

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2006
MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by President Joe LeBlanc at 7:45 p.m. in the North Campus Theater.

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), Al Zietlow (Lake Country seat), Mike Kusch (At Large seat), Bob Rosch (Swallow seat), Craig Thompson (Stone Bank seat), Sue Schultz (North Lake seat), and himself (Merton seat). He also introduced the administrative staff – Dave Lodes (Superintendent) and Steve Kopecky (Business Manager).

Al Zietlow nominated Joe LeBlanc to serve as Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Bob Rosch. There were no other nominations presented. Joe LeBlanc was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by Pat Baudek, seconded by Beth Yenerich to accept the 2005/2006 Treasurer's Report as summarized on pages 12-18 of the Annual Report Document. Motion Carried. The complete Treasurer's Report will be available at the District Office when the 2005/2006 audit is complete.

REVIEW OF THE 2005/2006 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 2,379 students in 2005/2006. However, our projected student enrollment in 2006/2007 remains at 2,379 students, or a 0% increase. Student enrollment is projected to decrease in 2007/2008 through 2008/2009, and increase in 2009/2010 through 2011/2012. Dr. Lodes that we have already taken steps to address the projected drop in enrollment.

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program remains one of the hallmarks of Arrowhead High School. In 1993, 142 students took 232 exams. In 2006, 475 students (100%) took 882 exams, with 75% of the students achieving a score of 3 or higher. Arrowhead High School is one of the largest AP testing centers in the nation. At Arrowhead High School, we currently offer 18 levels of AP courses.

In 2006/2007, Arrowhead High School is offering 6 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.

The ACT composite score for Arrowhead High School has shown steady growth. In 2005/2006, our composite score was 23.4. In 2005/2006, the state composite score was 22.2, and the national composite score was 21.1. Arrowhead High School also had 422 students, or 80%, take the exam.

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 2005/2006, 90% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced in Math, compared to 72% statewide, and 89% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced in Reading, compared to 75% statewide. Dr. Lodes also noted that 637 of 638 of our students were tested.

In terms of curriculum and the Wisconsin State Standards, Dr. Lodes stated that there are 18 school-wide initiatives, including Citizenship, Reading, Writing, Grading, Career Education, and the Struggling Learner Action Plan. He also noted the success of the Grade 8/9 Transition initiative. Technology initiatives include: 1) Parent Connect, which provides secure parental access to their child's grades, attendance, and other communication with teachers; and 2) 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. Two new curriculum initiatives include Same Gender Classes and Frosh Alternative Programs.

Dr. Lodes reviewed seven action areas for focusing on student achievement. He also noted that through our Citizenship initiative, students are involved in 126 after-school community service projects involving 800 different activities.

Chairperson LeBlanc thanked Dr. Lodes for his presentation and continued leadership and innovative programs that have made Arrowhead High School one of the top high schools in the State of Wisconsin, as well as in the country.

Moved by Bob Bong, 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, 2007. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS – Dr. Lodes responded to a question regarding the purchase and long-range plans for the Vilter property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Paul Kreutzer, seconded by Bob Bong to approve the book rental fee of \$66.00 for the 2006/2007 school year. Motion Carried.

Moved by Pat Baudek, seconded by Bob Bong to set school board member annual salaries for the 2006/2007 school year at \$2,300.00 per board member. Motion Carried.

Moved by Don Mullett, seconded by Paul Kreutzer to approve the recommended tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$628,027 for the 2006/2007 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 \$628,027 be levied for the 2006/2007 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 Pat Baudek to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$15,002,900 for the 2006/2007 school year. Motion Carried.

The total 2006/2007 tax levy is \$15,630,927 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – In response to a question regarding health insurance increases, Mr. Kopecky stated that the school district has obtained quotes and information on alternative health benefit plans, as well as alternative insurance carriers. Consideration is also being given to establishing a health insurance cooperative with other area school districts to increase our buying power.

In response to a question regarding the proposed Mullett Recreation Center, Dr. Lodes stated that there are several issues that need to be resolved and a lot of discussion that will have to take place, primarily at the Buildings and Grounds Committee, as well as the Board of Education as a whole, before the proposal would be presented to the community for approval by the electorate at an open meeting. Dr. Lodes also explained the action taken by the Board of Education earlier this evening in regard to the Director of Youth Hockey position.

There was no other new business.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Bob Rosch to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk