

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2008  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by School Board President LeBlanc in the North Campus Theatre.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was properly posted.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Moved by Kent Rice, seconded by Bob Rosch to nominate Joe LeBlanc for Chairperson.

Moved by Sharon Barto, seconded by Alan Stanwick to nominate Guy Kieckhefer for Chairperson.

There were no other nominations for Chairperson.

School Board President LeBlanc called for a standing vote. Joe LeBlanc received 21 votes; Guy Kieckhefer received 32 votes. Guy Kieckhefer was elected Chairperson.

LAND TRANSFER PRESENTATION

Mr. Joe LeBlanc, School Board President, stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to ask the electorate of the school district to approve or disapprove a land exchange between the Arrowhead School District and the Village of Hartland. As a brief history, Mr. LeBlanc stated that some time ago, the Village of Hartland approached the Arrowhead School District with a proposal for a connector road that would connect STH 83 with CTH K. At that time, the proposed location of the connector road was such that a portion of the road where it exited north to CTH K came across a portion of the school district's property. After many negotiation sessions and investigations, we were unable to come to an agreement that was acceptable to both parties. At that point in time, all negotiations were put on hold. A short time later, the Village of Hartland came up with a new proposal whereby the connector road would exit north to CTH K within a village-owned right-of-way located west of the school district's property. It was at this time that the property owners adjacent to the village-owned right-of-way, as well as officials from the Town of Merton, approached the school board to request that they attempt to renegotiate an agreement with the Village of Hartland. They cited safety issues with the connector road proposed to be located in the village-owned right-of-way due to limited vision in certain areas. As a result of the safety concerns raised and the fact that Arrowhead High School students would also be traveling on this road, the school board directed Superintendent Jefson to approach the Village of Hartland to see if they would be agreeable to renegotiating an agreement. Subsequently, the Arrowhead School District and the Village of Hartland were able to reach an agreement, and having done so, it was the consensus of the Arrowhead High School Board of Education to schedule a special district meeting to allow the electorate to decide whether to approve the proposed land exchange. Mr. LeBlanc also noted that the transfer of land cannot be authorized by the Arrowhead Board of Education. Wisconsin statutes state that the land transfer must be approved by the electorate of the school district.

Mr. Wally Thiel, Village Administrator of the Village of Hartland, provided additional information regarding the connector road. He stated that the Village of Hartland has an agreement with the State of Wisconsin in which they agreed to provide a connection between CTH K and STH 83 through the property acquired by the village in 2002. As part of that agreement, the Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee agreed to pay for the improvements to that road, and the village agreed to provide the right-of-way. As previously stated, the village owns a 66 ft. strip of land to which the connection to CTH K would be made if this land exchange is not approved. The Village of Hartland currently holds a permit from Waukesha County to construct the connector road in this location.

Mr. Thiel stated that it was at this point in time that the Arrowhead School District approached the Village of Hartland to attempt to renegotiate an agreement, after previous negotiations with the school district led to no conclusion. A mutually acceptable agreement was reached. In the proposed land exchange, the Village of Hartland would trade 4.06 acres of land currently owned by the village for 2.1 acres of land currently owned by the school district. In addition, the Village of Hartland agrees to reserve 50 DUEs (Domestic User Equivalent), which is a measure of sanitary sewer service, for future use by the school district on the 40-acre parcel located north of CTH K, which the school district currently owns. The Village of Hartland also agrees that the school district would have access to the connector road, and further agrees to provide for the relocation of a portion of the school district's cross-country trail, which would be displaced by the road connection to CTH K.

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In response to questions regarding the connector road, it was stated that a traffic study, which was paid for by the Lutheran High School Association, assumed 2,000-4,000 ADT (average daily traffic). The connector road has a designed speed of 30 mph and would be posted for 25 mph. The Village of Hartland would be responsible for maintaining the road after it is constructed. In regard to the parcel of land acquired by the Village of Hartland from the State of Wisconsin, Mr. Thiel stated that it is zoned for educational, recreational, or roadway purposes. He also noted that this parcel is in the village's comprehensive recreation plan for future consideration of park uses.

Mr. Thiel emphasized that by virtue of the agreement the Village of Hartland has with the State of Wisconsin, the connector road will be built, either in one location or the other. The decision to be made tonight by the school district electorate is which location is the preferred location of the connector road. If the land exchange is not approved, then the connector road will be built within the right-of-way owned by the Village of Hartland.

Moved by Jane Stadler, seconded by Guy Kieckhefer to call the question on the resolution to authorize the Arrowhead Union High School District Board of Education to enter into agreements with the Village of Hartland for the following purposes: 1. The transfer of approximately 2.10 acres of land from the Arrowhead Union High School District to the Village of Hartland; 2. The transfer of approximately 4.06 acres of land from the Village of Hartland to the Arrowhead Union High School District; 3. The construction of Campus Drive and its connection to CTH K by the Village of Hartland.

Chairperson Kieckhefer called for a written ballot vote on the resolution. Voting: 72 votes cast; 44 Yes and 28 No. The resolution was adopted by a ballot vote.

Chairperson Kieckhefer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, School Board Clerk