

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2009
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:00 a.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, Judie Ristow, Al Zietlow

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky

Also present: Jim Stevens, Lake Country Reporter

The meeting was properly posted.

Mr. Kopecky presented the proposed 2009/2010 budget adjustments and revised tax levy calculation that were reviewed by the Finance Committee at their meeting on October 20, 2009.

The revenue limit has decreased \$15,290. The actual certified 2009-10 state equalization aid is \$12,392 less than projected at the Annual Meeting. The actual 2009-10 State Computer Aid has increased \$27,682 from that projected at the Annual Meeting. With the proposed budget adjustments, the tax levy will decrease \$15,012 from that projected at the Annual Meeting, to \$18,756,944. The revised levy is 4.93% higher than the prior year levy (the projected increase was 5.01% at the Annual Meeting). The proposed mill rate of \$3.30 is 8.51% higher than the 2008-09 mill rate. The mill rate was impacted by the 2009 3.3% decrease in the district's equalized value. Individual property tax bills will also be impacted by the approximate 8.5% increase in the School Tax Levy Credit.

Mr. Kopecky reviewed the 2009 certified equalized values of the 11 municipalities in the Arrowhead School District. The total equalized value of the district decreased 3.3%, to \$5,690,254,626. This is the first decrease in the district's equalized value in the last 18 years. The average equalized value increase since 1991 has been 9.67%. Mr. Kopecky also reviewed the Combined Projected Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance for the Year Ending June 30, 2010.

The Finance Committee recommends action on the 2009-10 budget as presented.

Mrs. Ristow voiced concern with the inclusion of \$5,500 in computer and software purchases for the setup of electronic paperless board meetings. Mr. Gutschenritter stated that this would save postage and paper, and help keep the board in pace with technology advances being accomplished by the staff.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the final certification of the 2009/2010 tax levy in the amount of \$18,756,944 as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Roll Call Vote: Rice – aye, Kusch – aye, Schultz – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Ristow – no, Zietlow – aye, Thompson – aye, Gutschenritter – aye. Yes – 8, No – 1 (Ristow). Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve the proposal to proceed with the process of electronic paperless board meetings as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Rice – aye, Kusch – aye, Schultz – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Ristow – no, Zietlow – aye, Thompson – aye, Gutschenritter – aye. Yes – 8, No – 1 (Ristow). Motion Carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Kopecky
Business Manager

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk