

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2005
MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by President Joe LeBlanc at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Theatre.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President LeBlanc welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and introduced the Board of Education – Judie Ristow (Hartland/Lakeside seat), Craig Thompson (Stone Bank seat), Al Zietlow (Lake Country seat), Jack Gutschenritter (At Large seat), Sue Schultz (North Lake seat), John Greidanus (Richmond seat), Bob Rosch (Swallow seat), Mike Kusch (At Large seat), and himself (Merton seat).

Paul Kreutzer nominated Joe LeBlanc to serve as Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Pete Nejedlo. There were no other nominations presented. Joe LeBlanc was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by Jane Stadler, seconded by Pete Nejedlo to accept the 2004/2005 Treasurer's Report as summarized on pages 15-21 of the Annual Report Document. Motion Carried. The complete Treasurer's Report will be available at the District Office when the 2004/2005 audit is complete.

REVIEW OF THE 2004/2005 SCHOOL YEAR – Dr. Lodes reviewed the Mission statement of Arrowhead High School and statement of Values.

Dr. Lodes noted that student enrollment has steadily increased since 1992/1993, from 1,582 students to 2,346 students in 2004/2005. However, this trend is not expected to continue. The projected student enrollment in 2005/2006 is 2,353 students, an increase of 0.29%. Student enrollment is projected to remain stable in 2006/2007, decrease in 2007/2008 through 2008/2009, and increase in 2009/2010 through 2011/2012. The potential drop in enrollment will be the first decrease since the 1989/1990 school year.

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program is one of the hallmarks of Arrowhead High School. In 1993, 142 students took 232 exams. In 2005, 436 students took 835 exams, with 74% of the students achieving a score of 3 or higher. Arrowhead High School is one of the largest AP testing centers in the Midwest. At Arrowhead High School, we currently offer 17 levels of AP courses.

In 2004/2005, Arrowhead High School offered 7 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. At Arrowhead High School, 12-18% of our students pursue careers through technical colleges.

The ACT composite score for Arrowhead High School in 2002/2003 was 23.1, and in 2003/2004 it was 23.8. In 2004/2005, our composite score increased to 24.0. In 2004/2005, the state composite score was 22.2, and the national composite score was 21.0. Dr. Lodes noted that our continued growth in this area is a result of our Reading Across the Curriculum initiative, as well as various other initiatives. He also noted that Arrowhead High School had 422 students, or 80%, take the exam, compared to 65-72% of students at neighboring high schools in the Lake Country area.

The Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) is a test given to sophomores and is the benchmark for compliance with No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The benchmark for compliance with NCLB is a requirement that by 2008, 58% of students achieve a score of Proficient or Advanced on the WKCE in Math, and 74% in Reading. By 2011, 68.5% of students must be Proficient or Advanced in Math, and 80.5% in Reading to be in compliance with NCLB. By 2014, 100% of students must be Proficient or Advanced in Math and Reading. In 2004/2005, 88% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced in both Math and Reading.

In terms of curriculum and the Wisconsin State Standards, Dr. Lodes stated that there are 18 school-wide initiatives, including Citizenship, Reading, Writing, Career Education, and the Struggling Learner. He also noted the success of the Grade 8/9 Transition initiative. Technology initiatives include: 1) data "mining" within the SASI XP student package for attendance and grading, which is in its second year of implementation; 2) Parent Connect, which provides secure parental access to their child's grades, attendance, and other communication with teachers; and 3) Scantron, which is a math and reading assessments package. A report of the student's individual results is distributed to teachers to improve student achievement. Common assessments and curriculum are in alignment with the standards. Resources have been allocated for improvement. In addition, areas of improvement within the special education curriculum have been identified so that we will continue to be in compliance with the requirements of No Child Left Behind.

Dr. Lodes reviewed eight action areas for focusing on student achievement. He also noted that through our Citizenship initiative, students are involved in 300-500 activities within the community.

Dr. Lodes identified five issues that the Arrowhead School District will be dealing with in the future: 1) PI 34 – we are in compliance with this state mandate, which deals with the certification of teachers and will involve our first group of new teachers in 2005/2006, 2) No Child Left Behind – our scores are in compliance, 3) Financing Schools – especially during stable enrollment and a possible tax freeze, 4) Lutheran High School (Fall 2007) – 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, 5) Drop in Enrollment (85 students) 2005/2006 – construction projects have been finalized and budget adjustments have been made.

Chairperson LeBlanc thanked Dr. Lodes for his presentation and his continued leadership in making Arrowhead High School one of the top high schools, not only in the State of Wisconsin, but in the entire country.

Moved by Pete Nejedlo, seconded by Paul Kreutzer to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and October 31, 2006. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Paul Kreutzer, seconded by Pete Nejedlo to approve the book rental fee of \$64.00 for the 2005/2006 school year. Motion Carried.

Moved by Pete Nejedlo, seconded by Paul Kreutzer to set school board member annual salaries for the 2005/2006 school year at \$2,300.00 per board member. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky and Dr. Lodes responded to questions from Jane Stadler regarding the Capital Expansion Fund and the recent District Office remodeling project.

Moved by Beth Yenerich, seconded by Pete Nejedlo to approve the recommended tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$695,500 for the 2005/2006 school year, as per the Capital Expansion Fund Resolution below. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION CREATING A CAPITAL EXPANSION FUND
AND LEVYING A TAX IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Arrowhead Union High School District that a Capital Expansion Fund is hereby created pursuant to Section 120.10(10m) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of financing remodeling, maintenance, repair, and improvement projects at various district buildings and sites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a tax in the amount of \$695,500 be levied for the 2005/2006 school year to be deposited in the Capital Expansion Fund created above to be used only for the purposes specified above.

Moved by Paul Kreutzer, seconded by Pete Nejedlo to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$13,739,005 for the 2005/2006 school year. Motion Carried.

The total 2005/2006 tax levy is \$14,434,505 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

There was no other new business.

Moved by Pete Nejedlo, seconded by Paul Kreutzer to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk