

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 9, 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, Randy Howell, Bob Rosch, Al Zietlow

Administration present: Dave Lodes, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wiczorek
Also present: Kristi Haunfelder, Lake Country Reporter

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2003, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by LeBlanc, seconded by Rosch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 092072, 092212-092220, 092222-092357, 092359-092696 in the amount of \$789,021.63. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Robert Kolpack, Town of Merton resident, addressed the Board of Education in regard to the 2001-03 teachers' contract recently ratified and the benefit package that requires minimal or no employee contribution. In response to his concerns, President Goodnow shared the priorities of the Board of Education in regard to upcoming contract negotiations.

Mr. Rosch reminded Board members that the "Prom Night Incident" mock tragedy is scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., on the football field at North Campus. He also noted that the recently installed murals on the walls in North Campus, created from thousands of individual portraits, were extremely well done and encouraged everyone to see these awesome displays. Mrs. Laugerman stated that five additional murals are planned for the North Campus hallways.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS OATH OF OFFICE – Jack Gutschenritter (At Large Seat), Al Zietlow (Lake Country Seat), and Bob Rosch (Swallow Seat) took the Oath of Office.

President Goodnow requested that Board members submit their committee appointment preferences to Diane Hoag within the next couple of weeks. Committee appointments will be made by the Board President subsequent to the annual Board reorganization, which will occur at the May 14, 2003, regular Board of Education meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that the annual Lobster Boil is scheduled for Friday, April 11, 2003, at 5:30 p.m., and benefits the Special Education program. Prom will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2003. The fifth 6-week session of school concludes April 17, 2003. Easter break is scheduled from April 18-25, 2003.

AP exams are scheduled during the weeks of May 5 and 12, 2003. We are one of the largest testing centers in the Midwest, with 321 students taking 568 exams last year. Of those, 76% achieved a score of 3 or above, compared to 69% in 1993, when 142 students took 232 exams.

Dr. Lodes stated that we are in the process of completing our staffing for the 2003/2004 school year. Two language arts candidates will be presented to the Board of Education this evening with a recommendation for approval. Positions that are currently in the process of being filled include three in math, two in science, two in Spanish, one in alternative education, and one in technology education.

The 2003/2004 preliminary budget will be presented this evening to the Board of Education for approval. Dr. Lodes noted that this budget has been developed within the guidelines of the state revenue limit as presented in Governor Doyle's 2003-05 biennium budget proposal. However, if changes are made in the state budget, he is prepared to share our options with the Board of Education and present recommendations for revisions to our 2003/2004 budget.

CURRICULUM – No meeting.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky reviewed the 2003/2004 Preliminary Budget, which was developed within the parameters contained in the Governor’s state budget proposal presented in February and reflects the most current fiscal information and best estimates available at the present time. Since the state legislature has not yet taken action on the 2003-05 biennium budget proposal, state equalization and categorical aid distribution and the final revenue limit formula are unknown at this time. The Joint Finance Committee is expected to begin voting on the proposed state budget on April 22, 2003. Dr. Lodes noted that he sent a letter to each member of the Joint Finance Committee explaining the impact that potential state budget cuts would have on the Arrowhead School District.

The 2003/2004 Preliminary Budget projects an increase in total expenditures of 6.84%. This includes a net increase of 6.0 FTE teaching positions due to a projected increase in student enrollment of 5.6%, or 118 students, bringing the total projected enrollment to 2,223. Total non-property tax revenues are projected to decrease .66%. The tax levy is projected to increase 11.78%, or \$1,465,421. The mill rate is projected to increase from \$3.68 in 2002/2003 to \$3.80, an increase of 3.5% (projecting an 8% increase in the district’s equalized value). The Finance Committee recommends approval of the 2003/2004 Preliminary Budget.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to approve the 2003/2004 Preliminary Budget as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to schedule the 2003/2004 Preliminary Budget Presentation for Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at 7:15 p.m., as part of the regular Board of Education meeting. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the April 2, 2003, meeting.

Dr. Lodes reported on the status of the pool reconstruction plans. He stated that there are two options under consideration for funding the project. One option is through community fund raising/donations; the other option currently being researched by the Finance Committee is the implementation of a surcharge to the swimming pool facility use fees over a period of time to offset a portion of the cost of the pool modifications required for competition use. Dr. Lodes indicated that the most opportune time to complete the pool reconstruction is in spring, after physical education swim classes have concluded. However, the project must be completed prior to June 1 to accommodate summer swim programs; therefore, the pool reconstruction cannot begin until next spring. Bids for the project will be obtained at that time. A preliminary estimate of the cost of the project is \$110,000.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Greidanus reported that teacher contract negotiations would begin on May 29, 2003, with the exchange of proposals. Dr. Lodes indicated that the Personnel Committee should meet to review the proposal prior to the exchange. This meeting will be scheduled subsequent to the annual Board reorganization scheduled for May 14, 2003, after which committee appointments will be made. Since there were no other closed session items of discussion, it was the decision of the Board of Education that they would not move into closed session this evening.

Mr. Zietlow stated that he would be attending the WASB workshop, “What School Board Members Need to Know,” which will be held on May 10, 2003, in Madison. The workshop includes a breakout session on collective bargaining, and Mr. Zietlow encouraged all Board members to attend.

POLICY – Chairperson Ristow reviewed the minutes of the March 20, 2003, meeting.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve revised Policy 462. Use of Nutritional Supplements, as presented this evening for a final reading. Following discussion of the policy revisions, Mr. Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education discussed the concept of public notification of Open Enrollment and referred the matter to the Policy Committee for further discussion and recommendation.

WASB – Mrs. Ristow distributed the WASB *Legislative Alert*, dated April 9, 2003, which provided an update on the status of the state budget process.

Mrs. Ristow reported that a new board member gathering is scheduled for Monday, April 14, 2003, from 7-9 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room. The evening will include an introduction to school boards, discussion of the legislative process, and an update from WASB regarding current events in Madison. All Region 11 school board members and administrators are invited to attend.

The Board of Education reviewed the WASB Legislative Progress Report, dated March 11, 2003, and related enclosures.

CESA – The CESA Delegate for 2003/2004 will be appointed at the May 14, 2003, regular Board of Education meeting. Mr. Greidanus stated that he is willing to serve again as the Convention Delegate to the CESA #1 Annual Convention in 2003.

ADSEC – Mr. LeBlanc reported on the March 24, 2003, Coordinating Council meeting. The proposed 2003/2004 ADSEC (Arrowhead District Special Education Cooperative) budget was approved. Total expenditures are projected to decrease 7.39%, which is primarily due to the withdrawal of the Merton School District from the Cooperative. However, Arrowhead High School's ADSEC share is projected to increase 4.47%, or \$47,205, due to an increase of 15 students, bringing the total number of Arrowhead High School students in the program to 126. 88% of the ADSEC expenditure budget is personnel related. Arrowhead High School comprises 49.65% of the total ADSEC budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve contracts for Andrew Freeburg (Language Arts and Asst. Forensics), David Gierach (Language Arts), Kimberly Benson (Asst. Boys Tennis Coach), and Dan Rosa (Asst. Girls Track Coach). Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to accept the resignation of James Ziech, effective April 11, 2003, and assess the liquidated damages fee of \$500.00. Motion Carried.

Board members Sue Schultz, Al Zietlow, and Judie Ristow expressed their willingness to participate in the Commencement Ceremony on June 8, 2003.

Dr. Lodes reviewed the minutes of the Howard G. Mullett Community Board meeting held on March 19, 2003.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to approve the 2003/2004 Ice Center rates as recommended by the Howard G. Mullett Community Board. Motion Carried.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education that there would be no reconsideration of the 5% annual commitment from the Mullett Ice Center to Arrowhead High School, which is a stipulation of the original contractual agreement. The Board of Education considers this commitment to be a contract with the public in perpetuity.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to refer the hockey endowment project to the Personnel Committee for further discussion following the Board reorganization in May 2003.

Mrs. Ristow left the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Howell to approve the Shared Psychological Services 66.30 Contract between Swallow School District and the Arrowhead District Special Education Cooperative (ADSEC) for 2003/2004 as presented. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education discussed the proposed 66.0301 Agreement for participation in the Southeastern Wisconsin School Alliance (SWSA). Due to the lack of a motion, no action was taken.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk