

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 10, 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, John Greidanus, Jack Gutschenritter (arrived at 7:23 p.m.), Joe LeBlanc, Judie Ristow, Bob Rosch, Sue Schultz, Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: Randy Howell

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

Also present: Kristi Haunfelder, Lake Country Reporter

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2003, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by LeBlanc, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 094666-094939 in the amount of \$530,859.73. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that the new school year is off to a great start. We expect to meet our projection of 2,300 students. The official count will occur on the Third Friday in September. Open House was well attended, and we received many positive comments from parents. The leadership/citizenship initiative has shown to be effective in the behavior of our freshmen.

Dr. Lodes discussed the mandates of No Child Left Behind (NCLB). He also noted the consequences of not meeting the NCLB Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). A list of schools/districts that have not met their AYP will be issued by the DPI on September 19, 2003. Dr. Lodes shared his goal of being proactive and meeting the 2014 mandates in 2003/2004. At the Management Team meeting scheduled for September 15, 2003, he will present a measure/respond initiative. Students who have not achieved the standards will be identified through testing, and we will respond to those students by providing additional resources and tutoring during study hall so that every student achieves the standards. The Curriculum Committee is currently reviewing various data driven software packages that would track student achievement and be accessible to parents. Further details regarding the measure/respond initiative will be brought forward from the Management Team to the Curriculum Committee at their September 25, 2003, meeting.

Dr. Lodes also noted that Mr. Wieczorek is working with the Staff Development Committee on plans for the September 26, 2003, Inservice, which will include further discussion of NCLB, the measure/respond initiative, and additional analysis of WKCE and ACT test results. Mike Ward, Guidance Department Chairperson, has scheduled a series of ACT review sessions, with the largest turnout expected at the spring session.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Goodnow reviewed the minutes of the August 28, 2003, meeting. He indicated that an attempt would be made to increase the number of core courses offered in Summer School, to give students greater flexibility in planning their schedules.

Dr. Lodes reported that he, Dr. Laugerman, and Mr. Wieczorek received a grant to attend a 3-day data collection workshop during the summer, which was presented by the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators. As a result, the Goal: To Effectively Use Data to Improve Student Achievement was developed, in which six opportunities for improvement were identified and formulated into objectives and strategies. He stated that a status report on these objectives would be submitted to the Curriculum Committee on a bi-monthly basis. Budgeting for future technology purchases would be based on data that demonstrates an improvement in student achievement.

Dr. Lodes also reviewed the AP and ACT scores. He indicated that an annual report would be prepared for the Board of Education that reflects how Arrowhead High School ranks in comparison to other schools in the county and southeast Wisconsin.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – No meeting. Mr. Kopecky reviewed the 2003-04 General Fund Budget Status Report for the Month Ended August 31, 2003, which included six major categories of expenditures and the percentage of the total budget expended to date. The Board of Education indicated that they would like to receive this report on a quarterly basis, and that the current year’s data be included in next year’s reports for comparison.

Mr. Kopecky noted that the Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2003, at 7:00 p.m., in the North Campus Theater; the Annual Meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. The Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary were published on September 8, 2003; the Notice of Annual District Meeting will be published on September 11 and 18, 2003. The Annual Meeting booklets will be delivered to the post office by September 15, 2003.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to schedule a Special Meeting on September 24, 2003, immediately following the Annual Meeting, to approve short-term borrowing.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported that the committee met earlier today to view the new boiler installations and tour the South Campus facilities. At their next meeting, the committee plans to tour the North Campus facilities and continue development of the long-range Preventative Maintenance and Capital Replacement Plan.

PERSONNEL – Dr. Lodes updated the Board of Education regarding the August 25, 2003, teacher contract negotiation session. The September 17, 2003, negotiation session has been canceled. Prior to the next teacher contract negotiation session scheduled for September 29, 2003, Dr. Lodes indicated that he, Mr. Kopecky, and President Goodnow would like to meet with the teachers' representative, Steve Johnson, to resolve language and other minor issues. Mr. Kopecky will then prepare a comprehensive package offer for presentation on September 29, 2003.

Dr. Lodes reported that the support staff contract negotiation session scheduled for September 9, 2003, had been canceled due to the unavailability of requested health insurance quotations. He noted that the information had been received this morning. Subsequent to review of this information, another support staff contract negotiation session will be scheduled. A support staff contract negotiation session is also scheduled for October 20, 2003.

POLICY – Due to a lack of policy issues at this time, the Policy Committee canceled their meeting scheduled for September 18, 2003.

WASB – Mrs. Ristow reminded Board members that the Fall Regional Meeting would be held on October 7, 2003, at the Country Inn and encouraged them to attend.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – A Coordinating Council meeting has been scheduled for September 24, 2003, to review and approve budget adjustments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Ristow to accept the resignation of Sandra Asmussen, effective August 15, 2003, the resignation of Kent Kumlien, effective August 18, 2003, the resignation of Jeffrey Gross, effective August 21, 2003, and assess the liquidated damages fees. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve contracts for Kurt Kenas (Art-effective second semester), Laura Nielsen (Science), Eileen Beesley (Special Education CD Teacher at Richmond Elementary School), Scott McConnell (Asst. Girls Tennis Coach), Jodi Burow (Human Powered Vehicle Advisor), Daniela Andrews (North Campus Student Senate Co-Advisor), Tracy McGinnis (Asst. Marching Band Advisor), and Bryn VanBeek (Musical Set Construction). Following further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education did not move into closed session, as teacher and support staff contract negotiations were discussed earlier this evening during the Personnel Committee report.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk