

**ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2022 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Schubert at 7:01 p.m. in the South Campus Library.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Darrell Beneker, Tim Evers, Amy Hemmer, Chris Farris, Tim Langer, Brandon Miller, Kim Schubert, Craig Thompson, Lynn Vogeltanz  
Administration present: Laura Myrah, Sue Casetta, Adam Kurth, Adam Boldt, Jeff Gross, Donna Smith

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Farris to approve the July/August operating bill list and pay vouchers 722, 6722, 822, 159397 - 159641, 159646 -159689, 202200001 - 20220004, 202200006 - 20220009, 202200012 - 202200015, 202200017 - 202200021, 202200025 - 202200028, 202200030 - 202200034, 202200038 - 202200041, 202200043 - 202200046, 202200049 - 202200054, 202200056, 202200058 - 202200060, 202200064 - 20220067, 202200069, 202200071 -202200072, 202200075 - 202200082, 202200084 - 202200086 in the amount of \$2,580,088.82 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$102,641.58. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Myrah introduced representatives from the DECA student organization and reminded the board and community that Hawkfest is Friday Sept. 23rd. The student representatives explained DECA is an association of marketing students with global reach. They provided a preview of Hawkfest, which is an important community service event and allows students to network with local businesses while practicing their marketing skills. Hawkfest will include food vendors, entertainment, over 30 organizational booths, and games. The money raised by this event will go to HAWS, Healthcare Heroes and DECA student scholarships. Typically, \$10,000 is donated to charity. DECA also hosts marketing nights around identified athletic events.

Ms. Donna Smith, Director of Library, Media and Technology gave a presentation of Canvas (learning management tool). Ms. Smith displayed a variety of examples from a number of teachers/departments and explained where parents can register to be an observer in Canvas for their children's courses.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – Ms. Schubert read the rules for comments and communications from the public. Twenty-eight members of the public spoke including parents, Arrowhead teachers and staff, Arrowhead past and present students, as well as community members. Comments were heard both in support and opposition of the new proposed Policy 651 - Student Name and Pronoun Use Authorization. Many concerns

for student safety, mental health and wellbeing were expressed if this policy would pass. Others felt that the parents should be informed and in control of the name and pronouns used by their child while they are at school. Arrowhead teachers, staff and community members also spoke regarding the new proposed policy 334 - Transparency in Curriculum. Some were in favor of this policy while some were opposed to it. Other topics discussed were the need for funding of the pool facility, bullying and the concern of politics in our school.

CURRICULUM - No report. The next Curriculum Committee meeting is September 22, 2022 at 6:45 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – No report. The next Finance and Legislation committee meeting is TBD.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Beneker gave a report from the August 31, 2022 committee meeting. The maintenance facility will undergo approximately \$50,000 worth of repairs to make the building safe. The work will start some time in September and should be completed before fall is over. The committee toured the pool. Quotes are currently being collected for future electrical work. The committee spent some time brainstorming ideas on how to fund a new pool, including a committee of community members. A separate committee and effort are working to raise money to build an indoor baseball batting facility and with the first fundraising meeting being held on September 29.

The next Building and Grounds meeting is October 6, 2002 at 6:45 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Ms. Myrah reported that on September 7, 2022 the personnel committee held a closed session meeting.

The next Personnel meeting will be September 27, 2022 at 6:45 a.m.

POLICY – Chairperson Farris gave a report from the September 7, 2022 meeting. According to the teacher survey, approximately 80% of teachers are already uploading their instructional materials to Canvas. A draft of Policy 651 - Student Name and Pronoun Use Authorization was discussed and considered. The committee agreed to send two draft versions of this policy to two attorney firms for legal counsel. Also discussed was the performance expectations for attorneys and the criteria were drafted.

The next Policy committee meeting is October 20, 2022 at 6:45 a.m.

Moved by Langer seconded by Thompson to table Policy 334 Transparency in Curriculum to a future policy meeting for further discussion. Motion Carried. (No - Farris, Evers, Hemmer, Schubert)

Moved by Farris seconded by Hemmer to approve 'Version B,' Policy 651 Procedures for Handling Student Name Changes and Pronoun Usage as presented.

Roll call vote: Beneker - Aye, Evers - Aye, Hemmer - Aye, Langer - Aye, Miller - Aye, Schubert - Aye, Thompson - No, Vogeltanz - Aye, Farris - Aye. Motion Carried.

WASB – No report

CESA #1 - No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Miller to approve the resignations of Frank Taylor and Linda Kempen. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer seconded by Farris to approve the contract/letters of appointments for Brett Hochstaetter (Social Studies teacher), Nicole Kerr (Biology & Life Science teacher), the support staff letter of appointment for Heather Swanhart SC (Welcome center & security), Kylie Siewert (Aide/Student services), Gwen Weisbroad (NC Jr. Study Hall/Lunch Aide), Sue Ray (Aide/student services), Kelly Naylor (Aide/student services), Scott Asher (Aide/student services) and the Co-curricular appointment - Girls Field Hockey Assist. Jorydyn Smerchek, Girls Cross Country - Asst. Coaches Kathleen Wartman and Andie Zeman. - Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Evers to approve the donations from Urban Manufacturing, Inc., in the amount of \$1,000, Medline Industries in the amount of \$10,000, and Integrity Wire EDM, Inc. in the amount of \$2,500, Dorner Mfg. Corp. in the amount of \$1,000 all going to the AHS Technology and Engineering Department. Motion Carried.

Future agenda items - Discuss the district's proactive and reactive anti-bullying strategies at a future board meeting.

Moved by Hemmer, Seconded by Farris to table agenda item number 8 - Superintendent annual review process to the October regular board meeting due to time constraints. Motion carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate McGraw  
Recording Secretary

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Amy Hemmer, Clerk