

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2005
MINUTES

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

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Joe LeBlanc, Bob Rosch, Sue Schultz, John Greidanus, Jack Gutschenritter, Mike Kusch, Craig Thompson, Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: Judie Ristow

Administration present: Dave Lodes, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wieczorek

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Kusch to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2005, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 104775, 104913-105094, 105096-105266, and 105268-105350 in the amount of \$1,108,677.57. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that our Third Friday in September enrollment count is 2,379 students. The number of open enrollment students attending Arrowhead High School increased from 79 students in 2004/2005 to 88 students in 2005/2006; 18 resident students have chosen to enroll in other school districts.

Dr. Lodes also reported that the EXPLORE, PLAN, and PSAT exams were administered to students today. This evening Arrowhead High School is hosting the Wisconsin Education Fair at South Campus, and representatives from approximately 120 post-secondary institutions are on-site to provide students and parents with information and literature regarding the numerous educational opportunities available.

The first six weeks of school concludes October 14, 2005. Teacher conferences are scheduled for October 20 and 21, 2005, at which time parents will have another opportunity to register for access to ParentCONNECT. Approximately 1,700 students attended Homecoming on September 30, 2005.

Dr. Lodes stated that students involved in the Arrowhead Citizenship Initiative, in conjunction with North Lake Elementary School, have been working to collect needed supplies for our three hurricane-ravaged sister high schools in Louisiana and Mississippi. On October 25, 2005, a semi load of materials will leave from Arrowhead High School, and plans are already underway for future shipments.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reviewed the minutes of the September 29, 2005, meeting.

The Curriculum Committee discussed possibilities to increase Summer School enrollment, including decreasing the requirement to take seven classes if the student attended Summer School and subsequently earned credit towards graduation. Eligible students would be required to maintain a specified GPA, be in good standing to graduate, and have parental permission. Based on their other interests, students/parents would have more options and flexibility in their schedules. This would also benefit AP students, as they carry a heavy load of classes. It would also result in the improvement of our curricular efficiencies as the district enters a period of decreasing enrollment and budget deficiencies. Current graduation requirements and the number of periods/day would remain the same. The Curriculum Committee directed Dr. Lodes to continue to administratively explore this concept and discuss the initiative with students, parents, and staff. The Curriculum Committee will continue discussion of the proposal at their next meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the Junior State of America (JSA) trip to Washington, D.C., on February 16-19, 2006, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Rosch to approve the Concordia Language Villages Immersion "Village Weekend" trip to Bemidji, Minnesota, on April 20-23, 2006, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to approve the Chamber String Ensemble trip to St. Louis, Missouri, on December 1-3, 2005, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting was rescheduled for October 20, 2005, immediately following the Special Board of Education meeting.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – The Finance Committee will meet on October 19, 2005, to review the 2005/2006 budget adjustments and updated tax levy. A Special Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for October 20, 2005, for final certification of the 2005/2006 tax levy.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2005.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – Due to schedule conflicts, the next Policy Committee meeting was rescheduled for November 17, 2005.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the Fall Regional Meeting, which he and Dr. Lodes attended on October 5, 2005, at the Country Springs Hotel. Mr. Zietlow was recognized for his achievement of Level 4 in the WASB Board Development Program.

The School Law Seminar is scheduled for October 21, 2005, in Madison, and Mr. Zietlow indicated that he would attend. The Legislative Issues Conference is scheduled for November 5, 2005, in Wisconsin Rapids.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – Mr. Kopecky reviewed the minutes of the September 20, 2005, Budget/Personnel Committee meeting and the September 28, 2005, Coordinating Council meeting. The 2005/2006 ADSEC budget adjustments approved by the Coordinating Council will be reflected in the 2005/2006 Arrowhead Union High School District budget, which will be reviewed by the Finance Committee at their meeting on October 19, 2005.

The Coordinating Council also viewed a public relations video that presented a brief overview of all services offered by ADSEC. The Board of Education requested to view this video after their next meeting.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Konrath, effective November 15, 2005, as recommended by the administration. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Schultz to approve the contract for Greg Bisbee (Save the Earth Club Advisor). Motion Carried.

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

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

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

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the Severance Agreement for Joseph Kinney as presented. Motion Carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk