

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2003
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Goodnow at 7:15 p.m. in the South Campus Conference Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jack Goodnow, Judie Ristow, Joe LeBlanc, Sue Schultz, John Greidanus, Jack Gutschenritter, Bob Rosch, Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: Randy Howell

Administration present: Dave Lodes, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wiczorek

Also present: Kristi Haunfelder, Lake Country Reporter

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2002, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve the construction bill list and pay voucher 001452 in the amount of \$45,547.53 and to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 090714-090971, 090973-091036, and 091038-091182 in the amount of \$728,787.31. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – President Goodnow reported that he received a letter from the K-8/UHS Districts Coalition, dated December 16, 2002. The letter states that the state budget deficit is worse than anticipated. Governor Elect Doyle has promised that taxes will not be raised to balance the state budget, so where will the money come from? The letter further states that all state spending programs will be scrutinized for potential cost savings, and the consolidation of school districts, including K-8/union high school districts, have been and will be discussed. The Coalition is inviting all K-8/UHS Districts to be represented at their annual meeting on January 22, 2003, to discuss these issues and strategy. The meeting will include an election of officers. The WASB legislative liaison, Pam Rewey, will also be present to share the latest information regarding K-8/UHS issues. It was the consensus of the Board of Education that the Arrowhead School District should be represented at this meeting. Mr. Zietlow and Dr. Lodes indicated they would attend.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that semester exams are scheduled on January 22, 23, and 24, 2003. Eighth grade orientation is scheduled for the evenings of January 27 and 28, 2003. By early February, all students will have made course selections for next year. Board committees and administration will subsequently become involved in the associated staffing and budgeting process.

The Grade 8/9 Transition Team organized an event to showcase and promote the high school band program to current 7th and 8th grade band students. Freshman and sophomore band students performed a concert/clinic at the high school on January 14, 2003, and over 400 elementary students attended the performances and toured the facilities. This event is consistent with the Board's initiative to promote the band program due to the lack of enrollment last year. The Board of Education commended Mrs. Laugerman and the Grade 8/9 Transition Team for their efforts in making this a successful event.

CURRICULUM – The next meeting will be on January 17, 2003, at 7:00 a.m.; agenda topics include the enGauge study analysis report, which will become our future technology plan, continued discussion of the Grade 8/9 Transition meetings, and a request for field trip approval.

Mr. Gutschenritter reminded the administration of the Board of Education request for a report of all Arrowhead High School course offerings and the number of sections taught over the past four years, and to also indicate when courses have been added or dropped.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – The next meeting will be on February 19, 2003. The 2003/2004 budget development process is underway, and a very conservative approach is being taken. Mr. Kopecky noted that several plans have been proposed in the legislature to resolve the state's budget deficit. The common denominator among these plans is to increase the sales tax. The projected date for Governor Doyle to present his budget to the legislature, which will include his plan to finance schools, is February 18, 2003. Our preliminary budget is being prepared based on existing law; however, pending the outcome of the debate on school funding, future adjustments to the proposed 2003/2004 budget may be required.

Chairperson LeBlanc also noted that, as directed by the Board of Education, bids have been requested for auditing services. The Finance Committee will review these bids at a future meeting.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – The next meeting will be on February 5, 2003; agenda items include review of the pool reconstruction plans and further discussion of a long-range maintenance plan.

Dr. Lodes indicated that the state has conceptually approved the revised pool reconstruction plans. The state required that one wall of the pool be a depth of 3'6" to accommodate children's swimming lessons. The original plans designated the east (right) wall of the pool to be a depth of 3'6", which resulted in the loss of one of the six swimming lanes for competition use. The revised plans designate the north (far) end of the pool to be a depth of 3'6", which will accommodate children's swimming lessons, while also retaining the existing six swimming lanes. The existing pool depth at the starting blocks would be increased to 4', as required for competition use. Dr. Lodes stated that upon receipt of the state-approved plans, bids would be obtained for further discussion of funding resources and community support. A preliminary estimate of the cost of the project is \$110,000.

PERSONNEL – Mr. Greidanus stated that teacher contract negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation results/goals would be discussed in closed session.

As a point of information in regard to a complaint filed by a parent with the Department of Public Instruction in October 2002, President Goodnow advised the Board of Education that the complaint has been reviewed by the Department of Public Instruction. They rendered a decision on December 20, 2002, and President Goodnow read excerpts of their findings. If the issues still remain unresolved, the complainant will then have the option to meet with the Personnel Committee.

POLICY – The next meeting will be on January 30, 2003, at 7:00 a.m.; agenda topics include a general review of Policies/Procedures in Sections 100, 200, and 300.

WASB – Mrs. Ristow noted that the State Education Convention begins on January 21, 2003. Mr. Zietlow stated that he would attend the WASB Delegate Assembly on January 22, 2003, and vote on the resolutions presented on behalf of the Arrowhead School District.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the following cocurricular contracts: Boys Golf: Head Coach – Tom Tallmadge, Asst. Coaches – Mike Breaker, Greg Budzien, and Roger Kuckkan; Boys Tennis: Head Coach – Russ Trimble, Asst. Coaches – Erv Rother and Roshan Kendrick; Boys Track: Head Coach – Chris Herriot, Asst. Coaches – Mike Mulrooney, Jim Vento, Whitney Dobson, Ron Reichle, and Mike Ray (50%); Girls Soccer: Head Coach – Jeff Staus, Asst. Coaches – Joe Paul and Mark Leoni; Girls Softball: Head Coach – Emily Elliott, Asst. Coaches – Kristi Koshuta, Tim Tower, and Michelle Verkler; Girls Track: Head Coach – Steve Kostka, Asst. Coaches – John Rhude, Joe Kinney, James Ziech, and Lisa Schaich; Boys Baseball: Head Coach – Tim O'Driscoll, Asst. Coaches – Jeff Wiese (Varsity), Marty McGinley (JV), Chris Schuck (9A), and Brian Lussier (9B); and also approve the following volunteer contracts: Boys Ice Hockey: Jeff Rochon (JV); Ski Team: Melanie Murray. Following discussion of the co-curricular contracts, Mr. Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education had no objection to the letter jacket options as discussed, with established school colors.

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

Roll Call Vote: Greidanus – aye, Gutschenritter – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Goodnow – aye, Ristow – aye, Zietlow – aye, Schultz – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by LeBlanc to move into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Goodnow – aye, Greidanus – aye, Gutschenritter – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Ristow – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

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Moved by Greidanus, seconded by Rosch to approve the Personnel Agreement between the Arrowhead United Teachers' Organization (AUTO) and the Arrowhead School District Board of Education for 2001/2002 and 2002/2003. Roll Call Vote: Goodnow – aye, Greidanus – aye, Gutschenritter – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Ristow – no, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Zietlow – aye; Aye – 7 and No – 1. Motion Carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk