

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 30, 2010
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 4:02 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Joe LeBlanc, Bob Rosch, Sue Schultz, Mike Kusch, Kent Rice, Judie Ristow, Craig Thompson, Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: Jack Gutschenritter

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky

Others present: Mary Beth Eckels and Donna Vrakas, School Board Candidates (Hartland/Lakeside Seat)

The meeting was properly posted.

Buildings and Grounds Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the status of the stadium bleacher project. The bleachers are 48 years old. They do not meet the seating requirements for events held at the stadium and are not ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliant. A recent inspection report regarding the existing bleacher system identified safety, structural, and compliance issues that need to be addressed. Maintenance expenses will continue to increase due to the age, design, and condition of the existing bleachers.

With the involvement of interested community members, preliminary plans have been developed that address seating capacity, press box needs, storage, bathroom facilities, upgrades to the entrances, and stadium lighting and sound. A group of private donors has come forward to assist in financing the project. The cost of the project, depending on the extent of improvements, could range from \$2 to \$4 million dollars. Phases of the project have been planned to allow for stages to be completed as financial resources become available.

Mr. Jefson presented the stadium bleacher project proposal for consideration by the Board of Education. An individual donor has proposed a \$1.5 million dollar stadium bleacher project with the following funding sources: 1) \$500,000 from the individual donor; 2) \$500,000 in donations from the community; and 3) \$500,000 from the school district. All donations would be required to be deposited into the school district's accounts by April 10, 2010, or the project would be delayed or canceled.

The other option for consideration by the Board of Education is to decline the individual donation and apply the financial resources available to address the safety, structural, and compliance issues identified with the existing bleacher system. A timeline and budget plan for replacing the existing bleacher system would need to be developed.

The Board of Education discussed the stadium bleacher project proposal at length.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Kusch to approve the plan for the stadium bleacher project with the district's commitment not to exceed \$500,000, including all infrastructure costs, and contingent upon the following: 1) public donations surpass \$1,000,000; 2) the entire project will not exceed the total of public donations plus the district's commitment of \$500,000; and 3) all public donations are deposited into the district's accounts by April 10, 2010.

Roll Call Vote: Thompson – aye, Zietlow – aye, Ristow – no, LeBlanc – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Kusch – aye, Rice – aye. Aye – 7 and No – 1 (Ristow). Motion Carried.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed five bids for construction manager services associated with the stadium bleacher project and recommends contracting with VJS Construction Services, Inc.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve contracting with VJS Construction Services, Inc. for construction manager services associated with the stadium bleacher project, as described in the General Condition Summary dated March 29, 2010, Option #3, in the amount of \$65,531, and with a VJS Construction Services donation of \$15,000. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve contracting with Eppstein Uhen Architects for architectural services associated with the stadium bleacher project, as recommended by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zietlow reviewed the architectural services request for proposal. The future referendum project associated with the RFP would include additions and renovations to North Campus and South Campus, construction of a third instructional building that would include a theater and classrooms, and field development. The target date for a referendum is the April 2011 election, with the goal of having a facility ready for utilization by the fall of 2012.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to approve soliciting proposals for architectural services for the referendum project. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Kusch that pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(g), the Board of Education will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Conferring with legal counsel regarding Office of Civil Rights complaint

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

Mr. Zietlow left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Thompson to move into open session.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk