

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JULY 9, 2008
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:01 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, Gregg Wieczorek

Staff present: Mary Ann Beckman

Also present: Erin Lamb, Lake Country Reporter

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2008, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Kusch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 118432-118538, 118542-118697, 118699-119009, 200700098-200700112, and 200700126-200700145 in the amount of \$1,939,766.72. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Jefson reviewed informational items that had been distributed to the Board of Education.

Mr. Wieczorek reviewed the WKCE (Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam) test scores and distributed related information. The WKCE was administered to all sophomores on October 31 and November 1, 2007, and we had 100% participation. Test results were released by the DPI in June. The WKCE tests students in the areas of reading, language, mathematics, science, and social studies. Mr. Wieczorek also shared other comparisons of schools, which indicated that Arrowhead High School was ranked #4 out of the 56 schools in CESA #1, was #12 out of the top 100 schools in the state, and was #1 of those schools in the state having 400 or more sophomores.

Mr. Wieczorek also summarized the Annual Review of School Performance 2007/2008 report from the DPI. The review includes four areas in which "adequate yearly progress" (AYP) must be met: test participation, graduation rate, reading, and mathematics. Arrowhead High School met all the AYP requirements in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007. All AYP requirements were met in 2007/2008, with one exception. In 2007/2008, the AYP reading objective required that 74% of students be proficient or advanced. As a whole, 93% of students were proficient or advanced in reading, thus meeting the AYP requirement. However, DPI criteria also states that if there are 40 or more students identified as "Students with Disabilities," or special education students, they, as a separate cell or sub-group, must also meet the AYP reading objective. In 2007/2008, Arrowhead High School had 45 sophomores identified as Students with Disabilities. Of that group, 31.8% of students were proficient or advanced in reading. Therefore, we did not meet the AYP requirement in this sub-category. Of those 45 special education students, 22 have disabilities specific to the area of reading. Mr. Wieczorek and Dr. Beckman distributed information regarding the steps that were taken in 2007/2008 and an action plan for 2008/2009 to increase student achievement in reading.

Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education in regard to the Village of Hartland's proposed Tax Incremental District #4 (TID #4), which incorporates the downtown area known as the Village Center. Mr. Kopecky stated that he will attend the Joint Review Board meetings as the school district's representative. The Joint Review Board includes representatives from the Arrowhead Union High School District, Hartland/Lakeside School District, Waukesha County Technical College, and Waukesha County. The next meeting of the Joint Review Board is scheduled for July 16, 2008.

CURRICULUM – The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to have their next regular monthly meeting on August 13, 2008, as scheduled.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky reviewed the minutes of the July 9, 2008, meeting. He presented the proposed 2008/2009 Budget revisions. The 2008/2009 Preliminary Budget, which was approved by the Board of Education on April 9, 2008, included a state equalization aid estimate of \$6,080,126. On July 1, 2008, the district received an initial state equalization aid estimate from the Department of Public Instruction of \$6,364,585, an increase of \$284,459. As a result, the projected property tax levy is now \$18,204,324, which is \$283,582 less than the 2008/2009 tax levy approved by the Board of Education in April. The mill rate is projected to increase from \$3.01 in 2007/2008 to \$3.07, an increase of 1.78%. Actual student enrollment will be certified on the third Friday in September. The Department of Public Instruction will provide final state equalization aid certification in October. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the budget adjustments as presented. The recommended tax levy for the 2008/2009 school year will be presented to the electorate for approval at the Annual Meeting scheduled for August 20, 2008. The Budget Hearing is scheduled at 7:00 p.m., followed by the Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the 2008/2009 Budget revisions as presented. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the June 26, 2008, special meeting. Due to concerns raised in regard to the sub-contractor for the wall rehabilitation project at the Mullett Ice Center, the committee accepted the alternative bid from Holton Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$39,847.

The committee also reviewed bids to remodel the Technology and Engineering Department's classroom areas to support the implementation of Project Lead the Way and discussed possible adjustments to the approved Buildings and Grounds supplemental and capital expansion budgets. The committee approved the proposed budget modifications and accepted the bid from Burkhart Construction Corp. in the amount of \$99,967.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – 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 June 20, 2008, meeting.

ADSEC – No report.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Gutschenritter to accept the resignations of Beth Osowski, effective June 30, 2008, and Daniela Stuckey, effective July 7, 2008.

Moved by Ristow to amend the motion to accept the resignation of Beth Osowski, effective June 30, 2008, and to accept the resignation of Daniela Stuckey, effective July 7, 2008, with the assessment of liquidated damages. The motion failed for lack of a second.

A vote was taken on the original motion to accept the resignations of Beth Osowski, effective June 30, 2008, and Daniela Stuckey, effective July 7, 2008. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to approve the following contracts: All returning staff for the 2008/2009 school year; Teaching – Anoush Cowles (Art) and Kyle Patoka (Science); Cocurricular – Boys Cross Country: Head Coach Mike Mulrooney, Asst. Coach Mike Ray; Boys Football – Head Coach Tom Taraska, Asst. Coaches Doug Wrecke, David Gierach, Mike Gnewuch, Jim Hessler, Fred Eimermann, Ty Breitlow, Jim LaVoi (Bergman), Anthony Pizzo (33%), Pete Kishline (33%), Vince Mancuso, Jim Vento (50%), Mike Horne (50%), Mike Ward, Jeremy Miller, and Eric Varrelmann (33%); Boys Soccer – Head Coach Jeff Staus, Asst. Coaches Mark Leoni, Scott Asher, Joe Paul, and Kevin Martin; Boys Volleyball – Head Coach Michael Tweedy, Asst. Coaches Jason Plowman and Marty Dobson; Cheerleading – Head Coach Andrea

Merkel; Girls Cross Country – Head Coach Curt Kaczor; Girls Diving and Swimming – Head Coach Jennifer Leider, Asst. Coaches Whitney Kohnhorst, Ruth Ahnen, and Michele Heinze; Girls Field Hockey – Head Coach Melissa Brengosz, Asst. Coaches Kristy Borkenhagen, Mary Culligan, and Jamie Schwind; Girls Golf – Head Coach Mike Breaker and Asst. Coach Cindy Kinzel; Pom Pons – Head Coach Kathy Budzien, Asst. Coach Becky Kusch; Girls Tennis – Head Coach Jeremy Schlitt, Asst. Coaches Sherry Nutt and Liz Stark; Girls Volleyball – Head Coach Sherry Moseler, Asst. Coaches Amy Frahm and Kevin Hogan; Intramurals – Advisor Liz Arsnow; Stage Crew: Advisor Maralynn Markano (1st semester) and Julie Meeusen (2nd semester), Asst. Advisor Julie Meeusen (1st semester) and Maralynn Markano (2nd semester); Musical – Set Construction: John Dolphin. Aye – 8 and Abstain – 1 (Kusch). Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the 2008/2009 Bank Depository Resolution as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the Carl Perkins Grant Application in the amount of \$30,451, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Rice to approve the sale of 160 4-year old IBM 8183 PCs back to IBM for \$102 each, as proposed. Motion Carried.

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

- Personnel Negotiations
- OCR Investigation
- Superintendent Review
- Connector Road Agreement

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

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

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

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve the 2008/2009 confidential support staff, Ice Center staff, and administration compensation as presented. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk