

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
MARCH 11, 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, Kevin Flegner

Staff present: John Hough, Annette LeMieux, Julie Schwartz, Frank Wood, Mike Ward, Kathie Mitich, Angie Rodenkirch, Debbie Wied, Barbara Weiss, Christopher Washburn, Darcie Vacek

Students present: Angela Hein, Ashlynn Hughes, Nicole Giesie, Evan Dyke, Adam Susa, Eric Wucki

Also present: Erin Lamb, Lake Country Reporter

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009, Special Board meeting and the February 11, 2009, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 121448, 121546-121644, 121646-121681, 121684-121709, 121711-121788, 121790-121891, 200800362-200800377, and 200800382-200800388 in the amount of \$1,568,019.88. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – John Hough, special education teacher, distributed information regarding the history of the Arrowhead Special Olympics program. He also noted that Arrowhead High School's team was the regional champion of the Job Olympics 2009, which included 16 area schools. Three students who won individual awards in the Job Olympics were also present. They included Angela Hein, who took 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Cashiering, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Business Card, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Office Assistant; Ashlynn Hughes, who took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Cashiering; and Nicole Giesie, who took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Office Assistant and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in Money and Time. Mr. Hough also distributed information regarding fundraisers that support these programs, including the sale of craft items and outdoor furniture, which are manufactured by students, and the annual Lobster Boil, which is scheduled for April 24, 2009.

Annette LeMieux, Julie Schwartz (department coordinator), and Frank Wood, business and marketing education teachers, distributed information to the Board of Education in regard to three students who earned the 2008 National Financial Literacy Challenge medal. The Challenge was developed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury and is a 35-question test that high school students can take to earn recognition for their knowledge of financial concepts. The Challenge was taken by more than 75,000 high school students. 503 students from Arrowhead High School participated in the Challenge, with 182 students placing in the top 25<sup>th</sup> percentile in the nation. Students who scored in the top 1% are awarded a medal. Three students from Arrowhead High School who earned this medal are: Evan Dyke, Adam Susa, and Eric Wucki. President LeBlanc and Mr. Jefson presented the students with their medals.

School counselors, Mike Ward (department coordinator), Kathie Mitich, Angie Rodenkirch, Debbie Wied, Barbara Weiss, and Christopher Washburn, presented information to the Board of Education regarding the Wisconsin School Counseling Model. All of the counselors have successfully completed Level 1 training, Foundation/Delivery, this year. In subsequent years, they will be receiving training in Level 2, Management System, and Level 3, Accountability.

Dr. Laugerman announced that Arrowhead High School was named a 2009 Siemens Award winner for Advanced Placement for excellence in math and science. The award honors the achievements of students, teachers, and high schools who excel in the College Board's Advanced Placement (AP) math and science exams. Arrowhead High School was one of 50 schools recognized nationally, and the only high school in Wisconsin to receive the award. Arrowhead High School will receive \$1,000 to support math and science education. The names of all the award recipients were featured in the February 23, 2009, edition of *USA Today*.

The Rube Goldberg team from Arrowhead High School received the "Most Creative Use of Materials" award for their '70's-style machine. Their project was "tricked out with a lava lamp, shag carpet, disco ball, and a turntable."

Eric Varrelmann, technology and engineering education teacher, has acquired approximately \$15,000 worth of donated General Motors specialty tools for our automotive program, which is ASE certified (National Association for Automotive Service Excellence) and has achieved AYES (Automotive Youth Educational Systems) accreditation. Through this partnership, six students have been placed in internships at local dealerships.

Maralynn Markano has been selected to receive the 2009 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship award. She will be recognized at a luncheon on March 29, 2009. Ms. Markano will receive a \$1,000 award and Arrowhead High School will also receive \$1,000.

The recipients of the Arrowhead High School 2009 Teacher of the Year award are Ron Reichle (North Campus) social studies teacher, Kathy Kopp (South Campus) special education teacher, and Cathy Pfeiler (North and South Campus) music teacher. They will be recognized at the Honors Breakfast scheduled for March 14, 2009.

Dr. Laugerman and Mr. Wiczorek commended Nancy Jorgensen and Cathy Pfeiler for their collaborative efforts in the accomplishments of our choir program and also for the Broadway Company's fall production of *Cats* being nationally recognized as one of the best high school musicals in America, as it was selected as the *USA WEEKEND* magazine's 2008 HSM (High School Musical) Showstopper. Ms. Jorgensen and Ms. Pfeiler have also raised approximately \$50,000 each year to put on the musical. Any remaining funds have been used to purchase theatre equipment. They also spearheaded the campaign that raised \$45,000 toward the purchase of a grand piano. They are currently generating scholarship funds for their students who cannot afford voice lessons. Due to their efforts, our students continue to be provided with many opportunities to have a high quality educational experience.

Kevin Flegner, activities director, commended Carl Valimont, head hockey coach, his staff, and team for winning our school's first Division 1 Boys Hockey State Championship. He also commended Bob Pulkowski, head girls gymnastics coach, his staff, and team for winning our school's first Division 1 Girls Gymnastics State Championship.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – At her request, Jo Ann Bahr was given an opportunity to meet with the Board of Education to appeal the Title IX complaint response. However, Ms. Bahr chose not to attend.

Kent Rice asked how long the school district has been dealing with this issue, how much money the school district has spent in terms of legal fees, and how much time has been spent by the current and previous administration in regard to this matter. In response to his questions, it was stated that the school district has been dealing with this issue for nearly three years, that the estimated cost to the school district is approximately \$20,000 in legal fees, \$20,000 in time spent by the current and previous administration, and a conservative estimate of more than 50 hours of the superintendent's time has been spent dealing with this matter this year.

CURRICULUM – Committee member Zietlow reported on the February 24, 2009, meeting. The committee reviewed the 2009/2010 Carl Perkins grant application. At their next meeting, the committee will continue their discussion of North Central Accreditation (NCA) and the accreditation process.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson reported on the February 25, 2009, meeting.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Kusch to approve the 2009/2010 Facility Use Fee Schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Rosch to approve the 2009/2010 Student Fee Schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2009/2010 budget development. The budget development process is on schedule. The Finance Committee will meet on April 2, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. to review the draft 2009/2010 budget.

The committee discussed the extension of the transportation contract with Dousman Transport, Inc. As per the terms of the Agreement, the contract will be extended an additional year unless notice is given prior to May 1 that the Agreement will not be extended. The committee agreed to the extension of the Agreement one additional year.

The committee reviewed the 2008 Pirates of Penzance Musical Financial Statement. Revenues exceeded expenses by \$15,351. This revenue balance will be used for theatre maintenance, upgrades, and/or equipment.

The committee also reviewed the current District investment portfolio.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the March 4, 2009, meeting. He provided an update regarding the irrigation improvement project and bid review. The committee accepted the lowest bid of \$33,885. Funding for this project was included in the approved 2007/2008 Capital Expansion Budget. Mr. Tom Emmerich of T.J. Emmerich Associates, Inc., and Watertronics are also contributing their time and services, which will significantly reduce the cost of this project.

The committee reviewed a systems analysis and cash flow proposal from Orion for improvements to the lighting system at the Mullett Ice Center, as well as a bid from US Lamp. The committee requested additional information regarding the Orion proposal and recommended that the project be put on hold at this time due to budgetary reasons.

The committee also reviewed the preliminary Buildings and Grounds Supplemental and Capital Expansion Budget Plan. The final budget will be presented to the committee for review at their April meeting.

**PERSONNEL** – No report.

**POLICY** – Chairperson Ristow reported on the February 19, 2009, meeting.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve new Policy 851. Sponsorships, as recommended by the Policy Committee.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Ristow to amend the motion to approve new Policy 851. Sponsorships and replace the last sentence of the third paragraph with the following: “Final approval of all Sponsorship Agreements must be attained by the Board of Education.” Amendment Carried.

After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Amended Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Rosch to approve Procedure 380. Communications/Data Systems, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Kusch to approve the Arrowhead Union High School District Policies and Procedures Manual and Appendices in its entirety, as recommended by the Policy Committee. Motion Carried.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009, at 7:00 a.m.

Mrs. Ristow left the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

**WASB** – Mr. Zietlow noted that the 2009 Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 18, 2009. He encouraged Board members to attend.

Mr. Zietlow also distributed background information on the Federal Stimulus (ARRA) and the WASB Key 2009-11 State Budget Provisions, dated February 2009, to the Board of Education for their review.

**CESA** – No report.

**ADSEC** – Closed session report.

**ENDOWMENT FUND** – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the contracts for Kathleen Whittemore (Special Education – replacement position through 6-12-09), and Katrina Wesley (Asst. Girls Track Coach). Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky reviewed the 2009/2010 Open Enrollment Summary dated March 4, 2009. We are projecting 48 new open enrollment students (out of 83 applications received) in 2009/2010, with 79 returning open enrollment students, for a total of 127 students. We are also projecting that a total of 38 resident students will attend other districts, for a net of 89 open enrollment students.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the 2009/2010 Open Enrollment Attendance Requests provided students have no expulsions on record or pending, space is available, and there is no undue financial burden on the Arrowhead Union High School District for those students who will be receiving special education. After further discussion, Kent Rice called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to accept the donation of \$6,000 from Price Engineering to the Robotics Program. Aye – 7 and Abstain – 1 (Schultz). Motion Carried.

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

- Personnel Negotiations
- Resignation

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

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

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

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to approve the 2007-2009 Personnel Agreement Between the Arrowhead United Teachers' Organization (AUTO) and the Arrowhead School District Board of Education, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Zietlow to accept the resignation of Patrice Chambers, effective June 30, 2009, as presented. Aye – 7 and Abstain – 1 (Schultz). Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk