

**ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2022 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Schubert at 7:00 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, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting. Motion Carried.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Ms. Myrah complimented students for sharing their opinions during the Communications and Comments session, and then let the board know they would now hear about the Student Senate's purpose and activities.

Associate Principal Becky Gordon introduced members of the Student Senate. The student representatives talked about some of the many events they run including, homecoming, blood drives, the giving tree holiday donations, easter egg hunt, spirit days, and prom. Student involvement includes the starting steps of securing sponsors, generating ideas, planning the event all the way through running the event. Student participation creates skills in organization, time management, team work, reliability, commitment, punctuality, integrity, and real life problem solving skills. Ms. Schubert commented that she would like to determine a way to strengthen the connection with the school board and the student senate.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Two Arrowhead students and one member of the public spoke and voiced their concerns regarding Policy 651 - Procedures for handling student name changes and pronoun usage. The request to rescind this policy was heard from all 3 speakers. A request was made that the school board rescind Policy 334 - Transparency in curriculum. A concern was also brought up regarding the upcoming election and the possible political influences that may affect it as school boards should be non-partisan.

CURRICULUM - Chairperson Hemmer gave a report from the November 16, 2022 evening meeting. Ms. Casetta and Mr. Kurth presented an extensive update regarding the ongoing schedule change exploration and answered questions from the board. The board asked if administration could present an option for an 8-period day in order to add a resource period for the 2023-2024 school year as a way to ease into the A/B block schedule for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ms. Hemmer gave a report from the Dec. 8, 2022 meeting. This meeting was a continuation of conversations regarding the recommended A/B block schedule. The committee agreed to move this forward to the full board for discussion and action.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2023/2023 Course Guide and Summer School Guide as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to approve the proposed A/B Block schedule including a resource period beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Evers - No, Beneker - No, Thompson - Aye, Vogeltanz - No, Schubert - No, Farris - No, Miller - Aye, Hemmer - No, Langer - Aye. Motion Failed.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson gave a report from the December 13, 2022 meeting. Mr. Gross presented a draft on an advocacy letter regarding the impact of the Wisconsin 2023-2025 biennial budget planning on public school districts. The committee discussed the various types of referendum options, in case the board was to decide attempting a referendum was necessary. The topic of fundraising was briefly discussed. Mr. Ryan Mangan presented a proposal asking the school board up front \$600,000 from fund balance to replace the scoreboard on the football field and in the east gym. The committee agreed with the understanding that 4 main anchor sponsors are secured and will recoup at least \$300,000 of the cost over 5 years with the remaining cost to be recouped from additional sponsorships.

Moved by Thompson, no second to allow for the assignment of Fund Balance monies to finance the scoreboards project until the donated funds are received.

Mr. Thompson removed the motion.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Farris, to take money from the fund balance with the stipulation to have the four anchor contracts signed. Motion Carried.

The next Finance and Legislation meeting date is TBD.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – No report.

The next Building and Grounds meeting is January 5, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Langer reported that the committee held a closed session meeting on December 13, 2022. The request for approval of administration contracts will be presented to the board at the January 11, 2023 board meeting.

The next Personnel meeting date is TBD.

POLICY – Chairperson Farris gave a report from the December 1, 2022 meeting. The committee discussed a possible procedure for Policy 651 - Procedures for Handling Legal Name Changes and Pronoun Usage and decided that since the policy is written as a procedure that an additional procedure document is not necessary. The committee reviewed possible additions to Policy 623 - Open Enrollment regarding the Students with Disabilities portion of the policy, which

will be up for discussion and action. The committee discussed possible revisions to Policy 351 - Graduation Requirements regarding students who pass during their tenure at Arrowhead and allowing them to have a private ceremony if they so wish. The board will have discussion and action on these proposed changes.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Farris to approve the revisions of Policy 623 Open Enrollment as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Hemmer to approve the revisions of Policy 351 Graduation Requirements as presented. Motion Carried.

The next Policy meeting is January 10, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

WASB – Ms. Schubert reported that the Wisconsin State Education Convention is January 18-20, 2023 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

CESA #1 - No report.

A Wisconsin school funding workshop was held at Swallow school, which was attended by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Farris from our board. Mr. Thompson found the networking with other board members and administrators to be the most beneficial aspect of this workshop and appreciated the discussion regarding both potential and real situations. Mr. Farris enjoyed the visual format of the workshop and commented that this allowed him to fully understand the information. Mr. Farris suggested that Mr. Gross might facilitate a similar type of workshop for the board at some time in the future.

Ms. Schubert discussed the Technical Education experiences and opportunities at WCTC. Mr. Tom Whelan hosted a field trip which included visits to two local manufacturers. Students had the opportunity to see how products are brought to the market. Ms. Schubert shared a recent WCTC annual report with the board.

Ms. Casetta discussed multiple types of dual credit opportunities and explained how some of these opportunities benefit Arrowhead students.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Miller, seconded by Langer to approve the resignation as presented. Motion Carried.

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

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Beneker to approve the donations as presented. Motion Carried.

Future agenda items

Discussion of possible changes to the current Arrowhead schedule.

Consider including a representative(s) from the student senate at school board meetings to expand opportunities with the board.

Discussion regarding attraction and retention of employees.

Moved by Farris, seconded by Beneker that pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), the board will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters: Motion Carried. (9:40 pm)

- Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Nov. 9, 2022 closed session meetings and the December 13, 2022 Personnel Committee closed session.
- Superintendent review process.

Moved by Farris, seconded by Langer 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 Vegeltanz, seconded by Thompson to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate McGraw
Recording Secretary

Amy Hemmer, Clerk