

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 2007
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 (arrived at 7:02 p.m.), Mike Kusch, Craig Thompson, Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: John Greidanus, Judie Ristow

Administration present: Dave Lodes, Steve Kopecky, Gregg Wieczorek, Kevin Lipscomb

Also present: Karen Schairer and Kent Rice, Arrowhead School Board Candidates-Richmond Seat
JoAnn Bahr, Girls Field Hockey Parent Board

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2007, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 111222-111225, 111227-111392, 111394-111413, 111415-111462, 111464-111504, and 111506-111544 in the amount of \$1,079,426.57. Motion Carried.

Mr. Gutschenritter arrived at this time.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that the open enrollment application period ends on February 23, 2007. Student course selections for the 2007/2008 school year were due on February 9, 2007. We anticipate that more than 275 students, with parent approval, will choose to participate in some form of Flexible Schedule Options (FSO), compared to about 180 last year.

This evening the Curriculum Committee will present the 2007 Summer School course offerings for approval by the Board of Education. They will also report on their discussion regarding the concept of online courses.

The Honors Breakfast is scheduled for March 17, 2007, and all Board members are invited to attend. Our guest speaker will be Steve Snyder, Arrowhead alumnus and Newsday staff reporter, New York Sun film critic, TIME Magazine Online associate producer, and Waukesha Freeman arts critic.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reviewed the minutes of the January 25, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2007 Summer School course offerings as presented. Motion Carried.

Dr. Lodes reported that the Curriculum Committee also discussed the concept of online courses and the various organizations that provide these services. He noted that our TAGLIT survey indicated that faculty wants to do higher-level thinking skills using technology. Our students should also have the experience of some kind of online education as part of the curriculum prior to their postsecondary education. The committee reviewed the advantages and implications of online schools for our students as a means of taking regular courses, performing remedial/recovery work, and many other options about offerings that we might not have been able to provide in the past. Pending approval of this concept by the Board of Education, the Curriculum Committee will continue their discussion regarding online courses with a possible demonstration/presentation to the Board of Education at a future meeting. The concept of online courses would also be presented to the Management Team in March, with staff development to be scheduled for a future Inservice.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the concept of online courses, as presented by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Dr. Lodes also reported that the previously Board-approved Band trip to San Antonio, Texas, was cancelled due to cost. The Curriculum Committee is recommending approval of the request by Mr. Josh Byrd for an alternate destination of Chicago, Illinois.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Zietlow to approve the Band trip to Chicago, Illinois, on April 9-11, 2007, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to preliminarily approve the Cognitive Disabilities/Café Arrowhead Volleyball/Field Trip request to Orlando, Florida, during the week of Teacher Convention in October 2007, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee, with final approval of the trip as per Board Policy 450. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2007.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2007/2008 budget development. Department budgets for the 2007/2008 school year are due by Friday, February 16, 2007. State equalization aid estimates from the Department of Public Instruction are expected the first part of April. Mr. Kopecky also reported that there are several items in Governor Doyle's proposed budget that would benefit Arrowhead High School if they become law, as we enter into a period of declining enrollment.

Mr. Kopecky reviewed agenda items for the next Finance Committee meeting, which is scheduled for February 28, 2007. The 2007/2008 Preliminary Budget will be presented to the Finance Committee on April 4, 2007.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the February 8, 2007, meeting. (A report on the January 30, 2007, Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting will be presented in closed session.)

The committee reviewed proposed remodeling plans for the South Campus kitchen and serving areas. The serving areas are 50 years old and in need of replacement. In addition, there are health and safety issues related to limited electrical capacity and difficulty maintaining food at proper temperatures. The remodeling plans also include replacement of some kitchen equipment and expansion of the serving areas to increase efficiency and allow for a greater variety of offerings. The total estimated cost of the project is \$116,950, with \$50,000 available from the Food Service Fund and \$66,950 to be budgeted in the 2007/2008 Buildings and Grounds Supplemental Projects Budget. The timeline to begin the project would be during the summer of 2007, with completion prior to the start of the 2007/2008 school year. At this time the committee is requesting Board of Education approval only for the architectural services fee to complete the project design and bid process.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the architectural services fee for the South Campus kitchen remodeling project as presented, in an amount not to exceed \$9,450. Motion Carried.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee also reviewed three proposed alternatives for replacement of the floor in the North Campus East Gym. The original existing synthetic floor was installed in 1969; it has been repaired and patched numerous times and has exhausted its life expectancy. The three alternatives reviewed by the committee were: Plan A – Install a new synthetic floor over the existing concrete, at a cost of \$195,000; Plan B – Install a new wood floor over the existing concrete with a ramping system to accommodate the resulting difference in floor elevations, at a cost of \$235,045; and Plan C – Remove the existing synthetic floor and concrete and replace them with new concrete and a new wood floor installed at the same elevation as the surrounding areas so that no ramping would be required, at a cost of \$300,000.

The Board of Education discussed the three alternatives at length. Concerns were raised about the proposed ramping system and potential liability issues. It was also noted that a wood floor was favored by a large majority of the individuals who utilize this multi-use facility on a regular basis. Potential funding for Plan C includes \$195,000 from the Capital Expansion Fund (Fund 41) that had been budgeted for this project and \$217,107 that had been budgeted for the purchase of electric transformers. (This project has been determined to be non-efficient; therefore, the project has been dropped, and these funds are now available for other Capital Expansion Fund projects.)

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve the replacement of the North Campus East Gym floor as presented and described as Plan C, including the relocation of backstops, using funds available in Fund 41 – Capital Expansion Fund.

After further discussion, Mike Kusch called for the question. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education requested further clarification of Eppstein Uhen's architectural services fee associated with the proposed replacement of the North Campus East Gym floor.

Chairperson Zietlow also reported that the committee reviewed two concept plans for the field hockey development project that were prepared by the Rettler Corporation. The committee directed the Rettler Corporation to work with Mr. Tom Emmerich, T. J. Emmerich Associates, Inc., to develop cost factors related to the construction of a first-class varsity level competition field hockey field as shown in Concept Plan-2 (Field C) to be presented to the Buildings and Grounds Committee at their next meeting for further review and discussion.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2007.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the WASB Delegate Assembly he attended on January 17, 2007, as the Arrowhead School District's delegate. He also noted that the WASB Effective Bargaining Seminar is scheduled for March 2, 2007, in Madison, and the WASB Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 14, 2007.

CESA – The agenda for the January 23, 2007, CESA #1 Board of Control meeting and minutes from the November 21, 2006, meeting were distributed to the Board of Education for their information.

ADSEC – No report.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No meeting/report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Schultz to accept the resignation/retirement of Sharon Kuckkan, effective June 14, 2007. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the contract for Cheryl Parmenter (Business Education – replacement position through June 14, 2007). Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Schultz to approve a 66.0301 Agreement between the Arrowhead Union High School District and Merton School District to enter into a Shared Services Contract for an Arrowhead High School math instructor to teach one section of geometry at Merton School during the 2007/2008 school year, as presented. Motion Carried.

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

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

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

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to deny the request of Emily Carlton for a leave of absence from February 22 through March 21, 2007. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Gutschenritter to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk