

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2008
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,
Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: Judie Ristow

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wieczorek

Staff present: Jeff Waters

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Rice to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008, Regular Board meeting and the October 23, 2008, Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 119962-119963, 119966-119968, 119971-119975, 119979-119982, 119984-119989, 119991-119995, 119997-120003, 120007, 120019, 120031, 120047, 120058, 120062, 120066-120127, 120129-120257, 120260-120439, 120444-120445, 200800180-200800192, and 200800230-200800243 in the amount of \$1,551,784.22. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Mr. Rosch noted that the display case at North Campus that will feature the academic achievement of students has been completed and was very well done. The purpose of the display case is to recognize students who have received one of the following academic awards: Wisconsin Academic Excellence Higher Education Scholarship; Wisconsin All-State Scholars/Robert C. Byrd Program Scholarship; Kohl Scholarship; Brady All-Stars; National Merit Awards; and the National AP Scholar Award.

Mr. Rosch also noted that the ‘Guitars for Vets’ fundraiser that was held in the North Campus Commons on November 7, 2008, was very entertaining. The event was organized by the International Student Club, and funds raised were used to buy guitars for veterans at the Zablocki VA Medical Center.

Mr. Rosch also mentioned that Tom Pipines from Fox 6 Sports did a very nice story on Coach Taraska, which was aired last night.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Jefson distributed the Board Report Schedule for 2008/2009 to the Board of Education for their review.

Mr. Jefson also distributed a WIAA “Sports” Report “Plus” from an official at the October 17, 2008, varsity football game vs. Catholic Memorial who commended the players, coaches, and fans of both teams for their good sportsmanship, and also found the facilities, field, Arrowhead personnel, and game administration to be excellent.

Mr. Jefson also distributed an announcement from WCTC regarding their donation of two Toyota automobiles to Arrowhead High School as a sign of their commitment to us as a partner in automotive career education. WCTC is one of 50 colleges offering the Toyota T-Ten technician training certification. Dr. Laugerman, Mr. Eric Varrelmann, technology and engineering education teacher, and Mr. Jefson attended the donation ceremony, along with representatives from Jack Safro Toyota, WCTC, and the Area Toyota T-Ten Manager.

The agenda for the 2020 Conversations 2008-2009 meetings, which are scheduled for November 25, December 4, and December 9, 2008, and include the Grade 8-9 committee, were distributed to the Board of Education for their information, along with the agenda for the 2020 Initiative’s Launch Team, which will meet on November 12, 2008.

Mr. Jeff Waters, network administrator, presented to the Board of Education on the Arrowhead email program and demonstrated how to access and utilize the program. It was the consensus of the Board of Education to establish Arrowhead email accounts for all Board members for board-related communications and to have the Arrowhead email addresses published on the district’s website.

Dr. Laugerman reviewed the Arrowhead High School SMART Goal 2008/2009 report, which she distributed to the Board of Education. Our SMART Goal is: “Within three years, all students, including the class of 2010 low functioning, underachieving students, and students with disabilities, will improve their academic performance.” She also reviewed the 2008/2009 Action Plan to Improve Student Learning and Achievement (Standards/Assessment, Reading, Writing, Student Planning, and 2020 Vision).

Dr. Beckman provided the Board of Education with an Adequate Yearly Progress update. She also reviewed the District Plan for Use of Funds, which she distributed to the Board of Education. This is a Title 1 grant in the amount of \$160,000, which will be used to achieve the District’s Improvement Goals, which are: 1) Improve reading achievement for students with disabilities at Arrowhead High School; 2) Improve math achievement for students with disabilities at Arrowhead High School; and 3) Improve administrative and instructional leaders’ effectiveness and skills to ensure full implementation of the District/School SMART Goal.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the October 23, 2008, meeting.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the World Languages: Chinese 1 curriculum proposal as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. After further discussion, Mike Kusch called for the question. Motion Carried.

It was the consensus of the Policy Committee to cancel their next meeting scheduled for November 20, 2008. It was the consensus of the Curriculum Committee to reschedule their next meeting from November 27, 2008, to November 20, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky reviewed the State Trust Fund loan proposal in the amount of \$2,340,000 to refinance long-term debt.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the “Resolution of School Board Authorizing Loan” and authorize the application for a State Trust Fund loan in the amount of \$2,340,000 for the purpose of refinancing existing bonds originally used to refinance bonds as well as pay off State Trust Fund loans, as presented. Motion Carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the November 4 and November 5, 2008, meetings.

On November 4, 2008, the committee toured the Vilter farm and viewed two silos on the property, which Mr. and Mrs. Vilter have requested to be removed. The estimated cost for dismantling and removal of the silos is \$5,050. It was the consensus of the committee that funding for this project be included in the 2009/2010 Buildings and Grounds budget. It was also noted that the project could be completed next spring if there are sufficient funds remaining in the 2008/2009 Buildings and Grounds budget.

On November 5, 2008, the committee reviewed the revised Master Plan Outline of Services from Eppstein Uhen Architects, at a cost of \$23,000. The plan includes three primary services: Enrollment Projections, Emerging Trends in Education, and Facilities Assessment. The cost for the Enrollment Projections will be reduced by \$2,250 for each feeder school that chooses to participate in the study.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Kusch to approve the Master Plan Initiative to address issues presented by updated enrollment projections, changes in curriculum and program delivery, and the capability of the existing site and buildings to accommodate future changes, as presented. Motion Carried.

Mr. Zietlow reported that Arrowhead High School will be participating in Lt. Governor Lawton’s Energy Star School Challenge. The purpose of this program is to encourage 100 Wisconsin school districts to take the Energy Star Challenge to improve energy efficiency by 10%. The district, in turn, will be provided support and resources in reducing energy consumption.

The committee was updated regarding a lighting proposal for the South Campus competition gym. The gym lighting is not at an acceptable level for a competition gymnasium. The proposal includes a new lighting system that will use 1/3 the energy and provide a significant improvement in lighting. Focus on Energy will provide a \$90 per fixture rebate if the district applies by the end of November. The committee approved applying for the Focus on Energy grant with funding for the project coming from the existing Buildings and Grounds budget.

PERSONNEL – Mr. Kopecky reviewed the proposed Arrowhead Union High School District Employees Savings Plan [403(b) Plan] and answered questions.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the Resolution to adopt the Arrowhead Union High School District Employees Savings Plan [403(b) Plan] Tax Sheltered Annuities, as presented. Motion Carried.

POLICY –

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve Policy 649.1 Privacy in Locker Rooms as presented this evening for a second and final reading. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Rice to approve Policy 461.1 Coaches' Handbook and the Parent/Athlete Handbook 2008/2009 as presented this evening for a second and final reading. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Rosch to approve Policy 1011.1 Staff Email as presented this evening for a second and final reading. Motion Carried.

Committee member Rosch reported on the October 16, 2008, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Schultz to approve the Challenge Ropes Course Policy and Procedures Manual, updated July 2008, as recommended by the Policy Committee, and presented this evening for a first reading. Motion Carried.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow noted the following WASB events and encouraged Board members to attend: the State Education Convention on January 21-23, 2009, in Milwaukee, and a Day at the Capitol on March 18, 2009. He also reported on the Legislative Issues Conference, which he attended on November 8, 2008, and distributed related information.

Mr. LeBlanc reported that he, Mr. Rosch, and Mr. Zietlow attended the School Law Seminar on October 24, 2008, and he has a copy of the book that was distributed at the seminar if any Board member is interested.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reviewed recent monthly newsletters sent to the CESA #1 Board of Control. He also reported on the Fall Regional Meeting, which he and Mr. Rice attended on September 25, 2008, and distributed the Wisconsin Covenant Pledge to the Board of Education for their review.

ADSEC – No report.

ENDOWMENT FUND – Mr. Thompson reported on the October 8, 2008, meeting. The committee reviewed current investments and discussed the need for an informational marketing plan for the Endowment Fund.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL SAFETY – Mr. Rosch reported that he was nominated by Bob Butler from WASB to serve on the Joint Legislative Committee on School Safety, and he accepted the appointment. The committee has been meeting since August and was directed to review means by which school safety can be improved by examining the relationship between maintaining a safe and secure physical environment and fostering a safe and secure learning environment. The goal of the committee will be to offer suggestions for legislation or changes in state policy for the 2009-10 State Legislature to consider.

MULLETT ICE CENTER COMMUNITY BOARD – Mr. LeBlanc reported on the September 11, 2008, meeting. The Ice Center Board reviewed the 2008/2009 proposed Ice Center budget. They also discussed the Youth Hockey Director position and the Arrowhead Youth Hockey Association. The Ice Center Board reviewed the Roller Hockey program's first year of implementation and recommended that the Arrowhead Board of Education continue the program in the coming year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Schultz to schedule a Special Board meeting on November 19, 2008, at 5:00 p.m., to address the Connector Road Agreement and associated Resolutions and establish a date for a meeting of the electorate. Motion Carried.

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

- Student Discipline Matters
- Personnel Matters

Roll Call Vote: Rice – aye, Kusch – aye, Schultz – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Zietlow – aye, Thompson – aye, Gutschenritter – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Kusch to move into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Gutschenritter – aye, Kusch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Yearly individual report to all teachers listing their salary, benefits, and projected figures.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk