

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2005  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Goodnow at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jack Goodnow, John Greidanus, Jack Gutschenritter, Randy Howell, Joe LeBlanc, Judie Ristow, Bob Rosch (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), Sue Schultz, Al Zietlow

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

Members of the Board of Education introduced themselves to those present this evening.

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2005, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Howell to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 101590-101776, 101778-101888, 101982-102079, 102081-102082, 102084-102188, 102889, and 102891-102934 in the amount of \$1,150,058.49. Motion Carried.

Mr. Rosch arrived at this time.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – A group of individuals present this evening (speaker list attached) addressed the Board of Education in regard to the literature used in the Language Arts curriculum and the continued objection to several books by some parents. They also spoke in regard to the policy and procedures that are followed in the book selection process by trained professional staff who have the expertise to choose these books, the right of parents to have their children read the selected books, the parental choice to opt out of reading specific books within elective courses, the improvement that has been made in the parent notification document and its distribution procedures, the Ad Hoc Reconsideration Committee whose recommendations were approved by the Board of Education, and the continuing high academic reputation of Arrowhead High School.

Dr. Lodes stated that no books have been removed from the Language Arts curriculum. He also noted that a complete analysis of all texts used across the curriculum will be accomplished this summer and that a historical written record will be maintained to document the rationale used in the selection of curricular materials. Our goal is to continue to make each course the highest quality possible, with consideration of community concerns and expectations.

President Goodnow thanked everyone for coming and sharing their thoughts and comments this evening.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that the open enrollment period is from February 7-25, 2005. Open enrollment has been advertised in area newspapers and in the *Wisconsin Woman* magazine due to a projected deficit of 85 students in our incoming freshman class. To date, we have received 19 applications.

The Honors Breakfast is scheduled for March 12, 2005, and all Board members are invited to attend. It is anticipated that well over 500 people will be in attendance. Our guest speaker is Kara Kaiser (Krause), alumnus of Arrowhead High School and marketing manager with M&I Bank.

The Lake Country Community Fest is scheduled for March 19, 2005, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at North Campus. The event is being organized through the Hartland Area and Delafield Chambers of Commerce. There is room for over 100 booth exhibits featuring local businesses, clubs and organizations, guest speakers, entertainment for all ages, including the Arrowhead Jazz Band and Broadway Bound, children's activities, sports clinics, health clinics and screenings, workshops, and a food court. Everyone in the community is invited to attend this free event. Raffle tickets for door prizes will be given to each person who brings a non-perishable canned good, and all proceeds from the event will benefit our local food pantries. Through the Citizenship Initiative, many of our students and staff have become involved. The Community Fest is a great opportunity for us to showcase the quality programs and facilities at Arrowhead High School.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Goodnow reviewed the minutes of the January 28, 2005, meeting. The committee reviewed information pertaining to the literature being taught in Language Arts, as well as the course information document that was distributed to parents of students enrolled in Modern Literature. The committee’s discussion was summarized within the following three concepts: 1) Sensitive Content – Increase the descriptive aspect in the parent notification document, as well as in the Curriculum Guide; 2) Teacher Interaction – Provide ample opportunity for teacher interaction with those students who opt out of reading various books; and 3) Textbook Selection – Determine if another book can be used in situations where textbooks contain graphic depictions, and in the selection of textbooks, utilize the reviews of professional organizations, as well as incorporating local values in terms of citizen concerns about the literature being used.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by LeBlanc to approve the Cognitive Disabilities/Café Arrowhead field trip request to Orlando, Florida, on October 25-30, 2005, as presented. Motion Carried.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005. Mr. Kopecky reviewed the status of the 2005/2006 budget development process. He continues to monitor any state legislative action that may be taken in regard to the 2005-07 biennium budget and will keep the Board of Education informed. At this time there are many uncertainties regarding the state’s financing of schools and the impact it will have on the Arrowhead School District; however, the projections used in our budget development process will be based on the best information available.

The Board of Education also reviewed the Mullett Ice Center’s Recap Report for the Fiscal Year to Date, July 2004 through December 2004, and the Statement of Expenses, Revenues, and Fund Balance, dated January 13, 2005.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the February 2, 2005, meeting. The committee reviewed the status of the renovation of the District Office area, deepening of the existing swimming pool, and the generator replacement project.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – Chairperson Ristow reviewed the minutes of the January 20, 2005, meeting. The committee continues to review Policy 332. Selection of Materials\*\*. Dr. Lodes shared with the Board of Education our legal counsel’s opinion in regard to three areas in question regarding this policy and procedure.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve Policy 332. Selection of Materials\*\* as presented. The motion was amended to include the words that had previously been struck in “a. 1.” of the policy: “The selection of new materials shall be based on physical examination, whenever possible, and on reviews in such periodicals as . . . .”

Following a lengthy discussion of the content of the policy and procedure, the motion to approve Policy 332. Selection of Materials\*\*, as amended, was withdrawn, and the policy and procedure were referred to the Policy Committee for further review and revision.

Due to a schedule conflict, the next Policy Committee meeting was rescheduled from February 18, 2005, to February 22, 2005.

WASB – Mrs. Ristow reminded everyone to vote in the Primary Election on Tuesday, February 15, 2005. Mr. Zietlow reported on the WASB Delegate Assembly he attended on January 19, 2005.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – No report.

ENDOWMENT FUND – Dr. Lodes reviewed the minutes of the January 11, 2005, meeting. The Board of Education expressed their appreciation to Don Mullett for his generosity in donating the working capital and legal services necessary for the creation of the Endowment Fund.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Howell to accept the resignation/retirement of Bruce Hertig, effective June 9, 2005. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the contract for Kristine Naef (Asst. Girls Track Coach). Motion Carried.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk