

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2010
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:02 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 (arrived at 8:08 p.m.), Kent Rice, Al Zietlow (arrived at 7:05 p.m.)

Unable to attend: Donna Vrakas

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Mary Ann Beckman, Gregg Wieczorek
Staff present: Marie Schneider

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2010, Regular Board meeting and the August 18, 2010, Annual Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 128317-128533, 128537-128572, 128574-128665, 201000140-201000156, and 201000234-201000256 in the amount of \$1,786,563.70. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Beckman introduced Tracy Boden, a 2010 graduate and current student, who was selected by the National Down Syndrome Society to receive the 2010 Dan Piper Award. Tracy is also a Self-Advocate and Board Member of Wisconsin Upside Down. She will receive her award and share her inspirational story at the Buddy Walk in New York City’s Central Park on September 25, 2010. Tracy read a preface she prepared for her speech. The Board of Education congratulated Tracy on her accomplishment.

Mr. Zietlow arrived at this time.

Dr. Beckman and Ms. Schneider, student senate advisor, shared information about “The Wally Way” and the Wally the Warhawk mascot. They also distributed The Wally Way matrix which promotes positive behaviors with examples of actions that are appropriate, responsible, and respectful. Students will also be designing a logo for The Wally Way and putting banners and posters throughout the buildings.

Mr. Rosch reported that the football stadium pioneer donor recognition ceremony is scheduled for Friday, October 1, 2010, prior to the homecoming football game. Board members are invited to participate.

CURRICULUM – Dr. Laugerman summarized her report to the Curriculum Committee at their August 26, 2010, meeting. She updated the committee on the status of the professional learning initiative, which includes a customized masters program for our teachers, as well as updates on the innovative learning group’s work and the new teacher project mentoring program.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the Junior State of America (JSA) extended field trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the National Convention on February 16-20, 2011, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the World Languages Department Concordia Language Villages Immersion “Village Weekend” field trip with Spanish students to Bemidji, Minnesota, on November 18-21, 2010, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2010, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky reviewed four bids received this morning for short-term borrowing and stated that the administration is recommending that the short-term borrowing note be secured from JPMorgan Chase & Co., the lowest bidder.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the “Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing In Amount Not To Exceed \$3,700,000.00,” as presented, and secure the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Promissory Note from JPMorgan Chase & Co. Motion Carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2010, at 7:00 a.m.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the September 1, 2010, meeting.

The committee reviewed three potential referendum timelines and agreed that the spring of 2012 was the preferred option for holding a referendum. They also agreed to a Master Plan for an ultimate enrollment of 3,000 students, understanding that the current student enrollment projection will be 2,700 students by 2018/2019.

The committee was informed that the structural assessment that was conducted due to concerns arising from the broken water line under the South Campus facility found no issues warranting additional attention.

The committee approved the proposal to conduct a more detailed student enrollment projection study by Applied Population Laboratory.

The committee reviewed information regarding the construction management request for qualifications received by the district and selected six firms to be interviewed. The committee also approved the Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction management services, which will be due on September 22, 2010. Interviews of the selected firms will be scheduled the first week of October. The Board of Education will approve the firm selected for construction management services for the building project.

A process for managing the building project and promoting clear and consistent communication was agreed to with specific responsibilities assigned to the superintendent and the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

Mr. LeBlanc reported on the September 7, 2010, meeting with Eppstein Uhen Architects. It was agreed that a citizens committee would be formed for the purpose of making recommendations to the Board of Education to assist them in making final decisions regarding facility and land use planning. The committee, which will be named the Arrowhead Facilities Community Task Force, will include community members from throughout the district. Their first meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2010. Mr. Jefson distributed a draft Facilities Vision Statement to the Board of Education for their review. Board members were requested to share their comments regarding the proposed vision statement and the charge to the task force with Mr. Jefson prior to September 30, 2010.

Eppstein Uhen Architects will be interviewing staff from each department on September 20, 22, and 24, 2010, and prepare a summary report.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2010, at 7:00 a.m.

Mr. Kusch arrived at this time.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Rosch reported that the Personnel Committee met with the support staff union (AFSCME) on September 2, 2010, for the initial exchange of proposals. Their next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2010.

POLICY –

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve new Policy 516. Bullying Policy**, as presented this evening for a second and final reading. Motion Carried.

The next Policy Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 16, 2010, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – The WASB 2010 Employment and Labor Law Seminar is scheduled for September 17, 2010, in Madison. The WASB Fall Regional Meeting for Region 11 is scheduled for September 21, 2010, at the Polish Center of Wisconsin in Franklin; the Fall Regional Meeting for Region 15 is scheduled for September 22, 2010, at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee. The 2010 WSAA/WASB School Law Seminar is scheduled for October 22, 2010, in Madison.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported that effective September 1, 2010, Dr. Jim Rickabaugh has been hired as the director of the new CESA #1 institute for innovation, which is one of six in the nation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Kusch to approve the contracts for Cheryl Bonlender (Math; 1-year replacement position), Dave Bechtel (Asst. Boys Football Coach; 50%), Jerry Nickolaus (Asst. Girls Field Hockey Coach), Maria Anderson (Asst. Pom Pons Coach), and Terry Neumann-Hayes (Spanish Honor Society Advisor). Motion Carried.

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

- Personnel negotiations
- OCR complaint

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

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

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk