

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2004
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ristow at 7:00 p.m. in the South Campus Conference Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2004, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by LeBlanc to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 099779-099780, 099831-099838, 099842-099905, 099919-100072, 100074-100435, and 100437-100445 in the amount of \$1,173,686.24. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Mr. Pat McLoone, parent of an Open Enrollment student at Arrowhead High School, addressed the Board of Education and indicated that he was speaking on behalf of many other parents. He requested that the Board of Education explore the possibility of creating two varsity teams, specifically football and basketball, as it was his observation that due to the size of Arrowhead's teams, many athletes do not get a chance to play. He indicated that it was his understanding that another school would be needed in three to four years, so why not create two teams now, so that more students would have the opportunity to participate.

The Board of Education thanked Mr. McLoone for his comments. It was noted that during the 1997 referendum process, the referendum committee concluded that when enrollment reached 2,400 students, or 80% capacity, the issue of expanding the facilities should be revisited. It is anticipated that enrollment will reach 2,400 students no earlier than 2008. Additional strategic factors that the Board of Education would have to consider at that time include how schools are funded, various financial and budget constraints, alternative methods of teaching our students, including the Youth Options Program and the Internet, the impact of the new Lutheran High School in the community, compliance with WIAA regulations, and attendance boundaries, which may require community approval through the referendum process. Mr. McLoone was informed that his comments would be taken under advisement and the issue would be referred to the appropriate committees of the Board for further review. This issue may also be a subject for consideration by a proposed Task Force that will be presented by Dr. Lodes later this evening.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that our Third Friday in September enrollment count is 2,346 students, which is within five students of our projected enrollment. Mr. Kopecky was commended for his accurateness in formulating enrollment projections. We also have approximately 60 open enrollment students currently attending Arrowhead High School. This number may increase to 79 in 2005/2006. However, we anticipate there will be 85 fewer students in next year's 9th grade class compared to our current 9th grade class of 634 students.

Dr. Lodes also reported that the EXPLORE, PLAN, and PSAT exams were administered to students today. The first six weeks of school concludes October 15, 2004. This is also Homecoming week. The musical, "Damn Yankees," debuts next week. Teacher conferences are scheduled for the evening of October 21 and during the day on October 22, 2004, at which time parents will receive student report cards. We expect that the teacher conferences will be well attended, as they have in the past.

Congratulations were extended to the Women's Golf Team and Coach Mike Breaker. Yesterday, they won the state championship, which is the first time in school history!

CURRICULUM – Committee member Joe LeBlanc reviewed the minutes of the September 30, 2004, meeting.

Moved by LeBlanc, seconded by Rosch to preliminarily approve the trip to Spain on June 17-28, 2005, as presented. Following further discussion of the trip, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by LeBlanc, seconded by Zietlow to approve the Concordia Language Villages Immersion "Village Weekend" trip to Bemidji, Minnesota, on April 14-17, 2005, as presented. Motion Carried.

Dr. Lodes reviewed the activities planned for the delayed start of school scheduled for November 30, 2004, and May 19, 2005. Improvement Goals for the Struggling Learner is the agenda for this year's delayed starts. The delayed start proved to be very productive last year and has the resounding support of the Management Team.

Moved by LeBlanc, seconded by Greidanus to approve the two-hour delayed start of school scheduled for November 30, 2004, and May 19, 2005. Motion Carried.

Dr. Lodes presented the Task Force proposal to the Board of Education. He stated that the purpose of the Task Force would be to address the impending shortfall of \$1.497 million in state aid in the upcoming four-year cycle and to ask the question, "What will Arrowhead look like in terms of curriculum and activities in the future?" The Task Force would review all aspects of the organization and develop a series of recommendations for consideration by the Board of Education. Issues may include a second school or second athletic team. The Task Force would involve students, parents, Board members, and other community members. Administrators and staff would serve as consultants and advisors to the Task Force. The Board of Education discussed the concept of the Task Force at length, including the goal of the Task Force, how many members it would comprise, and how members would be selected. It was the consensus of the Board of Education to approve the concept of the Task Force and direct Dr. Lodes to research other schools that have done this successfully, engaged the community, and produced positive results. This model will be presented to the Curriculum Committee for further review.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for November 22, 2004.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson LeBlanc reported that a Finance Committee meeting has been scheduled for October 19, 2004, to review the 2004/2005 budget adjustments and updated tax levy. A Special Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for October 21, 2004, for final certification of the 2004/2005 tax levy. Mr. LeBlanc also reviewed the 2004/2005 General Fund Budget Status Report for the Month Ended September 30, 2004, which included prior year comparative data.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow introduced the new Buildings and Grounds Director, Kevin Lipscomb, and reviewed the minutes of the October 6, 2004, meeting.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – Committee member Jack Gutschenritter reviewed the minutes of the September 23, 2004, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve Policy 621. Exchange Students** as presented. After further discussion of the policy, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by LeBlanc to approve new Policy 622.1 Non-Resident Students With Intent to Reside in the District** as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to approve new Policy 131.1 Arrowhead High School Endowment Fund, Inc.** (Addendum) as presented. Motion Carried.

WASB – Mrs. Ristow reminded Board members that the WASB Fall Regional Meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2004, at the Country Inn and encouraged them to attend. Election of the WASB Board of Directors will take place at this meeting, and Mrs. Ristow is a candidate for re-election to Region 11. Mr. Gutschenritter indicated that he would attend the Fall Regional Meeting as Mr. Zietlow has a schedule conflict that evening.

Mr. Zietlow reported on the WASB Contract Administration Seminar he attended on September 24, 2004, in Madison. Future WASB programs include the School Law Seminar, which is scheduled for October 22, 2004, in Madison, and the Legislative Issues Conference, which is scheduled for November 13, 2004, in Wausau.

CESA – No report. Minutes from the August 17, 2004, CESA #1 Board of Control meeting and the agenda for their September 21, 2004, meeting have been distributed to the Board of Education for their information.

ADSEC – Dr. Lodes reported on the September 24, 2004, Budget/Personnel Committee meeting and the September 28, 2004, Coordinating Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the following cocurricular contracts: Boys Basketball – Head Coach Craig Haase, Asst. Coaches Dave Conway, Kevin Klink, Mark Leoni, and Dennis Mechenich; Boys Ice Hockey – Head Coach Carl Valimont, Asst. Coaches Bryan Mullett and Dave Kraft; Boys Swimming – Head Coach Bob Jenkyns, Asst. Coaches Michelle Heinze (Diving) and Jennifer Leider; Boys Wrestling – Head Coach John Mesenbrink, Asst. Coaches Dale Borhardt and Nicholas Reed; Girls Basketball – Head Coach Ron Reichle, Asst. Coaches Angela Wenzel, Mike Hall, Deidre Stoffel, and Leah Cull; Girls Ice Hockey – Head Coach Robert Hunt; Girls Gymnastics – Head Coach Angeline Pederson, Asst. Coach Laura Doyen. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Greidanus to approve the 2003/2004 and 2004/2005 confidential support staff, Ice Center staff, and administrative compensation as presented. Motion Carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk