

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2008
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, Mike Kusch, Kent Rice, Judie Ristow
Unable to attend: Jack Gutschenritter, Al Zietlow

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky
Also present: JoAnn Bahr

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Kusch to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 119010-119148, 119151-119168, 119171-119205, and 119207-119243 in the amount of \$1,375,831.79. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Jefson reported that ACT scores were released today. We had 526 students take the test, which is more than 80% of our 2008 graduates. The state average is 69%. Our composite score was 24.2, which was the same as last year. The state average was 22.3, and the national average was 21.1.

Mr. Jefson announced that the Broadway Company's fall production of *Cats* was nationally recognized as one of the best high school musicals in America, as it was recently selected as the *USA WEEKEND* magazine's 2008 HSM (High School Musical) Showstopper.

Mr. Jefson presented the 2020 Initiative of the Arrowhead Area School Districts Consortium. This initiative is a collaborative/cooperative effort of the area school district superintendents and curriculum directors. The 2020 Vision of the consortium is: "To meet the needs of the 21st Century learner, the Arrowhead Area School Districts will adapt to create relevant, engaging, and self-directed learning opportunities for all of our students." Mr. Jefson also reviewed the timeline and role of the Initiation Group, Steering Committee, Launch Group, 2020 Conversations, 2020 Task Force, and 2020 Action Groups. The Launch Group includes a representative from the Board of Education of each district. The 2008/2009 budget for the Level 1 commitment is \$2,000 per school district.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Thompson, to approve the Level 1 commitment to the 2020 Initiative of the Arrowhead Area School Districts Consortium. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Rosch to approve funding \$2,000 for the costs associated with the Level 1 commitment. Motion Carried.

President LeBlanc will appoint the Board representative to participate in the Level 1 commitment from those who have expressed an interest.

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

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky reported on a revision to the 2008/2009 budget which occurred as a result of the audit that was completed in July.

The Budget Hearing is scheduled for August 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., which will be followed by the Annual Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Committee member Rice reported on the August 6, 2008, meeting. The committee requested that bids for both wood and concrete softball dugouts be obtained for review at their next meeting.

The committee also continued their discussion of the district's future land and facility needs and usage. They reviewed the facility usage study conducted by Eppstein Uhen Architects and considered their recommendation to undertake a master plan initiative to address the future needs of the district.

The committee was updated on several recent capital expansion projects, which included the roofing project at South Campus, Project Lead the Way remodeling project, the South Campus plumbing project, the pool HVAC remodeling project, and the Mullett Ice Center wall restoration project.

The committee was informed that the Focus on Energy grant application was approved in the amount of \$3,746. It was also noted that the installation of a heat recovery system for the ventilation exhaust air from the pool is being considered, as this would result in a projected energy cost savings of \$6,244 per year.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

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

WASB – Mrs. Ristow noted that the Fall Regional Meeting is scheduled for September 25, 2008, and encouraged Board members to attend.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – No report.

ENDOWMENT FUND – The next Endowment Fund meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Rice to approve the contracts for Lori Barbee (Family and Consumer Education), Bob Pulkowski (Head Girls Gymnastics Coach), Chad Weber (Asst. Girls Ice Hockey Coach), Beth Schueth (German Club Advisor), Jacob Polancich (Marching Band Director, Jazz Band Advisor – 50%, Pep Band Advisor – 50%), Stacey Zwirlein (Drumline Advisor), Lindsey Powell (Color Guard Advisor), Sarah Johansen (Student Senate/Citizenship Initiative Advisor), and Christina Bower (Student Senate/Citizenship Initiative Advisor). Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Schultz to approve the leave of absence request from Bruce Christy as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to accept the anonymous football donations of \$1,000 and \$10,000 and the anonymous baseball donation of \$5,000 and deposit the funds into the activity account. Motion Carried.

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

- Personnel Negotiations
- OCR Investigation
- Connector Road Agreement
- Ice Center Staffing

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

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch 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 eliminate the Director of Youth Hockey position, effective September 30, 2008.
Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk