

**ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2021 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Rice at 7:00 p.m. in the South Campus Library.

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 Langer to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021 Special School Board Meeting and the September 8, 2021 Regular School Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Langer to approve the amended August 11, 2021 school board meeting minutes to include the names/votes from the vacant board seat appointment. Motion Carried

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schubert to approve the operating bill list for September and pay vouchers 921, 157405 - 157692, 157694, 202100104 - 20200109, 202100111 - 202100113, 202100120 - 202100126, 202100128 - 202100130, 202100134 - 202100146, in the amount of \$1,423,794.71 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$70,583.59. Motion Carried

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to approve the use of the modified agenda order as posted to the public for the October 20, 2021 meeting. Motion Carried

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to approve the naming of the North Campus East Gym Floor. Motion Carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Myrah, Superintendent, gave a COVID update based on information received from the Waukesha County Health Department. Overall, the cases are trending down in Waukesha County as well as at Arrowhead. The number of sick days thus far this school year is much higher than the number of sick days during the same period last year. Most students are not getting tested for COVID and therefore we don't know the exact cause of illness. As with any other virus, we can not predict the future trend of this virus.

Ms. Myrah reviewed Policy 652.1 Communicable Diseases - Student, which reads, "The superintendent, pursuant to federal, state and local statutes and regulations, and in cooperation with state and local public health agencies, shall establish and maintain appropriate procedures setting health standards that promote the good health of students/staff, and to educate students and staff in disease prevention methods and sound health practices", and "The superintendent shall establish appropriate procedures for handling communicable diseases in compliance with statute and subject to Board approval." Ms. Myrah shared additional information related to COVID including legal guidance received from two law firms and information related to the

potential ESSER/COVID Relief Grants. Ms. Myrah explained information and temporary strategies that other schools are developing to deal with the potential rise in student absences due to illness. If Arrowhead reaches a 10% absentee threshold, we would be contacting the local health department, and perhaps be put in contact with the state health department, for guidance in moving forward. Ms. Myrah recommended a trial of masking indoors for 10 days if the student absenteeism rate reaches 10% or more for 2 or 3 days in a row, as a preventative measure before needing to shift to virtual instruction for 10 days.

Mr. Gross reviewed that student enrollment numbers are important in determining the revenue limit authority. As of the third Friday in September we have 2,070 students enrolled. Our resident membership count is 1,912 (considers open enrollment in and out). Of the 2,070 headcount, 230 students are currently open enrolled into Arrowhead and 63 students are open enrolled out to other districts. During the last half-dozen years, the number of students choosing to enroll at Arrowhead through Wisconsin's Open Enrollment program has increased from 170 to 230, while the number of resident students open-enrolling out to other districts has remained the same or slightly declined.

Ms. Myrah shared some recent student accomplishments including the participation of the Arrowhead Hawkettes at the Honor Flight Welcome Back event at the MKE Airport. Student Ava Yulatowski participated in Project Tomorrow, a national congressional panel regarding technology. The average composite ACT score for the Junior class was 22.5, which remains one of the highest in Waukesha County.

Mr. Rice shared his gratitude for the Hawkettes's participation in the Oct. 16th Honor Flight. On Sunday, he received an email expressing the pride of the dance team as they had their hand over their hearts during the national anthem. This was a great representation of our Arrowhead students.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC –

Mr. Rice read the rules of the communications and comments from members of the public. Eleven (11) Members of the public shared comments regarding concerns about the teaching of CRT, masking and public health concerns, requests for community sessions, and parent choice.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz gave a report from the September 30, 2021 committee meeting. A student trip to Germany was presented and reviewed. Mr. Bolt discussed the 2021/22 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), the supplemental survey to the YRBS as well as the annual Behavioral and Emotional Screening Survey (BESS). Ms. Casetta gave an overview of the upcoming faculty professional development day, which will be held on October 28, 2021. The next meeting is November 4, 2021 at 6:45 am.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Schultz to approve the student trip to Germany on or around June 13-21, 2022. Motion Carried

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson reminded the board of the Special School Board meeting on October 27, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. to approve the tax rate and budget adjustments. Mr. Gross reported Arrowhead's state aid is up quite a bit, which in turn means the tax levy will go down.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Rice gave a report on the October 6, 2021 committee meeting. Craig Peterson from Mullett attended and gave an update on current projects including

the refrigeration and condenser/cooling tower system replacement project with an approximate cost of \$130,000 that will be funded entirely by the generous donation of the Mullett family. Renovation to the inside of the rink will take place over the next 2-3 years and will cost approximately \$1 million to \$1.5 million and will also be paid for by a donation of the Mullett family. Mr. Kevin Lipscomb and representatives from Performance Services gave a report on the 2021 BAS/HVAC Remodeling Project that was completed over this past summer. A naming rights proposal was presented for the North Campus East Gym floor which was approved earlier in this meeting. Mr. Lipscomb presented a proposal from Ramaker to complete a pool facility assessment to anticipate future expenses related to continued use of the pool. Mr. Lipscomb presented information on the Solar Now program and the committee agreed to submit a non-binding term sheet to allow for an engineering evaluation for participation in this program. Mr. Rice reminded the board that the North Campus water main repairs will take place on October 30, 2021 and therefore that campus building will be closed on that date. The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for November 3rd, 2021, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – No report. The next meeting is TBD.

POLICY – Chairperson Beringer reviewed the policy changes that were to be moved forward to the School Board for consideration.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Hemmer to approve the New Policy 333 Nondiscrimination within Curriculum. Motion Carried (All Aye)

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Farris to approve changes to Policy 151.1 Board Meeting Notifications/Agendas/ Minutes to include the phrasing "...as a preferred practice of 48 hours prior but not less than 24 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting." Motion Carried

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Farris to approve Policy 151.1 Board Meeting Notifications/Agendas/ Minutes as proposed and as amended. Motion Carried

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schultz to approve changes to Policy 121 Policy Development as proposed. Motion Carried

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Beneker to approve changes to Policy 151.5 Agenda Order as presented. Motion Carried

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Beneker to approve changes to Policy 153 Public Information as presented. Motion Carried

Next meeting will be October 21, 2021

WASB – Mr. Rice and Ms. Beringer attended the WASB 2021 Fall Regional Meeting. Shared the introduction by the WASB President.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2021/2022 support staff letters of appointment for Paula Nordwig - Health Room Aide, Tina Groff - Activities Clerical Aide and the cocurricular letters of appointment for Boys Basketball - Head Coach - Craig Haase, Asst. Coaches - Dave Conway, John Hoch, Mark Leoni, Chris Klink, Doug Wrecke, Boys Ice Hockey Head Coach - Carl Valimont, Asst. Coaches - Jerome Koehler and Mark Wierichs, Boys Swim &

Dive Head Coach - Norma Balogh, Asst. Coaches Fritz Rohne, Kristin Zietlow and Mary Woodson, Wrestling Head Coach - Jeremy Miller, Asst. Coaches - Randy Ferrell, Adam Dion, and Shawn Riege, Alpine Skiing Head Coach - Todd Reineking and Asst. Coach Darren von Heimburg, Girls Basketball Head Coach - Rick Witte, Asst. Coaches - Cheryl Bonelender, Vince Peterson, Kari Sagal, and Warren Bub, Girls Gymnastics Head Coach Bob Pulkowski and Asst. Coach Bailey Samion, Girls Ice Hockey Head Coach - Jacquelin Little, Asst. Coaches Sarah Atkielski and Nina Elia, Girls Dance Head Coach - Tami Ennis, Girls Cheerleading Asst. Coach - Mackenzi Peters, National Honor Society Co-Advisors Deb Paradowski and Kristen Falkner, Pep Band Director - Jahi Moore, and Jazz Band Director - Randall Hake. Motion Carried

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to accept the donation of Mark G. Sellers Entrepreneurial Foundation of \$20,000 for the AUHS Design Engin. Manuf. Center, the donation of Bryant Product Inc. of \$2,500, Frentzel Products, Inc. of \$5,000, and Dynamic Tool Corporation of \$1,000 for the Technology and Engin. Dept. Motion Carried

After consideration of information presented by Ms. Myrah, the School Board decided not to create a Covid mitigation strategy at this time. This topic of developing a contingency plan will be moved to the Policy Committee on November 18, 2021 at 7:00 a.m. for further discussion.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to table the 2022-2023 District Calendar to next month. Motion Carried

Mr. Rice and Ms. Beringer attended a recent Town of Merton meeting and informed the board that rumors regarding the service changes of EMS and the fire department are not true. There is no intent to provide less services to Arrowhead.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Ms. Hemmer shared concerns from a community member related to the use of gender specific bathrooms and the use of these facilities by students that identify as nonbinary. Ms. Myrah advised that legal counsel will need to be present for this conversation to ensure that we are following the current laws.

Ms. Hemmer shared concerns regarding questionnaires that were handed out by a few teachers at the beginning of the year regarding students' preferred pronouns.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Beneker to adjourn. Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw

Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk