

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2011
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:01 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Joe LeBlanc, Bob Rosch, Craig Thompson, Mike Kusch, Tim Langer, Kent Rice, Donna Vrakas,
Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: Sue Schultz

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Mary Ann Beckman, Gregg Wiczorek
Staff present: Jill Bohrman, Amy Finn

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2011, Special Board meeting as presented, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2011, Regular Board meeting with the revision that the actual Third Friday in September enrollment count was 2,244 students, and to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2011, Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 132798-133126 and 201100173-201100230 in the amount of \$1,478,138.68. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Jefson shared a letter from Jason and Michelle Sedovic expressing their gratitude for their son, Max, being allowed to attend Arrowhead High School with his autism service dog, Dan.

Ms. Jill Bohrman and Ms. Amy Finn, speech/language therapists, presented information about Teaching Communication for Independence for students having speech and language problems.

Mr. Wiczorek shared the results of a recent survey of senior parents regarding graduation. Traditionally, graduation has been held outdoors or moved into the gym in the event of inclement weather. Due to the installation of new, handicapped-accessible bleachers in the gym, seating capacity has been reduced, and the gym capacity is 1,800. Based on last year's graduation, a site having a capacity of at least 4,000 is needed. We received approximately 300 survey responses: 67% preferred to move graduation to Saturday, with Sunday as a rain date; 14% preferred to split the class and have two ceremonies; 13% suggested that an off-site facility be considered; and 6% preferred to reduce the number of tickets available to parents of graduates. Based on the results of the survey and consideration of the costs that would be incurred with an off-site facility and availability, the Board of Education concurred with the administration's recommendation that graduation be scheduled for Saturday evening, June 2, 2012, at 7:30 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday afternoon, June 3, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Jefson reported that the Arrowhead Area District Administrators met today for further discussion of a common school calendar for 2012/2013. It was the consensus of the Board of Education that the proposed calendar be reviewed by the Personnel Committee before being brought back to the Arrowhead Area District Administrators in December. It is anticipated that the 2012/2013 school calendar will be presented to the respective school boards for approval in December or January.

The Board of Education reviewed the 2011/2012 staff/student recognition list to-date and determined the Board representative(s) for each event.

Mr. Wiczorek announced that eight Arrowhead High School students have been named semifinalists in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program, which is the highest number of students ever to be named in a single year.

Due to the increasing number of student expulsion hearings and the additional expense to have legal counsel present to conduct the hearings, it was the consensus of the Board of Education that Vice President Bob Rosch be appointed to facilitate uncontested expulsion hearings.

CURRICULUM – Committee member Vrakas reported on the October 19, 2011, meeting. The committee was updated on the district-wide goal of implementing the Response to Intervention (RtI) model. They were also provided with an overview of the status of discussions taking place with the feeder schools regarding the potential of using the EXPLORE standardized test at the 7th or 8th grade level.

The next Curriculum Committee meetings are scheduled for November 11 and 18, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION –

The Board of Education reviewed nine bids received earlier today to refinance the district's long-term debt obligation. Administration is recommending that the bid from BOSC, Inc., the lowest bidder, be accepted for the issuance and sale of \$5,060,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds at a true interest cost of 1.6088%. By refinancing this debt obligation, the district will realize a savings of \$691,558.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the "Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$5,060,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds," as presented, and accept the bid proposal submitted by BOSC, Inc. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Rosch reported on the November 1, 2011, meeting with 13 staff members, which included those who were eligible to retire during the 2010/2011 school year but chose to continue their employment, and those who are eligible to retire after the 2011/2012, 2012/2013, or 2013/2014 school years, in regard to post employment benefits.

It was the consensus of the Personnel Committee to schedule their next meeting for November 16, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

POLICY – Chairperson Kusch reported on the October 20, 2011, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Langer to eliminate current Policy 511. Discrimination Complaint Policy**, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented this evening for a first reading. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Langer to renumber/rename current Policy 512. Pupil Non-Discrimination Policy to Policy 511. Nondiscrimination**, as recommended by the Policy Committee and presented this evening for a first reading. Motion Carried.

At this time, the Board of Education took no action on revised Policy 513. Fair Employment Policy**, as the policy is under further review by legal counsel.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2011, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the WSAA/WASB School Law Seminar, which he, Mr. Rosch, and Mr. Langer attended on October 14, 2011. Mr. Zietlow and Ms. Vrakas reported on the WASB Fall Regional Meeting for Region 15, which they attended on October 20, 2011.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported on the 2nd Annual Public Education Transformation Convening: Getting Learning Right the First Time – Every Time, which he attended on November 1, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve the 2011/2012 professional staff contracts for Kathy, Kopp, Nancy Jorgensen, Tony Antony, Gretchen Augustin, Frank Wood, Herb Johnson, Jill Bohrman, Ginny Thorson, and Deb Viegut; and to approve the following cocurricular contracts: Girls Gymnastics Asst. Coach Nicole Schumann; Girls Ice Hockey Asst. Coach Ronald Chmill II; Boys Golf: Head Coach Greg Budzien, Asst. Coaches Greg Bisbee and Michael Williamson; Boys Tennis Head Coach Jeremy Schlitt; Boys Track: Head Coach Chris Herriot, Asst. Coach Mike Gnewuch; Girls Soccer Asst. Coaches Dave Richman and Trina Bower; Girls Softball: Head Coach Emily Martin, Asst. Coaches Jim Albers, Tim Tower,

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and Mike Hall; Girls Track: Head Coach Steve Kostka, Asst. Coach Julie Marrazzo; Boys Baseball: Head Coach Vince Mancuso, Asst. Coaches Tim Tower and Mike Feuerstahler; Academic Decathlon: Head Advisor Greg Bisbee, Asst. Advisor (To Qualify) Cammy Ley-Ploszaj; Chess Club Advisor Tim Gliniecki, DECA Advisor Steve Melzer, Fine Arts Club Advisor Patricia Downing; French Club Advisor Ramona Armour, German Club Advisor Beth Schueth, International Student Club Advisor Patricia Downing; Junior State of America Advisor Tim Tower; Math Club Advisor Cammy Ley-Ploszaj; Model UN Advisor Phil Kasun, National Honor Society Advisor Stephanie Janigo; Niche Club Advisor Lori Barbee; Psych Club Advisor Jennifer Brown; Robotics Head Advisor Paul Zelinger; Save the Earth Club Advisor Greg Bisbee, Science Activities Advisor Cheri Kaiser; Ski Club: Head Advisor Tom Fechter, Asst. Advisor Marie Schneider; Spanish Club Advisor Jeanne Psket; Spanish National Honor Society Advisor Terry Neumann-Hayes; Musical: Director Grace Bielski, Asst. Director Nancy Jorgensen; Marching Band: Director Jacob Polancich, Asst. Director Stacey Zwirlein; Jazz Band Advisors Jacob Polancich (40%) and Stacey Zwirlein (60%); Pep Band Advisors Jacob Polancich (50%) and Stacey Zwirlein (50%); Broadway Company Director Grace Bielski; School Play: Director Maralynn Markano, Asst. Director Maralynn Markano (50%), Stage Crew: Advisor Maralynn Markano (1st semester), Asst. Advisor Maralynn Markano (2nd semester); Forensics Head Advisor Steven Schmid; Literary Magazine Editor Elizabeth Jorgensen; School Paper Editors Elizabeth Jorgensen (50%) and Sarah Johansen (50%); Class Advisors/Citizenship Initiative Advisors Christina Bower, Jean Henschel, Ty Breitlow, and Marie Schneider; SODA Advisors Barb Whyte (50%) and Michelle Feutz (50%); School Store Advisor Steve Melzer; and Intramurals Advisor Liz Arsnaw. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Langer to table the Lake Country Chiefs Contract Extension and Gift Agreement as presented and refer the matter to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for further review and discussion of the proposed changes to the terms of the agreement. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to engage Foley and Lardner, LLP to represent the district in a health insurance issue, as discussed. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk