

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2006
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, Jack Gutschenritter, Mike Kusch, Judie Ristow, Craig Thompson, Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: John Greidanus

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

The meeting was properly posted.

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

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 106081, 106098, 106199-106289, 106291-106395, and 106397-106456 in the amount of \$601,087.13. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that the first semester ends on January 19, 2006. Eighth grade orientation is scheduled for January 23 and 24, 2006. Dr. Lodes also shared information regarding a new monthly parent newsletter, which will be mailed to every student's residence, beginning in February. This newsletter, published by *School Times Magazine*, would cost the district nothing, as it contains some advertising to cover the cost of printing and postage. The district would save money by eliminating the cost of several individual mailings to parents each year. However, we will continue to publish our quarterly newsletter at this time, as it is mailed to every district resident and includes information regarding the district's Annual Meeting/Report. The monthly parent newsletter will provide another opportunity to communicate with parents regarding relevant topics, in a timelier manner than we can with our quarterly newsletter. The parent newsletter will contain two standard pages, one with school contact information and one with the school calendar, in addition to 16 pages of content provided by the district, as well as three articles provided by *School Times Magazine*. Staff, as well as students, will be involved in writing the articles. Dave Watry, Language Arts Department Chair, will serve as editor. A future consideration is expanding the distribution of certain monthly parent newsletters to all district residents.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reviewed the minutes of the December 20, 2005, meeting.

The Curriculum Committee continued discussion of the Flexible Scheduling Options for Students Pilot Program for 2006/2007. Students meeting specific eligibility requirements would have the option, with parental approval, to take one less class than seven, or one less study hall each semester. The school day would continue to be 10 periods. The requirements for graduation would remain the same. The pilot program would consist of two options, an "Academic Option" and a "Summer School Option." To be eligible for the Academic Option, students must possess a cumulative 3.0 GPA. To be eligible for the Summer School Option, students must successfully complete a summer school credit class. A signed Parent/Student Contract would also be required for participation in the program.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Thompson to advance the concept of the Flexible Scheduling Options for Students Pilot Program for 2006/2007 by administration.

After further discussion of the pilot program, Judie Ristow called for the question. Mrs. Ristow then withdrew her call for the question in order to provide all Board members an opportunity to have input regarding the proposed program. The Board of Education continued their discussion of the pilot program at length.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Thompson to amend the motion to approve and advance the Flexible Scheduling Options for Students Pilot Program for 2006/2007 with review by the Curriculum Committee at least every two months. Amended Motion Carried.

The Board of Education requested that a model of potential cost savings be prepared for their review and that the Policy Committee review the proposed Parent/Student Contract at their next meeting.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2006/2007 budget. Department budgets for the 2006/2007 school year are due by February 17, 2006, and the revenue and personnel budgets are being developed. On February 10, 2006, the Finance Committee will meet with Don Mullett regarding his proposal relative to the financing of the Ice Center and the new Director of Youth Hockey position. The Finance Committee will also meet on February 15, 2006, at which time they will discuss the 2006/2007 Student Fee Schedule and Facility Use Fee Schedule.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the January 11, 2006, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch, to accept the Total Base Bid and Alternates A, B, and C in the amount of \$162,048 from J. H. Hassinger, Inc. for the pool deepening project, as recommended by the Buildings and Grounds Committee. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education also reviewed the proposed funding sources for the pool deepening (\$132,198), as well as Alternate A – lane divider anchors (\$7,800), Alternate B – starting platforms (\$16,400), and Alternate C – re-grouting the pool wall (\$5,650). The Buildings and Grounds Committee recommends that Alternate B – starting platforms be funded through outside sources and that pool usage fees be increased, including a \$10 per hour surcharge on resident swim clubs over a 5-year period. The project is scheduled to begin in March 2006, with completion in early June 2006, before the start of the summer swim programs.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee also reviewed plans for the proposed connector road, and several areas of concern were noted. Dr. Lodes was directed to contact Mr. Thiel from the Village of Hartland to discuss their concerns.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2006.

WASB – Mrs. Ristow reminded Board members that the State Education Convention is scheduled for January 18-20, 2006, at the Midwest Airlines Center in Milwaukee and encouraged them to attend.

Mr. Zietlow will attend the WASB Delegate Assembly on January 18, 2006, and vote on the 2006 Recommended Resolutions on behalf of the Arrowhead School District.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – No meeting.

ENDOWMENT FUND – The next Endowment Fund Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for February 10, 2006.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the following cocurricular contracts: Boys Golf: Head Coach – Tom Tallmadge, Asst. Coaches – Roger Kuckkan, Greg Budzien, and Mike Breaker; Boys Tennis: Head Coach – Russ Trimble, Asst. Coach – Jeremy Schlitt; Boys Track: Head Coach – Chris Herriot, Asst. Coaches – Mike Mulrooney, Mike Ray, Mike Gnewuch, Neil Smedema, David Hoagland, and Allison Schnelle; Girls Soccer: Head Coach – Jeff Staus, Asst. Coaches – Joe Paul, Kevin Martin, and Jill Slattery; Girls Softball: Head Coach – Emily Martin, Asst. Coaches – Jim Albers, Tim Tower, and Shanna Hechimovich; Girls Track: Head Coach – Steve Kostka, Asst. Coaches – Barbara Weiss, Mathew Cohen, James Ziech, and Tom Whelan. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the School District of Elmbrook 66.03 Contractual Agreement for 2006/2007 as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Ristow that pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c), the Board will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters.

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

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Gutschenritter to move into open session.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk