

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 18, 2004
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Goodnow at 6:30 p.m. in the North Campus Community Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jack Goodnow, John Greidanus, Jack Gutschenritter, Joe LeBlanc, Judie Ristow, Bob Rosch, Sue Schultz, Al Zietlow
Unable to attend: Randy Howell

Administration present: Dave Lodes, Steve Kopecky
Also present: Susanna Toumanoff; Kristi Haunfelder, Lake Country Reporter

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2004, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 099382-099607 in the amount of \$1,163,576.67. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Susanna Toumanoff presented her request that the Board of Education approve the enrollment of an exchange student from the Russian Federation for the 2004/2005 school year. Mrs. Toumanoff stated that her family was contacted by the Fulbright Association on behalf of the American Councils for International Exchange, who was seeking host families for the Open Russia Ambassadors Program. They were contacted because her family lived in Russia in 2002 on a Fulbright Fellowship. Her son, Andy, who is now a senior at Arrowhead, attended a Russian high school the spring semester that year. Mrs. Toumanoff indicated that she was aware that current Board policy states that AFS (American Field Service), Amicus International Student Exchange, and Rotary International Youth Exchange are the only Board approved foreign exchange programs, and that the number of student participants on an annual basis shall not exceed seven. However, she believed that the circumstances surrounding this exchange student request are unique, and that this is an opportunity that would benefit the student, Arrowhead High School, and the community.

President Goodnow thanked Mrs. Toumanoff for her presentation and indicated that her request is an agenda item for discussion and action later this evening under New Business. He also distributed a letter to Board members that he received from Jacob Ruby in support of Mrs. Toumanoff's request. Mr. Ruby is a parent of students who graduated from Arrowhead High School in 1996 and 1999.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that the Management Team will meet next week to develop initiatives for the coming school year. Fall cocurricular activities are underway. The inservice for new staff is scheduled for August 26 and 27. The full staff returns on August 30 for two days of inservice. Open House is scheduled for the evening of August 30. Freshman orientation is scheduled for August 31, and includes a number of leadership activities through our Citizenship initiative. Dr. Lodes also noted that at this time we are fully staffed, the facilities are in very good shape, and we look forward to the start of school on September 1. Board members were reminded that the Back to School chicken barbeque is scheduled for the evening of August 26 at Okauchee Lion's Park.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson LeBlanc reviewed the minutes of the August 11, 2004, meeting. Mr. Kopecky presented the proposed 2004/2005 Budget Revisions. The projected state equalization aid has increased \$275,000. As a result, the projected tax levy has decreased from \$14,362,267 to \$14,087,702; also, the projected mill rate has decreased from \$3.53 to \$3.46. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the revised 2004/2005 tax levy.

Moved by LeBlanc, seconded by Zietlow, to approve the Revised 2004/2005 Tax Levy as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Goodnow reviewed the minutes of the July 29, 2004, meeting. AP results revealed that the percentage of students achieving a score of 3 or above increased from 72% in 2003, to 78% in 2004. It was also noted that summer school enrollment continues to increase, particularly in the area of physical education. The administration, at the direction of the committee, will work to increase the number of offerings, as well as the number of students participating in summer school. They will also survey summer school students to determine what motivated them to participate in summer school and how they benefited from the program so that incentives can be developed to expand our summer school program.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on this morning's Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. The committee reviewed the new installations of boilers at North Campus, the sound system in the North Campus East Gym, and the synthetic football field.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – No meeting.

WASB – Mrs. Ristow reported that she attended the President’s Conference. She also noted that the Fall Regional Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2004, at the Country Inn, and indicated that she would also attend this meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to nominate Judie Ristow for election to the WASB Board of Directors from Region 11. There were no other nominations presented. Motion Carried.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve contracts for Elizabeth Fieck (Physical Education – 1 year, 50% replacement position), Daniela Andrews (Citizenship Initiative Advisor), Rachel Hassler (Save the Earth Club Advisor), Stephanie Prouty (Asst. Girls Tennis Coach), Elizabeth Fieck (Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach), Angela Wenzel (Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach), Jason Bower (Asst. Boys Volleyball Coach), Jason Strupp (Asst. Boys Soccer Coach), Tracy McGinnis (Asst. Marching Band Advisor), and Bryn VanBeek (Musical Set Construction). Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to recess and reconvene immediately following the Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. this evening. Motion Carried.

The meeting recessed at 6:54 p.m. and was reconvened by President Goodnow at 8:10 p.m.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Greidanus, to approve the foreign exchange student request as presented.

The Board of Education further reviewed the exchange student request and asked questions of Mrs. Toumanoff. It was noted that there have been exchange students from Russia in the past; however, they were from western Russia, and this student is from far eastern Russia, which would promote a greater cultural diversification among our exchange students.

After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education requested that Mrs. Toumanoff give an assessment of her experiences with this exchange program at the conclusion of the 2004/2005 school year. The Policy Committee will further evaluate this exchange program as a possible addition to the Board approved foreign exchange programs listed in Policy 621, and also review this policy in regard to the maximum number of exchange students permitted on an annual basis.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch 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, Schultz – aye, Zietlow – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Goodnow – aye, Ristow – aye, Gutschenritter – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow 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.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Arrowhead Union High School District and Hartland Arrowhead School District Employees, Local 3833, affiliated with District Council #40, WCCME, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, dated July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2005. Motion Carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk