

**ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2022 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Schubert at 7:02 p.m. in the South Campus Library.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Darrell Beneker, Tim Evers, Chris Farris, Brandon Miller, Kim Schubert, Craig Thompson, Lynn Vogeltanz

Excused absences: Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer

Administration present: Laura Myrah, Sue Casetta, Adam Kurth, Adam Boldt, Jeff Gross

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting and the October 26, 2022 Special School Board Meeting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Farris, seconded by Beneker to approve the October operating bill list and pay vouchers as presented. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The RHO KAPPA National Social Studies Honor Society gave a presentation on the purpose of their organization, which focuses on social studies topics. They host community events, including the annual Veterans Day breakfast and ceremony, movie nights, guest speakers and "This Day in History" events. There are approximately 35 students in this honor society this school year.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Four (4) members of the public made comments. Comments include concerns about passing the proposed Policy 334 - Transparency in Curriculum and the unnecessary burden that it could place on the teacher staff. Community members also expressed concerns regarding Policy 651 - Procedures for Handling Student Name Changes and Pronoun Usage stating that it creates an unsafe environment at school for certain students. Requests for this policy to be repealed or reconsidered were made. A member of the public gave an update on the success of the AHS swim team and pool fundraising efforts.

CURRICULUM - Ms. Shubert gave a report from the October 12, 2022 committee meeting. A new class was proposed by the English department, Honors English 10, which the committee agreed to send to the board for discussion and action. A model UN field trip proposal was shared and is before the board for discussion and approval. Ms. Casetta presented an update regarding the ongoing schedule change exploration process.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Beneker to approve the new course proposal for Honors English 10. Motion was withdrawn by Thompson. The board agreed that this agenda item will be brought back to the Curriculum committee for a further discussion on the course reading materials.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Thompson to approve the English 10 course with the extraction of the novels. Motion was withdrawn by Miller.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Miller to proceed with the approval of the proposed Honors English 10 course revision with the omission of the books that have been listed in the reading portion subject to further review. Motion Carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Thompson to approve the Model United Nations (UN) field trip to Boston, MA on February 9-12, 2023 as drafted. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson gave a report from the October 26, 2022 meeting. The committee discussed ideas regarding legislative advocacy for Wisconsin public school funding. A flier and letter will be drafted by administration and brought to the board for review and approval. Mr. Gross gave a brief review of the final budget information. The mill rate is \$2.10, which is down from \$2.31 as approved at the annual meeting and down \$0.24 from a year ago. The board discussed the recent election and information regarding other Wisconsin schools and the passed versus failed referendums. Many school districts are facing declining enrollment and will be faced with financial difficulties in the coming years.

The next Finance and Legislation meeting date is TBD.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Beneker gave a report from the October 20, 2022 meeting. Mr. Lipscomb reviewed the Building and Grounds Q1 fiscal dashboard. Also discussed was the addition of a water main replacement and redundancy “loop” as well as a recommendation from the Village of Hartland Department of Public Works to replace certain water mains on campus. An update on the restoration of the maintenance facility was provided. After repairs began, there was additional damage discovered and the committee agreed to discontinue repairs that were previously approved, as it is too much expense going into an aged failing facility. Mr. Gross explained that a \$1.4 million dollar fund balance will cover the costs for a new facility. The new maintenance facility was included in the recently approved budget and bids for the work are being gathered. Fundraising efforts for the pool, tennis and baseball facility efforts will be updated at the next committee meeting.

The next Building and Grounds meeting is November 18, 2022 at 6:45 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Ms. Schubert gave a report from the October 25, 2022 meeting. The committee discussed the prospect of participating in a planning session to discuss the functioning and priorities of the school board with the help of an experienced facilitator. A proposal will be brought to the full board for discussion and approval at a future regular school board meeting. The committee also brainstormed a few ways to retain staff and ways of attracting new staff and maintaining a positive school culture.

The next Personnel meeting date is TBD.

POLICY – Chairperson Farris gave a report from the November 3, 2022 meeting. The committee reviewed proposed changes to Policy 121 Policy development to more accurately reflect current practices around developing and approving policies. This will be voted on this evening. Policy and Procedure 334 - Transparency in Curriculum was discussed and revised for

consideration. The procedure for Policy 651-Procedure for Handling Student Name Changes and Pronoun Usage will be moved to a future Policy meeting based on time constraints.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Farris to approve Policy 121 Policy Development changes as drafted. Motion Carried.

Moved by Miller, seconded Farris by to approve Policy and Procedure 334 Transparency in Curriculum as presented.

Roll call vote: (Thompson - No, Beneker - No, Volgeltanz -Aye, Evers - Aye, Miller - Aye, Farris - Aye, Schubert - Aye) Motion Carried. (5-2)

The next Policy meeting is December 1, 2022 at 6:45 a.m.

WASB – Ms. Schubert provided a report from the Fall Regional Meeting.

CESA #1 - No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Benker, seconded by Farris to approve the resignation as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Farris, seconded by Beneker to approve the contract/letters of appointments as presented. Motion Carried.

No donations were presented.

Future agenda items

Moved by Beneker, seconded by Miller that pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), the board will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Superintendent annual review process

Moved by Miller, seconded by Beneker to reconvene into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Beneker - Aye, Evers - Aye, Farris - Aye, Langer - Aye, Hemmer - Aye, Langer - Aye, Miller - Aye, Schubert - Aye, Vogeltanz - Aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Evers, seconded by Farris to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate McGraw
Recording Secretary

Amy Hemmer, Clerk