

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2014
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 (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Craig Thompson, Donna Beringer, Dave Dean, Tim Langer, Kent Rice, Al Zietlow

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Mary Ann Beckman, Sue Casetta, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wiczorek, Kevin Flegner

Staff present: Kathy Kopp, Adam Boldt
Tom Truttschel, Girls Lacrosse Head Coach

Students present: Terrell Steward, Ian Cogswell

Others present: Dave and Melissa Myers
Evan Frank, Lake Country Reporter

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014, Regular Board meeting and the November 21, 2014, Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 1114, 141253-141393, and 201400167-201400198 in the amount of \$1,445,017.61 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$197,644.42. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS –

Mrs. Melissa Myers addressed the Board of Education regarding their fundraising efforts for the field hockey/lacrosse artificial turf fields. She reported that to-date they have raised \$719,000 in donations and have commitments for an additional \$127,500. She requested that they be allowed to continue their fundraising efforts through the original deadline of December 19, 2014, in order to meet their fundraising goal of \$1.2 million. She also requested a commitment from the district to fund the infrastructure costs of the project.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

Dr. Mary Ann Beckman, director of student services, Ms. Alicia Obermann, math teacher, National Honor Society head advisor, and an Arrowhead Way Team coach, shared information regarding The Arrowhead Way – |ONE TEAM. This initiative merges RtI (Response to Intervention) and PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) in a positive, school-wide systemic approach to meet the holistic needs of all students, both academic and social/emotional. The Arrowhead Way: Be Appropriate, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, establishes clear expectations for student behavior that are taught, modeled, and reinforced by all staff. Examples of The Arrowhead Way include the WINGS freshman orientation program, posters throughout the school, Arrowhead's Twitter page, department's theme of the month, and the new whiteboards, which have been installed around the school so students can write positive messages. The goal of The Arrowhead Way is for students to be more successful at Arrowhead and beyond.

Ms. Schultz arrived at this time.

Mr. Adam Boldt, school psychologist and an Arrowhead Way Team coach, introduced two students, Terrell Steward and Ian Cogswell. Terrell, who is in 9th grade, shared his positive experience in getting the support he needs to improve his reading ability so he can be successful in school and afterwards. He said that he likes his teachers, and they want to help. Ian, a senior and member of the National Honor Society, shared his observations of how The Arrowhead Way has had a positive impact on student behavior.

Mr. Wiczorek stated that the Band Holiday Concert is scheduled for December 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m., and everyone is invited to attend. The concert can also be viewed on Arrowhead's Livestream.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education that the opportunity for a parent to be on stage at graduation to hand out diplomas to graduates will no longer be offered as an auction item at the annual Arrowhead Scholarship Fund dinner auction. The Board of Education also expressed their desire that a secondary ceremony be available for graduates who are unable to attend graduation due to a schedule conflict resulting from their participation in a school-related sport or event.

At this time, President LeBlanc changed the order of the agenda and moved the Buildings and Grounds Committee report ahead of the Curriculum Committee report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –

Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the Arrowhead School Forest proposal, which was presented to the Board of Education by Mr. Jim Albers, science teacher, at their November 12, 2014, meeting.

Moved by Dean, seconded by Rice to approve the School Forest proposal as presented. After further discussion, Kent Rice called for the question. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Zietlow reported on the December 3, 2014, meeting.

The Board of Education discussed the field hockey/lacrosse complex project at length. The fundraising commitment for two new lacrosse/field hockey artificial turf fields is \$1.2 million, with a deadline of December 19, 2014, to secure all donations. A target date to complete the project is the start of the 2015/2016 school year. Infrastructure costs are estimated at \$860,000-\$1.2 million. Potential donors are looking for a commitment from the district to assist in funding the infrastructure costs. At this time, the minimum infrastructure requirements and costs are unknown pending project review and approval of a conditional use permit by the Town of Merton Plan Commission, as well as approval from Waukesha County in regard to access to County Road K. The Board of Education discussed the district's Master Plan and priorities based on what's best for students, as well as the number of students/community members served. They also discussed issues identified by the Facilities Community Task Force (FCT), which affect school safety, traffic, and storm water management. The Board of Education discussed possible funding sources for current/future projects, including the use of district fund balance and a referendum. Options for potential Board action regarding the project were presented and discussed.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Dean to delay action on the field hockey/lacrosse complex project for a month to allow administration time to gather additional information from the Town of Merton and Waukesha County regarding requirements for project approval and associated costs.

The Board of Education continued discussion regarding the field hockey/lacrosse complex project and possible ramifications of delaying action on the project. They also considered a commitment to fund a portion of the infrastructure costs with donations covering the remaining costs of the project. The Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Myers for their commitment to the project and fundraising efforts, and also thanked them and all the donors for their generosity.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Dean to withdraw their motion to delay action on the field hockey/lacrosse complex project for a month to allow administration time to gather additional information from the Town of Merton and Waukesha County regarding requirements for project approval and associated costs. Motion Withdrawn.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to commit up to \$500,000 in district funding for the infrastructure costs associated with the proposed field hockey/lacrosse complex project. Aye – 8 and No – 1 (Langer). Motion Carried.

The Board of Education discussed the manufacturing and engineering remodeling proposal to address the physical space needs at South Campus and curricular improvements recommended by the Curriculum Committee as a result of the growth of the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) program. Dr. Laugerman reported on the work of the Manufacturing Steering Committee, which includes participation from the area's business leaders. Currently, over 400 students are involved in Arrowhead's PLTW program, with enrollment expected to increase as students in the middle school PLTW program enter high school.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the manufacturing and engineering remodeling proposal at an approximate cost of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. Motion Carried.

Possible funding for the manufacturing and engineering remodeling project, which will require future action by the Board of Education, includes the use of district fund balance and a state trust fund loan, which would be limited to \$1 million and available to the district for a 10-year term with no elector approval required.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2015, at 7:00 a.m.

CURRICULUM – Ms. Casetta, director of learning, reported on the December 4, 2014, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2015/2016 Course Guide as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2015 Summer School Course Guide as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Dean, seconded by Rice to approve the 2015/2016 Student Services Guide as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the Ski Club extended field trip to Winterpark, Colorado, on April 6-10, 2015, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2015, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2015/2016 budget development process and timeline.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Rosch reported that the next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2015, at 7:00 a.m.

Mr. Rosch noted that the Technical Excellence Higher Education Scholarship committee is meeting tomorrow. The scholarship program was created by a new state law that first applies to students in 2015/2016. In order to administer the scholarship program, the school board must develop criteria to determine a senior student's level of proficiency in technical education subjects for designation as scholars and have the criteria approved by the state's Higher Educational Aids Board (HEAB).

Mr. Rosch stated that to ensure future staff/student recognitions are done in a timely manner, it is requested that there be a limit of one Board representative for each event.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2015, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow is a member of the WASB Policy and Resolutions Committee and will attend the WASB Delegate Assembly on January 21, 2015, and vote on the 2015 Resolutions on behalf of the Arrowhead School District. Board members were requested to review the WASB Report to the Membership on 2015 Resolutions and share their comments or recommendations with him at the January 14, 2015, Board of Education meeting. He also noted that the 2015 Joint State Education Convention is scheduled for January 21-23, 2015, at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported that the next CESA #1 Board of Control meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2014. Mr. Zietlow also serves on the CESA #1 2014/2015 Herb Kohl Scholarship/Fellowship Selection Committee, which met today for the first reading of student applications. Beginning in 2015, scholarships have increased from \$1,000 to \$3,000 for each student. The first reading of teacher applications is scheduled for December 22, 2014.

MULLETT ICE CENTER COMMUNITY BOARD – Mr. Jefson reported on the November 17, 2014, meeting. The Board welcomed two new Ice Center employees, Josh Engel (Director of Programming and Skill Development) and Craig Petersen (Asst. Ice Arena Manager). They also reviewed the Ice Center's current 2014/2015 budget status; revenue is down year-to-date about \$13,000. They also discussed ice usage, building maintenance issues, and off season ice rental fees. A Strategy and Communication Plan was also presented to the Board, which included improvement priorities, annual operation plan matrix, key performance indicators, plan for usage/ utilization, and communication plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Rice, seconded by Rosch to approve the 2014/2015 new professional staff contract for Jeffrey Luetschwager (Technology and Engineering Education, starting 1-21-15); and to approve the 2014/2015 cocurricular contracts for Christopher Pawlowski (School Play Set Construction; School Play Stage Manager) as presented. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – 1) Future referendum; 2) Special Board meeting to prioritize potential future construction/maintenance projects

Mr. Rosch noted that Steve Kostka will be inducted into the Wisconsin Track Coaches Association's Hall of Fame on February 7, 2015. Mr. Kostka coached the Arrowhead girls track program for 36 years and was head coach for 25 seasons.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk