

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 8, 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, Sue Schultz, John Greidanus, Jack Gutschenritter, Mike Kusch, Judie Ristow, Craig Thompson, Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: Bob Rosch

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

Also present: Kristi Haunfelder, Lake Country Reporter; Caley Meals, The Freeman; Kay Nolan, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel; Charles Benson, Channel 4; Terry Sater, Channel 12, as well as camera crews from other area TV stations

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Schultz to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2006, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Greidanus to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 106775-106790, 106800-106876, 106878-107176, 107179-107277, and 107279-107287 in the amount of \$980,602.33. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that the anticipated net open enrollment applications will number in the 60 range again this year. We will continue to pursue marketing open enrollment opportunities in light of a projected decline in enrollment.

The quarter ended on March 3, 2006; there are 12 weeks of school remaining. Parent conferences are scheduled for March 16 and 17, 2006, at which time parents will have another opportunity to register for login access to ParentCONNECT. Approximately 60% of parents are currently registered.

The Lake Country Community Fest is scheduled for March 18, 2006. This is a fun, family-oriented festival that includes more than 140 exhibitors, children's activities, demonstrations, health care clinics and screenings, food, and entertainment. Everyone is welcome to attend this free community event.

The Honors Breakfast is scheduled for March 25, 2006, at 7:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Colonel Billy Walker, Professor of Athletics, U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, and Arrowhead alumnus. All Board members are invited to attend.

Dr. Lodes also reported that nearly 300 students are interested in participating in the Flexible Scheduling Options pilot program for 2006/2007; only 29 students are interested in taking less than 7 classes. This pilot program will be further discussed in the Curriculum Committee's report later this evening.

Potentially 600-700 students will be enrolled in summer school, including more than 300 students in physical education. There are also summer school course credit selections in language arts, math, science, and social studies, as well as health, which is a graduation requirement. More information will be available in late May to early June as to whether there is sufficient enrollment in the individual course selections.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reviewed the minutes of the February 23, 2006, meeting. The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the Language Arts initial proposal regarding English 10 (Communications/Literature), dated February 12, 2006. The proposal recommends that English 10 (Communications/Literature) be renamed English 10-1 and English 10-2, with both semesters being required for graduation, effective with the 2006/2007 school year. Currently, the Communications (Speech) component of English 10 is a requirement for graduation. The Speech component of English 10 would be incorporated within both English 10-1 and English 10-2, with the student receiving one grade for each semester. This would benefit students taking the WKCE exam in November as sophomores, as they would not be exclusively in Speech. Overall, there would be no change to the curriculum. The proposal also includes recommendations regarding English 10 for summer school, as well as summer school remediation.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to approve the Language Arts proposal, as presented, for the 2006/2007 school year, with periodic review by the Curriculum Committee. After further discussion of the proposal, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Dr. Lodes reported that Health instructors from the high school and elementary districts will meet on March 14, 2006, to identify topics taught in grades 7/8, in comparison to grades 9/10, to determine if there is duplication, redundancy, or a definite need to keep the 7/8 grade program, in addition to the 9/10 grade program. Since the early 1980s, the state has required that one semester of Health be taught in grades 7-12 by a certified teacher; consequently, this has been a requirement for graduation from Arrowhead High School. However, if this requirement is being fulfilled in the elementary grades, Health could become an elective in high school. The data compiled from this meeting will be shared with an objective health education expert for their opinion as to whether Health education in the elementary grades meets state requirements. This information will then be brought to the Curriculum Committee for further discussion.

The Board of Education reviewed the Summary of Flexible Scheduling Options as of February 16, 2006. 86 students in grades 9-11 have opted to attend summer school and bank the credit. Students in grades 10-12 choosing the Early Release Option include: 32 via the Summer School track and 87 via the Academic Concept 3.0 track, for a total of 119. Students in grades 10-12 choosing the Late Arrival Option include: 31 via the Summer School track and 117 via the Academic Concept 3.0 track, for a total of 148. A total of 296 students, nearly 12%, have opted to take advantage of the Flexible Scheduling Options. 29 students (1%) chose to take less than 7 classes via the Summer School track or the Academic Concept 3.0 track.

The Board of Education also reviewed the Summer School Course Credit Selections Tally as of February 16, 2006. The Board of Education requested that, in the future, the Curriculum Committee review the Summer School booklet prior to being printed.

The Board of Education discussed the At Risk alternative for students. Mr. Wieczorek requested that the Board of Education approve the continuation and possible expansion of the At Risk alternative. He explained that during this school year, at risk freshmen students were placed into a house system in the morning and attended elective classes in the afternoon. They were team taught with a special education and regular education teacher; every student also had an adult mentor. Mr. Wieczorek stated that the program has been a tremendous success, as shown by the significant reduction in the number of expected class failures by these students. He also stated that if the continuation of the At Risk alternative was approved, he would also like to expand the program to include Math for freshmen, and Biology and English for sophomores.

The Board of Education also discussed the Gender Specific alternative for students. The most current research on the brain indicates that boys and girls learn differently. By understanding these differences and adapting instruction, teachers can provide a more meaningful education for students. Mr. Wieczorek requested Board of Education approval to advance the Gender Specific alternative and send a letter to the parents of freshmen and sophomores regarding their interest in having their child placed in a single gender general Science, and possibly Language Arts, class in 2006/2007. This is an option for parents. In this pilot program, the same teacher would teach the single gender classes, as well as co-ed classes. Students would receive the same curriculum, content, and opportunities. If there is enough interest by parents, the Gender Specific alternative would be brought back to the Curriculum Committee and Board of Education for further discussion and possible action.

Moved by Greidanus, seconded by Thompson to approve the continuation and expansion of the At Risk alternative as presented and to advance the concept of the Gender Specific alternative pilot program as proposed. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the Cognitive Disabilities/Café Arrowhead Volleyball/Field Trip request to Orlando, Florida, on October 24-29, 2006, as presented. Motion Carried.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Greidanus reviewed the minutes of the February 10 and 13, 2006, meetings. He updated the Board of Education in regard to the Mullett Ice Center financial planning and Mr. Don Mullett's discussion and presentation to the committee of his "Overview and Recommended Amendments to the Gift Agreement dated November 18, 1997." Chairperson Greidanus noted that at this time the Finance Committee has not recommended any changes to the Gift Agreement.

The Board of Education reviewed the 2006/2007 Facility Use Fee Schedule. The Finance Committee recommends a \$10/hour pool renovation surcharge fee for resident clubs and a \$25/hour pool renovation surcharge fee for non-resident clubs to offset the cost of the pool renovation currently underway.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2006/2007 Facility Use Fee Schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education reviewed the 2006/2007 Student Fee Schedule. It was noted that the recommended 2006/2007 athletic fee is \$74, not \$72 as shown. Mrs. Ristow requested that the parking fee and music fees be further reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Schultz to approve the 2006/2007 Student Fee Schedule, as recommended by the Finance Committee, with one noted correction. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Ristow to approve the selection of Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Company, LLP as the District's financial auditor for 2005/2006, 2006/2007, and 2007/2008, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2006/2007 budget development. The Finance Committee will review the Preliminary 2006/2007 Budget at their next meeting scheduled for April 5, 2006.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the March 8, 2006, meeting. The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting was rescheduled for April 4, 2006.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2006.

WASB – Mrs. Ristow reported that the Leadership for Student Achievement Conference is scheduled for May 5-6, 2006, in Appleton, and May 12-13, 2006, in Madison. She also reported on the Tabor legislative hearing she attended at the Country Springs Hotel on March 1, 2006, and distributed a copy of the Legislative Fiscal Bureau's Summary of Revenue Limits Under SJR 63/AJR 77, dated February 14, 2006, to the Board of Education for their review.

CESA – The agenda for the March 6, 2006, CESA #1 Board of Control meeting and minutes from the February 21, 2006, meeting were distributed to the Board of Education for their information.

ADSEC – Dr. Lodes reported on the February 28, 2006, Budget/Personnel Committee meeting. The 2006/2007 Preliminary Budget will be presented to the ADSEC Coordinating Council at their meeting scheduled for March 21, 2006.

ENDOWMENT FUND – Dr. Lodes reviewed the minutes of the February 10, 2006, meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Ristow to accept, with regret, the resignation/retirement of Charles Niesen, effective July 30, 2006. Motion Carried. The Board of Education requested that Dr. Lodes send a letter to Mr. Niesen on their behalf in appreciation of his 35 years of service.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Zietlow to approve the contracts for Elizabeth Jorgensen (Asst. Girls Track Coach) and Kurt Kenas (Asst. Girls Track Coach). Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky reviewed the 2006/2007 Open Enrollment summary dated March 8, 2006. We are projecting 36 new open enrollment students (out of 66 applications received), with 58 returning open enrollment students, for a total of 94 students. We are also projecting that a total of 23 resident students will attend other districts, for a net of 71 open enrollment students.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Greidanus to approve the 2006/2007 Open Enrollment Attendance Requests provided students have no expulsions on record, space is available, and there is no undue financial burden on the Arrowhead Union High School District for those students who will be receiving special education. Motion Carried.

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

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

The Board of Education took no action regarding the recommendation from Wausau Insurance.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the 2005/2006 confidential support staff, Ice Center staff, and administrative compensation as presented. Motion Carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk