

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2016
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The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by School Board President Bob Rosch at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Theater. There were 23 qualified electors present.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Rosch welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and introduced the Board of Education: Dave Dean (At Large seat), Craig Thompson (Stone Bank seat, Board Treasurer), Joe LeBlanc (Merton seat), Al Zietlow (Lake Country seat), Tim Langer (At Large seat), Donna Beringer (Hartland Lakeside seat), Sue Schultz (North Lake seat, Board Clerk), Kent Rice (Richmond seat, Board Vice President), and himself (Swallow seat, Board President). He also introduced the administrative staff: Laura Myrah (Superintendent) and Steve Kopecky (Business Manager); Diane Hoag is the recording secretary.

Mike Kusch nominated Bob Rosch to serve as the Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Dolores Pernerstorfer. There were no other nominations presented. Bob Rosch was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Chairperson Rosch noted that the 2015/2016 Treasurer's Report is summarized on pages 17-21 of the Annual Report Document. The complete Treasurer's Report will be available at the District Office when the 2015/2016 audit is complete.

REVIEW OF THE 2015/2016 SCHOOL YEAR –

Ms. Myrah's review of the past school year began the district's Mission statement. To achieve that mission, we value people, learning, and excellence; we enjoy a partnership with an engaged community that realizes the importance of learning within a high quality education; and we offer this excellent public education in a fiscally responsible manner. Over the last 9 years, the district has reduced its budget by approximately \$5 million. Since 2011/2012, employee benefit changes have resulted in an annual cost savings of approximately \$2 million. Arrowhead High School maintains a Moody's rating better than approximately 90% of the school districts in Wisconsin. Fund Balance, while healthy at 33%, has been used for recent improvement expenses. Despite increasing operational costs, our per pupil expense remains right around the state average. When compared to the other union high school districts in the state, Arrowhead High School had the second lowest mill rate in 2015/2016, and ranked 418th of 424 school districts in the state.

Ms. Myrah compared academic achievement among proximate public school districts. In 2014/2015, Arrowhead High School ranked second highest, with an ACT average composite score of 25.1 (state average 22.2) among college-bound seniors, and third highest among all juniors, with a score of 23.4 (state average 20.0). In 2014/2015, Arrowhead High School ranked highest, with 88.6% of students passing an Advanced Placement (AP) exam.

In 2016, Arrowhead High School offered 23 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. The average passing rate on exams was 89.9% (scores of 3, 4, or 5). Ms. Myrah also noted that in 2016, a total of 263 AP Scholars achieved an average score of 4.13. AP Scholar standings: AP Scholar-88 students; AP Scholar with Honor-65 students; AP Scholar with Distinction-110 students; and National AP Scholar-21 students.

Aspire Exams – This is a new state-required assessment of 9th and 10th grade students. It is a test of ACT/College Readiness, involving the subjects of English, math, science, writing, and reading. In 2015, the composite score of 9th grade students was 430 (ACT predicted score of 23.7), and the composite score of 10th grade students was 433 (ACT predicted score of 23.1).

Student Participation and Successful Education –

- Arrowhead High School's graduation rate is 96.6% (4 years), compared to the state average of 88.4%; the graduation rate is 99.3% (5 years), compared to the state average of 91.6%.
- 83.2% of Arrowhead High School graduates continue on to attend a 4-year college/university, compared to the state average of 52.2%; 6% of our graduates continue on to attend a vocational/technical school, compared to the state average of 20.6%.
- Co-curricular Participation: 63.4% of our students are involved in academic programs outside of the regular school day, compared to the state average of 36.9%; 61.5% of our students are involved in athletic programs, compared to the state average of 44.3%; 26.5% of our students are involved in our music program, compared to the state average of 19.4%.
- 80.9% of our students are involved in voluntary community activities, compared to the state average of 29.4%.
- The attendance rate at Arrowhead High School is 97.6%, compared to the state average of 94.7%. The truancy rate is .5%, well below the state average of 9%. The suspension rate is 1.5%, compared to the state average of 3.6%.

Staffing – Arrowhead High School has 129.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers; 75.5% have a masters degree or higher, compared to the state average of 52.8%. Our licensed staff/student ratio is 1:18, which is above the state average of 1:13. The overall staff/student ratio is 1:11, compared to the state average of 1:9.

The Arrowhead Experience – Ms. Myrah shared many examples of academic highlights and recognitions, special events and recognitions, co-curricular highlights, as well as student and staff recognitions. She noted that Arrowhead High School was identified as a “2016 Top Workplace” by the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Although there are too many volunteers and donors to list, our supportive community members are the backbone of the “Arrowhead Experience.” During the 2015/2016 school year, over \$200,000 was donated by generous individuals, organizations, and businesses to Arrowhead High School for projects, initiatives, and departments within our school.

Ms. Myrah concluded by reviewing the district’s Vision, which is: “To meet the needs of the 21st Century learner, the Arrowhead Union High School District will adapt to create relevant, engaging, and self-directed learning opportunities for all of our students and staff.” She also shared several initiatives for the 2016/2017 school year, including continued focus on college and career readiness through enhanced literacy, meaningful technology application, and Academic and Career Exploration (ACE); personalized, meaningful professional development for staff members; strengthened communications with staff and community; and facilities improvement and financial stability.

Ms. Myrah answered questions; she also thanked everyone for coming to the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting this evening, and for their support of Arrowhead High School.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Craig Thompson to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and October 31, 2017. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Kent Rice, seconded by Mike Kusch to approve the book rental fee of \$55.00 for the 2016/2017 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. It was noted that the book rental fee is the same as last year.

At the present time, the annual salaries of school board members are set at \$3,100 per board member.

Moved by Mike Kusch, seconded by Dolores Pernerstorfer to set school board member annual salaries at \$3,400 per board member. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Dave Dean to approve the recommended tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$272,000 for the 2016/2017 school year, as per the Capital Expansion Fund Resolution below. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

RESOLUTION CREATING A CAPITAL EXPANSION FUND
AND LEVYING A TAX IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Arrowhead Union High School District that a Capital Expansion Fund is hereby created pursuant to Section 120.10(10m) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of financing remodeling, maintenance, repair, and improvement projects at various district buildings and sites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a tax in the amount of \$272,000 be levied for the 2016/2017 school year to be deposited in the Capital Expansion Fund created above to be used only for the purposes specified above.

Moved by Mike Kusch, seconded by Dave Dean to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$18,815,141 for the 2016/2017 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The total 2016/2017 tax levy is \$19,087,141 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

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OTHER NEW BUSINESS – None.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Kent Rice to adjourn. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk