

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2003  
MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by President Jack Goodnow at 7:33 p.m. in the North Campus Theater.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Kusch nominated Jack Goodnow to serve as Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Doug Stern. There were no other nominations presented. Jack Goodnow was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by John Ristow, seconded by Dennis Williams to approve the Treasurer's Report as summarized in the Annual Report Document. Motion Carried. The complete Treasurer's Report will be available at the District Office when the 2002/2003 audit is complete.

REVIEW OF THE 2002/2003 SCHOOL YEAR – Dr. Lodes welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. He shared the Mission statement of Arrowhead High School, noting that it is to provide a comprehensive education, and that the budget presented this evening has been developed to provide an 'Arrowhead Experience' for all students. This organization is student-focused, with a commitment to establishing and achieving high expectations with measurable goals that promote excellence. Our Values, identified as People, Learning, and Excellence, are based on a foundation established by students, school, parents, and the community to achieve success.

Dr. Lodes noted that since 1992/1993, our enrollment has increased 40.52%. Although we have a current 9<sup>th</sup> grade class of approximately 600 students, it is anticipated that our future enrollment will begin to stabilize.

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is one of the hallmarks of Arrowhead High School and continues to grow. In 1993, 142 students took 232 exams; in 2003, 360 students took 614 exams. The percentage of students achieving a score of 3 or above was 72% in 2003, whereas 76% of students achieved a score of 3 or above in 2002. Dr. Lodes indicated that further evaluation of our AP Program would be done to identify areas for improvement in student achievement. Arrowhead High School continues to be one of the largest AP testing centers in the Midwest.

The ACT composite score for Arrowhead High School in 2002/2003 was 23.1; in 2001/2002, our composite score was 23.5. In 2002/2003 the state composite score was 22.2, and the national composite score was 20.8. Dr. Lodes stated that at the September 26, 2003, Staff Inservice, every department will conduct an analysis of the questions on the ACT exam and identify areas for improvement in student achievement.

Dr. Lodes noted that in 2002/2003, Arrowhead High School offered 9 elective courses with Transcriptable Credits. Students who pass the course at Arrowhead High School receive both high school and technical college credits, and students do not have to repeat the course at the technical college. In 2002/2003, 193 students received technical college credits.

The Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) is a test given to sophomores. In 2002/2003, the percentage of Arrowhead High School students in the Proficient and Advanced category as compared to the state is as follows: Reading – 80%/71%, Language Arts – 82%/70%, Mathematics – 86%/69%, Science – 96%/69%, and Social Studies – 87%/72%. Dr. Lodes emphasized that the WKCE test results are a critical element for compliance with No Child Left Behind. By 2005, 67.5% of students must be Proficient or Advanced in Reading, and 47.5% in Math. By 2014, 100% of students must be Proficient or Advanced. At the September 26, 2003, Inservice, staff will evaluate the WKCE exams, test booklet, competencies, and standards, and continue to identify areas for improvement in student achievement.

In terms of curriculum and the Wisconsin State Standards, Dr. Lodes stated that there are 18 school-wide initiatives, including citizenship with its 5 core values, reading and writing across the curriculum, and career education. He also noted the emphasis placed on the Grade 8/9 transition. The expectations of students entering Arrowhead High School in terms of knowledge and skills have been identified and documented in various brochures that have been distributed in elementary schools within the Arrowhead School District. Our technology purchases are based on documented improvement in student achievement. Assessment/Standards are directed by the WKCE exam. A student that does not achieve a standard will be identified, and we will respond to that student by providing the appropriate resources to achieve the standard.

Dr. Lodes reviewed eight action areas for focusing on student achievement as the top priority for the school board, staff, and the community, with a commitment to continuous improvement.

Dr. Lodes identified four issues that the Arrowhead School District will be dealing with in the future: PI 34 – a non-funded state mandate dealing with the certification of teachers; No Child Left Behind (ESEA); Financing Schools – Governor Doyle has established a task force to study various options to fund schools other than through property taxes; and the Lutheran High School – the school would be an asset to the community, provide further academic opportunities for students/parents, and possibly delay the need for the Arrowhead School District to build additional facilities.

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Doug Stern, Village of Nashotah resident, inquired as to other unfunded state mandates placed on the Arrowhead School District and the financial impact to taxpayers. Mr. Kopecky responded that one such example is Special Education, which the state was to fund at 66% and is currently funded at approximately 30%.

In response to a question regarding the educational value of one of the Transcriptable Credit electives, Dr. Lodes indicated that elective courses are offered based on sufficient student enrollment and in accordance with our motto 'Something for Everyone' and our Mission to provide a comprehensive education to produce well-rounded students. However, Dr. Lodes indicated that financial pressures might result in the elimination of some elective courses, even if there is sufficient enrollment.

Steve Eckels, Village of Hartland resident, asked about trends in school choice. Mr. Kopecky responded that through Open Enrollment, Arrowhead High School has received 55 students and that 10 students have left. The number of Open Enrollment applicants this past year demonstrates that Arrowhead High School is an attractive school system.

Chairperson Goodnow thanked Dr. Lodes for his presentation and noted that these are just a few of the items the Board of Education has discussed during the past six months in terms of goals and objectives to not only meet the requirements, but exceed them, and give all of our students the best education possible. At this time, the Arrowhead School Board members present introduced themselves.

Moved by Dennis Williams, seconded by Pete Balzer to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and September 30 for 2004. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Mike Kusch, seconded by Pete Balzer to approve the book rental fee of \$63.00 for the 2003/2004 school year. Motion Carried.

Moved by Doug Stern, seconded by Dennis Williams to set school board member annual salaries for the 2003/2004 school year at \$2,370.00 per board member. Yes – 8 and No – 9. Motion Failed.

Moved by Mike Kusch, seconded by Dick Nowacki to set school board member annual salaries for the 2003/2004 school year at \$2,300.00 per board member. Yes – 15 and No – 4. Motion Carried.

Moved by Mike Kusch, seconded by Pete Balzer to approve the recommended tax levy of \$13,538,812.00 for the 2003/2004 school year. Yes – 18 and No – 7. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Goodnow noted that the Educational Technology (TEACH) Block Grant from the Technology for Educational Achievement in Wisconsin Board for the 2003/2004 school year is not available.

There was no other new business.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk