

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2010
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:00 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, Kent Rice, Donna Vrakas, Al Zietlow

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Mary Ann Beckman, Gregg Wiczorek, Kevin Lipscomb

Staff present: Tim Tower, Trina Bower, Ty Breitlow, Jean Henschel, Marie Schneider, Steve Melzer, Mike Hall, and several other staff members

Others present: Karen Nenahlo from Focus on Energy
Tom Stover, Paul Oswald, and Mike O'Connor from Environmental Systems, Inc.
Bob Vajgrt from Eppstein Uhen Architects

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010, Regular Board meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 128446, 128668-128738, 128740-128807, 128809-128882, 128884-128990, 201000257-201000270, and 201000281-201000295 in the amount of \$1,962,612.80. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Tim Tower, social studies teacher, recognized Trina Bower, Ty Breitlow, Jean Henschel, and Marie Schneider (Student Senate advisors) for their efforts in making the recent Homecoming events a success, and also recognized Steve Melzer (DECA advisor) for his involvement with DECA students in planning and implementing “HAWKFEST” on Homecoming day. Proceeds from the event will go toward the football stadium and HAWS (Humane Animal Welfare Society).

Mike Hall, biology teacher and member of the Arrowhead United Teachers Organization (AUTO) negotiation team, addressed the Board of Education with their concerns regarding the current status of contract negotiations.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Kevin Lipscomb, Director of Buildings and Grounds, introduced Karen Nenahlo, Energy Advisor with Focus on Energy, and representatives of our mechanical contractor, Environmental Systems, Inc., including Tom Stover, Paul Oswald, and Mike O’Connor. Ms. Nenahlo reviewed Arrowhead High School’s participation in the Focus on Energy retro commissioning program, which began in March 2009. The energy saving improvements and upgrades that have been completed are expected to provide approximately \$132,360 in savings annually due to reduced energy consumption. Ms. Nenahlo also presented the school district with a check for \$94,592 in financial incentives from Focus on Energy.

Bob Vajgrt, Eppstein Uhen Architects (EUA), reviewed the status of facility and land use planning and potential future building project. He described four phases in this process – educate, vision, explore, and refine. The education phase included meeting with staff to gain their input and feedback. A Facilities Community Task Force (FCT) has also been formed. Their initial meeting was held last night. The FCT will meet through April 2011 and then present their recommendations to the Board of Education.

Mr. Jefson requested that Board members submit their suggestions to him for future Superintendent’s Report presentations.

Mr. Thompson reported on the October 8, 2010, teacher in-service sessions he attended, including the presentation by Rushton Hurley entitled, “Technology and Connections in a Changing Landscape,” and sessions about 1) the use of technology in the classroom and 2) bullying.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the September 23, 2010, meeting.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the World Languages Department extended field trip to China on June 12-26, 2011, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Thompson to approve the World Languages Department Concordia Language Villages Immersion “Village Weekend” field trip with French students to Bemidji, Minnesota, on November 11-14, 2010, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Thompson to approve the World Languages Department: Japanese IV curriculum proposal as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

The Technology and Engineering Education Department has determined that the implementation of the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Capstone Class, Engineering Design and Development (EDD), should be delayed until the 2012/2013 school year to gather more student interest and determine appropriate staffing. The Curriculum Committee agreed with delaying the implementation of the EDD class until the 2012/2013 school year.

It was the consensus of committee members to schedule the next Curriculum Committee meeting for October 21, 2010, at 7:00 a.m., and to cancel the Policy Committee meeting that had been scheduled at that time.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson reported on the October 7, 2010, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the “Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$8,950,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds,” as recommended by the Finance Committee. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Rosch to approve the designation of general fund balance in the amount of \$1,250,000 for future Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB), as presented. Motion Carried.

A Special Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for October 25, 2010, at 7:00 a.m., to take final action on the General Obligation Refunding Bonds, to review the 2010/2011 budget adjustments, and to certify the 2010/2011 tax levy.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the September 23, 2010, and October 13, 2010, meetings.

The committee reviewed the Request for Proposals (RFPs) submitted for construction management services for a potential building project and requested administration to obtain additional information for further review at their next meeting scheduled for November 3, 2010, at 7:00 a.m. At this time, the Board of Education took no action on approving the construction management firm for the potential building project.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – No report.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported that the 2010 WSAA/WASB School Law Seminar is scheduled for October 22, 2010, in Madison, and the 2010 WASB Legislative Advocacy Conference is scheduled for November 13, 2010, in Wisconsin Dells. Ms. Vrakas and Ms. Schultz reported on the Fall Regional Meeting for Region 15, which they attended on September 22, 2010, at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported that the next CESA #1 Board of Control meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2010, at 6:00 p.m.

MULLETT ICE CENTER COMMUNITY BOARD – Mr. LeBlanc reported on the September 30, 2010, meeting. The Ice Center Board reviewed the status of the Ice Center budget (July 2010 through September 2010), as well as the proposed 2010/2011 budget. The Ice Center Board approved eliminating the roller hockey program and moving forward with planning and organizing ice hockey programming, which could potentially generate more revenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the following cocurricular contracts: Boys Baseball – Asst. Coach Brian Bender; Boys Basketball – Head Coach Craig Haase, Asst. Coaches Dave Conway, Mark Leoni, and Chris Klink; Boys Ice Hockey – Asst. Coach Ronald Chmill; Boys Swimming – Head Coach Bob Jenkyns, Asst. Coach Jennifer Leider; Boys Wrestling – Head Coach John Mesenbrink, Asst. Coaches – Jeremy Miller and Nick Reed; Girls Basketball – Head Coach Heidi Hamilton, Asst. Coaches Rick Witte, Vince Peterson, Doug Drenzek, and Christina Bower; Girls Gymnastics – Head Coach Bob Pulkowski, Asst. Coach Jenna Krause; and Girls Ice Hockey – Head Coach Jinelle Siergiej. Motion Carried.

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

- Personnel negotiations

Roll Call Vote: Gutschenritter – aye, Thompson – aye, Zietlow – aye, Vrakas – 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, Vrakas – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Statement to teachers annually of salary/benefits package.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk