

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 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, Kent Rice, Al Zietlow (arrived at 7:37 p.m.),
Donna Vrakas, Jack Gutschenritter (via Elluminate video conferencing)

Unable to attend: Mike Kusch

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Rosch to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2011, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Thompson to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 129873-129978, 129980-130041, 130043-130167, 201000417-201000435, 201000443, and 201000450-201000467 in the amount of \$1,799,186.55. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Jefson reported that the Kettle Moraine School District is hosting a Legislative Breakfast on February 14, 2011, at 8:00 a.m., at the Town Bank in Wales. Superintendents and school board members from 26 area school districts have been invited to meet with several legislators regarding the upcoming 2011-13 state budget and potential education reform legislation. If any Board member would like to attend the breakfast, they should notify Mr. Jefson.

Mr. Jefson also reported that the Arrowhead area superintendents support the proposed Gateway Academy Summer Day Camp. This is a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) program that will be offered to middle school students from our feeder schools and taught at Arrowhead High School by our Technology and Engineering Department staff during the 2011 summer school program.

Mr. Jefson reported on the Special Board meeting that was held on February 3, 2011, with the Merton School Board to discuss service delivery models for administration, including but not limited to shared services and personnel. The Merton School Board requested the meeting due to the recent announcement that the Merton superintendent will be retiring as of June 30, 2011, in addition to the retirement of the Director of Curriculum and Gifted/Talented, as well as the future retirement of the Director of Finance. No action has been taken by either school board.

The Board of Education reviewed the staff/student recognition list and determined the Board representative(s) for each event.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the January 27, 2011, meeting.

The committee reviewed a proposal to eliminate class rank for students, beginning with the class of 2012. Many administrators, parents, and students at high performing high schools believe that during the college admission process, they are at a disadvantage compared to other high schools where they feel it would be easier to obtain a higher class rank. It is estimated that 45 percent of high schools in the nation have eliminated class rank, and this trend seems particularly strong among high-performing high schools. By eliminating class rank, colleges and universities must focus on other information about the student, such as GPA, test scores, rigor of courses, essays, recommendations, service, and activities.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Thompson to approve the proposal to eliminate class rank, beginning with the class of 2012, as presented. Motion Carried.

The committee also reviewed a proposal to eliminate the drivers education program immediately. Our current drivers education instructors have or will soon reach retirement age. There appears to be no interest from other staff to become certified to teach drivers education. Enrollment has declined sharply over the past few years. This may be due to the cost of the Arrowhead program compared to private companies and because the classroom portion of a high school program must be at least six weeks in length, whereas for private companies it is only required to be a minimum of three weeks. According to the Wisconsin DPI, 193 high school drivers education programs have been eliminated, including 16 in the past year alone.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Rosch to approve the proposal to eliminate the drivers education program immediately. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zietlow arrived at this time.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Schultz to approve the Carl Perkins Grant Application in the amount of \$30,350, as presented. Motion Carried.

It was the consensus of the Curriculum Committee to reschedule their next meeting for February 23, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2011/2012 budget development. Department budgets are due February 11, 2011. We hope to have more specific budget information regarding school funding when Governor Walker presents the 2011-13 state budget proposal, which is expected to occur on February 21 or 22, 2011. Depending on the parameters put in place in the state's revenue limit formula, we may be facing potential deficits of \$425,000-\$650,000.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the February 3, 2011, meeting.

The committee reviewed the Wally Grounds Café business proposal, which is a student-run experiential learning opportunity. The committee approved moving the proposal forward to the Curriculum Committee for review and consideration.

The committee also reviewed the solar site assessment report in regard to a proposed solar heating system for the pool. The committee will continue their discussion of the matter pending additional information requested.

Mr. Jefson provided an update on the Facilities Community Task Force (FCT). There are approximately 40 individuals still involved with the group. Attendance at the last meeting was low due to weather issues. The meeting scheduled for February 1, 2011, was canceled due to the weather. Their next meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2011. The task force is in the process of developing and prioritizing solutions and options, which will be presented to the Board of Education at a Special Board meeting tentatively scheduled for April 2011.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the WASB Delegate Assembly he attended on January 19, 2011, as the Arrowhead School District's delegate.

Mr. Zietlow noted that the 2011 WASB Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 16, 2011.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported that James Rickabaugh, retired superintendent of the Whitefish Bay School District, has been named director of The Institute at CESA #1, which was established to sustain and enable the educational transformation efforts of member districts within the region, as envisioned in the white paper developed by CESA #1 superintendents entitled, "Transforming Public Education: A Regional Call to Action."

MULLETT ICE CENTER COMMUNITY BOARD – Mr. LeBlanc reported on the February 1, 2011, meeting. The Ice Center Board reviewed the status of the Ice Center budget (July 2010 through January 2011). They also reviewed the public skating fees rate comparison sheet and the listing of spring and summer programs. They were also updated in regard to the new software program installed in the summer of 2010, as well as several facilities maintenance projects.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Zietlow to approve the proposed public skating fees, effective September 1, 2011, as recommended by the Mullett Ice Center Community Board. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Rice, seconded by Rosch to accept, with regret, the resignations/retirements of Steve Kostka, effective at the conclusion of the 2010/2011 school year, David Watry, effective June 17, 2011, and Myragene Pettit, effective at the conclusion of the 2010/2011 school year, and to accept the resignation of Sherrie Daniel, effective March 4, 2011, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Thompson to approve the contract for Barry Johnstone (Supervisor of Custodial Operations), Christopher Adrian (Asst. Girls Track Coach), and Denise Gundrum (Asst. Girls Track Coach – 50%). Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the Pool Wage Schedule, effective June 1, 2011, through May 31, 2013, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve a 66.0301 Agreement between the Arrowhead Union High School District and Merton School District to enter into a Shared Services Contract for an Arrowhead High School math instructor to teach one section of geometry at Merton School during the 2011/2012 school year, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Gutschenritter, 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
- Personnel matters
- Administrative contracts

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

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

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

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the administrative contracts as presented. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk