

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2006  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:01 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, Bob Rosch, Craig Thompson, Al Zietlow

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2006, Regular Board meeting with one noted correction. Motion Carried.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS OATH OF OFFICE – Jack Gutschenritter (At Large Seat), Bob Rosch (Swallow Seat), and Al Zietlow (Lake Country Seat) took the Oath of Office.

Board members were requested to submit their committee appointment preferences for 2006/2007 to Diane Hoag as soon as possible. Committee appointments will subsequently be made by the Board President.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 107178, 107288-107658, and 107661-107770 in the amount of \$1,423,104.65. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that we are in the process of completing our staffing for the 2006/2007 school year. Interviews of candidates are being conducted in the areas of Foreign Language, Science, and Physical Education. Recommendations for contract approval will be brought to the Board of Education at the May 10, 2006, meeting.

The fifth 6-week session of school concludes April 13, 2006. Preparations are underway for the Advanced Placement exams, which are scheduled for May 1-11, 2006. It is anticipated that a total of 900-1,000 AP exams will be administered. Approximately 350 students are currently involved in extra-curricular activities.

Dr. Lodes reported that, based on the survey responses we received, there is sufficient parental interest in the Single Gender pilot program to bring this alternative back to the Curriculum Committee and Board of Education. He also noted that a grant may be available from the Spencer Foundation in combination with Marquette University to provide assistance in implementation of this initiative, as well as in the collection and analysis of research data.

Dr. Lodes stated that plans for classes following AP exams have been formulated and will be a topic for discussion at the next Curriculum Committee meeting on April 27, 2006.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reviewed the minutes of the March 30, 2006, meeting. The Health curriculum in the elementary districts and the high school is being evaluated to identify content areas and length of instruction time. The committee will review this information once all the data has been compiled.

Mr. Wiczorek reported that the parental surveys regarding Single Gender classes were due on March 31, 2006, and, to date, we have received a response from 50% of our parents. In regard to the single gender 9th grade Language Arts class, we have received 60 Yes responses for girls and 52 for boys. In regard to the single gender 10th grade Biology class, we have received 31 Yes responses for girls and 24 for boys. The Curriculum Committee will continue to be updated as more surveys are returned.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky reviewed the minutes of the April 5, 2006, meeting. He explained the advantages of paying off the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) prior service liability during the 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 school years. He noted that this is only a two-year window of opportunity that was included as part of the 2005-07 State biennium budget. Wisconsin State Statute 121.07(6)(am) allows for the payoff of the district's refinanced WRS prior service liability to be exempt from shared cost and ultimately negative tertiary aid. The district would also not have to pay approximately \$80,000 in annual interest payments currently dedicated to this loan, and the payoff would not impact the district's bond rating. The Finance Committee recommends the use of the district's fund balance to pay off an additional \$500,000 of the refinanced WRS prior service liability during the 2005/2006 school year.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Greidanus that all principal and interest payments made during the 2005/2006 school year by the Arrowhead Union High School District to pay debt service for debt issued to refinance the balance of the unfunded pension liability will be expended from the district's fund balance. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to adjust the 2005/2006 Budget to account for the additional \$500,000 in debt service principal payments on the refinanced Wisconsin Retirement System prior service liability variable rate loan during the 2005/2006 school year. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky presented the 2006/2007 Preliminary Budget, which was developed within the state-imposed revenue limit. The Department of Public Instruction has not released preliminary 2006/2007 state equalization aid figures. With this in mind, the budget presented reflects the most up-to-date fiscal information received from the State of Wisconsin and the best estimates available to the district.

The 2006/2007 Preliminary Budget projects an increase in total general fund and capital expansion fund expenditures of \$1,550,481, or 6.91%. Student enrollment is projected to remain the same as in 2005/2006, at 2,379 students. Arrowhead's net portion of the ADSEC (Arrowhead Special Education Cooperative) budget is projected to increase 4.65%. The proposed capital expansion fund budget for 2006/2007 is \$628,027, a decrease of 9.70%. Total non-property tax revenues are projected to decrease \$708,006, or -6.95%. State equalization aid is projected to decrease \$832,447, or -9.69%. The property tax levy is projected to be \$15,823,037, an increase of \$1,635,677, or 11.53%. Based on an 8% increase in the district's equalized value, the mill rate is projected to increase from \$2.92 in 2005/2006 to \$3.01, an increase of 3.27%.

Actual enrollment will be certified on the third Friday in September 2006. The Department of Public Instruction will provide final state equalization aid certification in October 2006. Due to these current budget uncertainties, adjustments to the 2006/2007 Preliminary Budget will be made as necessary. The recommended tax levy for the 2006/2007 school year will be presented to the electorate for approval at the Annual Meeting scheduled for August 16, 2006.

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the 2006/2007 Preliminary Budget as presented.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to approve the 2006/2007 Preliminary Budget. Motion Carried.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the April 4 and April 11, 2006, meetings. The committee reviewed a roof asset management plan prepared by ICS Roof Management. The committee also recommended acceptance of the bid from KI for the purchase of district office furniture in the amount of \$46,000, which is significantly less than the \$70,000 budgeted for the furniture.

The committee also reviewed the status of the pool construction. The concrete slab has been poured and is now in the process of curing for a period of 28 days. The swimming organization will donate \$16,400 for the purchase of six starting platforms.

Chairperson Zietlow also reported that the committee met with Wally Thiel from the Village of Hartland and their engineer, Steve Hanson, on April 11, 2006, to review an updated plan of the connector road and utilization of our existing drainage facilities. A Special Meeting of the school district electorate would be required to approve any land exchange between the school district and the village. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will discuss this matter further at their next meeting scheduled for May 2, 2006.

**PERSONNEL** – No report.

**POLICY** – Chairperson Ristow reviewed the minutes of the March 16, 2006, meeting. The committee continued their review of the Coaches' Handbook.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2006.

**WASB** – No report.

**CESA** – The CESA Delegate for 2006/2007 will be appointed at the May 10, 2006, regular Board of Education meeting. Mr. Greidanus stated that he is again willing to serve as the Convention Delegate to the CESA #1 Annual Convention scheduled for May 16, 2006.

ADSEC – Mr. LeBlanc reported that the Coordinating Council approved the 2006/2007 ADSEC Budget at their March 21, 2006, meeting.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Schultz to approve the contract for Kayne Kowis (Asst. Boys Tennis Coach). Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Schultz to select Board members Mike Kusch, Judie Ristow, and Craig Thompson to participate in the Commencement Ceremony on June 4, 2006. Motion Carried.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk