

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 2016
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rosch at 5:04 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Members present: Bob Rosch, Joe LeBlanc, Craig Thompson, Kent Rice, Al Zietlow, Dave Dean, Donna Beringer, and Sue Schultz; Tim Langer participated by conference call.

Administration present: Laura Myrah and Steve Kopecky

The meeting was properly posted.

POST-REFERENDUM NEXT STEPS DISCUSSION –

President Rosch opened the meeting by acknowledging the November referendum did not pass, and the Board doesn't need to spend time discussing that fact. Mr. Rosch began the discussion by asking the broad question of "what's next?" Each Board member weighed-in on their opinion regarding moving forward with another referendum attempt, or not. If another referendum is a consideration of the Board, tight timelines are in place if we consider an April 4, 2017, ballot. Board members reached unanimous consensus that another referendum should be attempted on the April 4, 2017, ballot. They discussed the desire to prioritize the district's immediate facility needs in order to prevent significant reductions to student programs in the operating budget.

The Board discussed the idea of possibly selling the 40-acre plot of district-owned land north of Highway K, or a designated portion of that land. Mr. Rosch reminded the Board that last spring's appraisal did not yield a profit from what was paid for the land years ago. Board members reached consensus that selling the full parcel of land would be short-sighted, particularly without making a profit. Consideration of selling the 8-acre portion on the corner may still occur.

The Board will set additional meeting times for more detailed discussions. Board members also expressed a desire to have a tour with the construction management and architect firm to learn the details of potential projects, particularly in areas where questions still exist.

Discussion was held regarding several of the large components of the facility needs. The Fine Arts Auditorium and the replacement Swimming Pool were discussed. The majority of the Board reached consensus that although those projects have value to the school, they should not be added to the next referendum. The Board unanimously agreed to keep a Design Engineering Manufacturing Center project at North Campus, as well as most of the Special Education and Student Services areas in the next referendum. The majority of the Board reached consensus to maintain, in the future referendum, the new construction of storage areas for Fine Arts and the Gym, which also takes care of the identified safety and privacy issues. The hallway and doorway access to an identified art classroom, which has no direct hallway access, was discussed, and the Board reached majority consensus that it likely should be included in a future referendum. The storm water management project at North Campus, which impacts the flooding throughout campus, was discussed. The Board would like a more detailed breakdown of the \$2.9 million price tag for the storm water management work. Also discussed was site safety, prioritized parking lot paving, and traffic patterns/connector road. The Board reached majority consensus to keep the overall category/project in the future referendum, but with consideration to exact costings and reduction to portions of the project.

Mr. Rosch asked the Board to take home and review the extensive list of building infrastructure and emergency systems sub-projects and the instructional space sub-projects. During the next meeting, those items will be discussed and prioritized. In future meetings, the experts from the architectural firm and construction management firm will be present in order to help determine more specific pricing with proposed reductions to the various projects.

Next meetings were set for November 29, December 6, and December 14, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Myrah
Superintendent

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk