

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rice at 7:18 p.m. in the South Campus Cafeteria.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Kent Rice, Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, Darrell Beneker, Donna Beringer, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer, Chris Farris, Kim Schubert

Administration present: Laura Myrah, Jeff Gross, Sue Casetta, Adam Boldt, Adam Kurth

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schultz to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2021 Annual Meeting and the August 23, 2021 Regular School Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schultz to approve the operating bill list for July and pay vouchers 721, 157170 - 157295, 202100001 - 20200061, in the amount of \$1,647,866.70 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$86,110.06 and the operating bill list for August and pay vouchers 821, 157296-157404, 202100063 – 20210068, 20210070 – 20210071, 20210075 – 20210080, 20210082 – 20210084, 20210088, 20210090 in the amount of \$1,791,856.84 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$97,811.63. Motion Carried.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Hemmer to approve the use of the modified agenda order as posted to the public for the September 8, 2021 meeting. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Laura Myrah introduced Sue Casetta - Director of Learning, Adam Kurth – Principal, and Adam Boldt – Director of Student Services who presented a preview of the 2021-2022 school year. The priorities for this year will be a focus on preparing students for success beyond high school and fostering a nurturing, positive learning culture. Mr. Kurth described his role and goals for the year; build an understanding of Arrowhead, observing the day to day practice and simple improvements in response to themes. Student engagement is important this year after coming back from learning during COVID and coming back to the “new normal” in education. Student support is an important focus for the Arrowhead staff. The academic and career exploration process is being reviewed for continual improvement. A new model called Co-plan to Co-serve will be implemented. This model blends students at all level of learners which allows high level students to excel while low level students benefit from the collaboration. Additional support will be available for identified students who are still struggling with English and organization. Mr. Boldt discussed post high school student experiences and options for our special education students. Mr. Kurth reviewed the Arrowhead Way mission statement. School culture and re-establishing the Arrowhead school community is an important focus for this year. Mental health and wellness concerns are being addressed in a Webinar series called “COVID 19 and Mental Health” which will be a good resource beyond the COVID pandemic. Ms. Myrah complimented the ODT team for all of their hard work.

Ms. Myrah, Superintendent gave a COVID update based on information received from the Waukesha County Health Department which is currently meeting with area Superintendents on a weekly basis. Within the Arrowhead district boundaries (including public, private and home-schooled students), there were 14 cases of COVID in students under the age of 19. The County officials have not seen changes in overall rates of hospitalizations or deaths per number of confirmed cases. Vaccination rates are slightly increasing and will help contain the spread of COVID-19 in schools and the community as a whole. Within one more week we will know what spread may look like within the school, without masks and can evaluate if mitigation measures need to change or not. Ms. Myrah reviewed the current COVID plan of masks and quarantines being optional. Close contract tracing in still occurring but the quarantining is optional with a note to watch for symptoms. She reviewed the process for students who are COVID positive and returning to school, this information that was sent to all parents. The learning management system, Canvas, is being used by the teachers to help students who are home ill. Teachers are made aware of sick students in order to provide any needed educational support.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –

President Rice reviewed the “Communications and Comments from the Public” speaking rules with the community members present at this meeting and explained that the 3-minute rule would be in place for this meeting. Five (5) members of the public made comments related to a number of topics including Critical Race Theory, Covid testing concerns, trade education and concerns with the process of the filling the vacant seat school board appointment.

CURRICULUM – No report. The next meeting will be September 30, 2021 at 6:45 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – We will be approving the tax rate and the levy. The next meeting date is TBD.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –

Chairperson Rice gave a report on the August 4, 2021 committee meeting. Negotiations are underway with the Mullett Ice Center and the Arrowhead Youth Hockey Association regarding their relationship with a resolution hopefully to come soon. Mr. Lipscomb has provided an update on the 2021 building automation/heating, ventilation, and air conditioning project. An updated was also given regarding the 2021 Roof rehabilitation and door entry remodeling. A PASER (pavement service evaluation and rating) report was shared. A closed session was held to discuss the offers to purchase the land parcel. The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – No report. The next meeting is TBD.

POLICY – No report. The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2021 at 6:45 a.m.

WASB – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Langer to accept the resignation of Ann Kohr, Kari Staus, Sarah Dunmire, Holly Huth, Heidi Blatnik and Laura Bowen, and the retirement of Tracy MacDonald – North Campus Main Office Secretary effective 10/1/21, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Beneker to approve the 2021/2022 support staff letters of appointment for SaraLee Allison, Tim Lailer, and Kylie Siewert – Student Services, Spec. Ed, Ryan Dodge – Student Services, Deborah Frascione – Library Aide, Brendan Gonring – Study Hall/Lunch Aide, Kristine Hill – Library Aide, Jennifer Justice – Admin. Assistant to the Principal North Campus, Michael Stae – Custodian, and Colleen Thomas-Lovelace – Math Tutor, and the cocurricular letters of appointment for Sarah Ernst – Girls Golf Asst. Coach, Gustavo Chaviano and Maralynn Markano – Musical Director and Music Theater Nights Co-directors, Anthony Lauer – Set Construction, Gustavo Chaviano – Broadway Company Director, and School play Director – Maralynn Markano, Asst. Director – Rayen Elmergreen, Set Builder Winter and Spring- Scott Prox, Stage Crew – Maralyn Markano and Sarah Havey as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Beneker, seconded by Schultz to accept the donation of \$2,500 from Integrity Wire EDM, Inc. to benefit the AUHS Design Engineering Manufacturing Center. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to reopen the minutes of the August 23, 2021 minutes. Thompson withdrew his second. No Motion.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to amend page 2 of the August 23, 2021 minutes starting with the verbiage “Moved by Thompson” seconded by Rice..... to include “... to require board notice in the event of any deadline change”. Motion Carried.

The board held a 5-minute recess before moving into closed session.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Hemmer that pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), the School Board will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Resolution of personnel matter

Roll Call Vote: Rice – aye, Beringer – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye, Farris – aye, Langer – aye, Beneker – aye, Hemmer – aye. Motion Carried. (9:26 p.m.)

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Beneker to reconvene into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Rice – aye, Beringer – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye, Farris – aye, Langer – aye, Beneker – aye, Hemmer – aye. Motion Carried. (10:02 p.m.)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk