thanked Mr. Kurth for his hard work.

The next Personnel meeting will be a closed session meeting held on February 15, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

Mr. Langer reminded all staff that are involved in the superintendent search to sign the non-disclosure agreement.

POLICY – Chairperson Farris provided a report from the January 31, 2023 meeting. The committee is working towards the goal of reviewing all policies within this past year. A discussion was had regarding Policy and Procedure 151.4 - Board Meeting Notifications/Agenda /Minutes.

The committee has considered making changes to allow for community comments only on items that are on the agenda as a way to shorten the meeting duration. The community conversation sessions will continue as an opportunity to hear from the public. Creating a consent agenda item was presented to include non-controversial items that can be voted on at one time while still allowing items to be pulled out for discussion if needed.

Moved by Farris, seconded by Hemmer to approve changes to Policy 151.4 Public participation at board meetings as presented. Motion was Withdrawn by Farris and Hemmer.

Moved by Thompon, seconded by Langer to table changes to Policy 151.4 and send this policy back to committee for further discussion. Motion Carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded Beneker by to approve the changes to Policy 151.5 Regular Board Meeting Agenda Format as presented. Motion Carried.

The next Policy meeting is February 28, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

WASB – no report

CESA #1 - Mr. Evers - no report

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Miller, seconded by Beneker to approve the resignations/retirement as presented. Motion Carried.

Mr. Thompson commented that with the official acknowledgement of Laura Myrah's retirement, he would like to congratulate her on a job well done over the past eight years.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Vogeltanz to approve the contract/letters of appointments as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Langer to approve the donations as presented. Motion Carried.

Ms. Schubert thanked the Marek group for their work and contributions as well as the volunteers of the tennis fundraising effort.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Beneker to approve the 66.03 cooperative agreement for the 2023/2024 Special Education Consulting Services. Motion Carried.

Future agenda items - No future agenda items were presented.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker that pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), the board will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Recommendation to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2023 closed session meeting.
- Consideration of superintendent candidates for interviews and competitive compensation factors.

Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate McGraw
Recording Secretary

Amy Hemmer, Clerk