

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2020  
MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by School Board President Bob Rosch at 7:56 p.m. in the North Campus Theater. There were 17 qualified electors present.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Craig Thompson nominated Bob Rosch to serve as the Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Amy Hemmer. There were no other nominations presented. Bob Rosch was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Chairperson Rosch welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and introduced the Board of Education: Kent Rice (Richmond seat), Sue Schultz (North Lake seat), Craig Thompson (At Large seat), Donna Beringer (Hartland Lakeside seat), Tim Langer (Stone Bank seat), Dave Dean (At Large seat) (attended virtually), Amy Hemmer (Merton seat), Darrell Beneker (Lake Country seat), and himself, Bob Rosch (Swallow seat). He also introduced the administrative staff: Laura Myrah (Superintendent) and Jeff Gross (Director of Business Services); Kate McGraw is the recording secretary.

Chairperson Rosch noted that the 2019/2020 Treasurer's Report is summarized on pages 13-17 of the Annual Report Document. The complete Treasurer's Report will be available at the District Office when the 2019/2020 audit is complete.

#### REVIEW OF THE 2019/2020 SCHOOL YEAR –

Superintendent Myrah's review of the past school year began with the district's Focus Plan, which includes a Vision and Mission statement, along with Enduring Goals. Our Vision is that, "Arrowhead will be an educational leader in creating pathways for students to embrace the opportunities of tomorrow." Arrowhead's Mission is to: "Empower students to be engaged, confident, continuous learners who utilize the essential skills to collaborate and contribute within the local and global community." To achieve our mission and vision, we continually strive toward four enduring goals: 1) Prepare students for success beyond high school graduation; 2) Foster a nurturing, positive learning culture; 3) Communicate effectively; and 4) Advance facility infrastructure and technology to support student learning.

Arrowhead High School (AHS) offers an excellent public education in a fiscally responsible manner. Over the last 12 years, the district has reduced its budget by over \$5 million. Arrowhead maintains a Moody's Aa1 rating, which is better than approximately 90% of the rated school districts in Wisconsin. Fund balance, while healthy at over 25%, has needed to be used for recent one-time improvements. Since 2011/2012, employee benefit changes have resulted in an annual cost savings of \$2.5 million. Despite increasing operational costs, our per pupil expense remains about the state average. Among the 10 union high school districts in the state, Arrowhead High School had the lowest funding allowed by the State and the second lowest mill rate in 2019.

The "Arrowhead" portion of property tax bills included \$310,012 in taxes for private/parochial schools in 2019, and is projected to be \$312,919 in 2020. Arrowhead's federal grant monies that went to parochial schools for 'equitable services' was \$42,182 in 2019 for IDEA/Special Ed, and \$10,743 in 2019 for Title Grants.

Among Waukesha County school districts, Arrowhead's maximum allowable revenue per student (tax authority) in 2019 was \$10,230 (includes AHS and the average of K-8 feeder schools), which is \$1,614 less per student than the highest school district, or a total of more than \$3.4 million less to educate our students each year, yet student achievement is as high or higher.

Ms. Myrah compared student academic achievement among proximate public school districts. In 2019, AHS was tied for the second highest ACT average composite score of 24 among our graduates, and was second highest among all juniors in 2019, with a score of 23.2. AHS ranked highest, with 91.3% of students passing an Advanced Placement (AP) exam.

In 2020, AHS administered 1,264 Advanced Placement (AP) exams among 25 subjects. The average passing rate on exams was 90.7% (scores of 3, 4, or 5). Students who achieve a score of 3 or higher may obtain college credits as well as high school credits.

#### Student Participation and Successful Education –

- The AHS graduation rate in 2019 was 98.6% (4 years), compared to the state average of 90.0%; the graduation rate was 99.5% (5 years), compared to the state average of 91.9%.

- 90.3% of AHS graduates plan to attend a 4-year college/university, compared to the state average of 70.7%; 9.0% of our graduates plan to attend a 2-year vocational/technical school, compared to the state average of 27.8%.
- AHS has an attendance rate of only 1.7% with chronic absenteeism, compared to the state average of 12.9%.
- The discipline rate among AHS students is 2.1%, compared to the state average of 8.5%.

The Arrowhead Experience – Ms. Myrah shared many examples of academic highlights and recognitions, special events and recognitions, co-curricular highlights, community service projects, as well as staff recognitions. Many special steps were taken to accommodate the graduating class of 2020 during the pandemic. Although there are too many volunteers and donors to list, our supportive and generous community members are the backbone of the ‘Arrowhead Experience.’ The Arrowhead Scholarship Fund gave over \$62,000 in scholarships to 70 graduating seniors. During the 2019/2020 school year, many thousands of dollars were donated by generous individuals and organizations to Arrowhead High School for projects, initiatives, and departments within our school.

Ms. Myrah concluded by sharing several initiatives for the 2020/2021 school year, including continued focus on college, career, and life readiness through academic rigor, social, emotional, and life skills enhancement, positive learning culture, integrated technology to support learning, and Academic and Career Exploration for students; support services for individual students in the areas of academic, social, and/or emotional needs; strengthening communications and public relations for the district; and enhancing technology, safety, and physical plant infrastructure.

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

Bob Rosch thanked the staff for all of their hard work during this unprecedented time.

Moved by Tim Langer, seconded by Darrell Beneker to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and October 31, 2021. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

Moved by Sue Schultz, seconded by Tim Langer to approve the book rental fee of \$55.00 for the 2020/2021 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. The book rental fee has remained the same for the past 10 years.

At the present time, the annual salaries of school board members are established at \$3,400 per board member.

Moved by Steve Eckels, seconded by Kent Rice to set school board member annual salaries at \$3,400 per board member. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

A tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$300,000 is recommended for the 2020/2021 school year.

Moved by Tim Langer, seconded by Kent Rice to set the tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$300,00 for the 2020/2021 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 \$300,000 be levied for the 2020/2021 school year to be deposited in the Capital Expansion Fund created above to be used only for the purposes specified above.

Moved by Steve Eckels, to approve the tax levy for Operations and Long-Term Debt Service in the amount of \$16,500,000 for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion Failed (no second to the motion).

Moved by Bob Rosch, seconded by Craig Thompson to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations and Long-Term Debt Service in the amount of \$16,914,147 for the 2020/2021 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The total 2020/2021 tax levy is \$17,331,237 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – None.

Moved by Sue Schultz, seconded by Darrell Beneker to adjourn. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk