

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2004
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Goodnow at 7:05 p.m. in the South Campus Conference Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by LeBlanc, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2004, Regular Board meeting and the October 21, 2004, Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 100436, 100446-100892, and 100894-101005 in the amount of \$1,240,998.31. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – A group of individuals present this evening indicated that they wished to address the Board of Education in regard to the use of a book in the Modern Literature curriculum entitled, “The Perks of Being a Wallflower,” by Stephen Chbosky. Modern Literature is an elective course, and this book is one of several that students may choose to read. Prior to these individuals addressing the Board of Education, President Goodnow shared some background information. He informed the group that when a formal complaint is filed regarding a book in our curriculum, Board policy states that an ad hoc reconsideration committee will be established, which will be comprised of two teachers, two students, a library media specialist, a principal, and one representative of the community who will act as chairperson of the committee. The reconsideration committee has met for their initial meeting, at which time the book in question was distributed to each member to read. A second meeting of the reconsideration committee is scheduled for November 16, 2004, at 12:30 p.m. There will be a 30-minute period for those who wish to speak in support of the book, and a 30-minute period for those who wish to speak in opposition to the book. This will be followed by a 15-minute rebuttal period for each side. The reconsideration committee will then discuss in open session the information presented to them and by secret ballot vote to recommend to the Board of Education that the book be retained or removed from the curriculum. The reconsideration committee’s recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education for discussion and action at their meeting on December 8, 2004. After everyone who wished to address the Board of Education had spoken, President Goodnow thanked them all for coming and stated that their comments are very much appreciated.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that on November 2 and 3, 2004, the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) was administered to sophomores, and we have easily met the 95 percent participation requirement of No Child Left Behind. He also noted that the delayed start for other students worked well, as more teachers were available to administer the WKCE to smaller groups of students in classroom settings, and the sophomores did not miss any of their regular classroom instruction. Gregg Wiczorek, Angie Rodenkirch, and Cathy Bauer were commended for their efforts in organizing the WKCE.

Dr. Lodes also noted that we have met the requirements of the North Central Accreditation (NCA). The NCA report and School Improvement Plan have been a major focus of the Management Team. The NCA report, along with an executive summary, and our progress in various initiatives will be a discussion item at the November 22, 2004, Curriculum Committee meeting. Departments are meeting this week to analyze the report and develop initiatives to incorporate the findings of this study across all aspects of the curriculum. Aligning the standards with assessments will also be the focus of the delayed start scheduled for November 30, 2004. Dr. Laugerman was commended for her continued efforts in this area.

The first six weeks of school concluded October 15, 2004; the second six weeks of school ends on December 3, 2004. Teacher conferences were held on October 21 and 22, 2004, and were very well attended. Parents also received their student’s report card at that time.

In keeping with our philosophy of ‘Something for Everyone,’ we currently have 93 levels of after-school activities for students. Nearly 900 students currently participate in sports, 61 students are involved in intramural volleyball, over 340 students are involved in intramural basketball, and 10 students participate in Special Olympics. The boys volleyball team and girls swim team will be competing in state competitions, and we wish them both success.

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

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2004.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the November 3, 2004, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the proposal from Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc., in the amount of \$39,270 for design/bid/build professional services associated with the remodeling of the District Office area, as recommended by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – Board President Goodnow reviewed the minutes of the October 21, 2004, meeting.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the WASB School Law Seminar that he and Mr. Rosch attended on October 22, 2004, in Madison. He also expressed his willingness to serve as the WASB Delegate and attend the WASB Delegate Assembly on January 19, 2005, on behalf of the Arrowhead School District.

Mr. Gutschenritter indicated that he attended the WASB Fall Regional Meeting on October 26, 2004, at the Country Inn, along with Dr. Lodes and Mrs. Ristow. He noted that Victoria McCormick was elected to the WASB Board of Directors from Region 11. She will begin her three-year term on January 19, 2005.

CESA – No report. Minutes from the September 21, 2004, CESA #1 Board of Control meeting and the agenda for their October 19, 2004, meeting have been distributed to the Board of Education for their information.

ADSEC – No report.

OTHER REPORTS – Mr. LeBlanc reviewed the minutes of the Arrowhead District School Boards Association Roundtable (ADSBAR), which had been distributed to Board members. ADSBAR had their first meeting at Lake Country School on October 21, 2004, and Mr. LeBlanc attended the meeting on behalf of the Arrowhead School District. It was the consensus of the Board of Education to place this item on the agenda for their next meeting for further discussion of the merits of the ADSBAR meetings and their relationship to the Arrowhead area district administrators regular monthly meetings. Also, the Board of Education requested that they be provided with the minutes from the Arrowhead area district administrators meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Schultz to accept the resignation of Lori Stangler, effective October 22, 2004, and the resignation of Margi Scoufis, effective January 6, 2005. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Schultz to approve the contract for Melissa Grabow (Asst. Girls Gymnastics Coach). Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Howell to approve the appointment of Bronson Haase, Cathy Maas, and Don Mullett to the Board of Directors of the Arrowhead High School Endowment Fund, Inc. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky presented information regarding Section 457 deferred compensation plans, which currently allow employees to defer up to \$16,000 of their income for retirement. This plan would be in addition to the existing 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) deferred compensation plans, which currently allow employees to defer up to \$19,000 of their income for retirement. Both plans are elective. The school district makes no matching contributions, and there is no cost to the district. Mr. Kopecky reviewed plans from three vendors and stated that the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program is recommended as the initial Section 457 deferred compensation plan.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the participation in a Section 457 Deferred Compensation Plan, as per the “Resolution for Inclusion Under the State of Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Plan.” Motion Carried.

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

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

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

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Howell to approve the AUTO Proposal to the Arrowhead School Board for the 2003-2005 Personnel Agreement, dated November 10, 2004, with modifications. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the request of Rose Bentley for a leave of absence from November 29, 2004, through June 9, 2005, as per the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Arrowhead Union High School District Board of Education and AUTO. Motion Carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk