

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

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 Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2007, Regular Board meeting and the February 28, 2007, Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Ristow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 111393, 111414, 111463, 111505, 111545-111548, 111550-112015, and 112017-112099 in the amount of \$1,318,507.41. Aye – 8 and Abstain – 1 (Rosch). Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that we received a similar number of open enrollment applications for the 2007/2008 school year as compared to the past few years, which is the result of our continuing efforts to advertise open enrollment opportunities at Arrowhead High School.

The fourth 6-week grading period ended on March 9, 2007. Parent conferences are scheduled for March 15 and 16, 2007. This year, report cards will be distributed to parents at the conferences instead of being mailed home, and we anticipate a high rate of participation.

The Honors Breakfast is scheduled for March 17, 2007. There are nearly 800 students that have met the academic eligibility requirement of maintaining a GPA of 3.5 or above. 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.

The Lake Country Community Fest is scheduled for March 24, 2007, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All Board members are invited to attend. Over 150 booths have been reserved, making the event a complete sell out. Attendance is estimated at 3,500-4,000 people. If weather permits, Mr. Kent Rice will be piloting the helicopter for the first ping pong ball drop that awards the finder a chance to win one of several prizes.

The Arrowhead Scholarship Fund dinner/auction is scheduled for March 30, 2007. Dr. Lodes stated that if any Board member is interested in attending, to let him know.

Dr. Lodes reported that the administration is finalizing staffing needs and scheduling for the 2007/2008 school year. There are 251 students who have chosen to participate in the Flexible Scheduling Options program next year, and approximately 15 students will be using their banked credits.

Dr. Lodes noted that Summer School registration is currently underway. At the direction of the Board, we continue to expand our Summer School curricular offerings, as well as diversify the curriculum.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reviewed the minutes of the February 22, 2007, meeting. The Single Gender Classes update will be an agenda item for their next meeting.

Mr. Zietlow reported that Phil Motz, alumnus of Arrowhead High School and Kettering University in Flint Michigan, recently had the honor of having one of three new labs at the university, the Phillip R. Motz Circuit Design Laboratory, being named after him for his service and contributions to the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecy reviewed the minutes of the February 28, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Greidanus to approve the 2007/2008 Facility Use Fee Schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Greidanus to approve the 2007/2008 Student Fee Schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecy updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2007/2008 budget development. The Personnel and Supplemental budgets are in the process of being finalized. Student enrollment is projected to decrease from 2,341 students in 2006/2007 to 2,288 students in 2007/2008, a decrease of 53 students. The decrease in enrollment has been projected for the past 5 years, and will be the second year enrollment has decreased since 1988/1989. The State of Wisconsin is currently in the process of development of the 07-09 biennium budget. At this time, state equalization aid is projected to decrease potentially 10-15% for 2007/2008. It is likely that more accurate, final numbers regarding state equalization aid will not be available until late May or early June.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the March 8, 2007, meeting.

Mr. Zietlow reported on the Robotics competition involving 17 Arrowhead students that he attended on March 9, 2007, at the U.S. Cellular Arena in Milwaukee.

Mr. Zietlow also reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee reviewed the master irrigation plan prepared by Mr. Tom Emmerich of T. J. Emmerich Associates, Inc. The cost of the athletic fields irrigation system could range from \$325,000 to \$395,000, depending on the water source selected. The committee will continue discussion of the plan at future meetings.

The committee also reviewed the Buildings and Grounds 2007/2008 Supplemental budget projects identified as Priority I items, which total \$232,700. The preliminary 2007/2008 Capital Expansion Fund projects, which total \$320,000, would require approval of the electorate at the Annual Meeting. The committee will continue their review of these projects at their next meeting.

The committee preliminarily approved the plan to construct a tennis shelter and storage area provided no tax dollars are involved. The cost of the project is \$15,890. The committee will review the plan again prior to construction in regard to providing electricity to the facility and reutilization of an existing water supply.

The committee reviewed the cost estimate prepared by the Rettler Corporation to construct a field hockey field to the specifications that have been identified. The cost of the project is \$183,677.80. Another factor to be considered is getting water to the site. This will be an agenda item for further discussion at their next meeting.

The committee approved the proposal presented by the Booster Club to construct a customized trophy case in the North Campus Door 15 Gym Lobby area, at a cost of \$17,631. The committee also authorized the expenditure of \$4,500 from the 2006/2007 Buildings and Grounds budget, which had been designated for a portable trophy case, for this project. The balance of \$13,131 would be generated through donations of money or services.

The committee also reviewed the proposal presented by the Booster Club for the development of a courtyard area outside of Door 15, which would provide seating for students in this area. The committee approved the concept of the courtyard, pending the submission of more specific, defined plans from the Booster Club.

Mr. Zietlow also informed the Board of Education that the committee accepted the recommendation to purchase bleachers for South Campus from Intercal, at a cost of \$95,878, which is over our budgeted amount of \$89,250. The committee felt that the additional expense was justified for safety reasons and operation costs, as these bleachers have automated telescoping railings vs. railings that are moved manually. The additional funds would be taken out of the existing operating budget. The old bleachers will be removed and the new ones installed this summer, after the conclusion of Summer School.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

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

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the WASB Effective Bargaining Seminar he attended on March 2, 2007, in Madison.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – The ADSEC Budget/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2007, and the Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2007.

ENDOWMENT FUND – The next Endowment Fund Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to accept, with regret, the resignation/retirement of Mike Mulrooney, effective June 14, 2007. Motion Carried. The Board of Education requested that Dr. Lodes send a letter to Mr. Mulrooney on their behalf in appreciation of his 27 years of service.

Mr. Kopecky reviewed the 2007/2008 Open Enrollment summary dated March 8, 2007. We are projecting 42 new open enrollment students (out of 76 applications received) in 2007/2008, with 67 returning open enrollment students, for a total of 109 students. We are also projecting that a total of 37 resident students will attend other districts, for a net of 72 open enrollment students.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Kusch to approve the 2007/2008 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 Zietlow, seconded by Ristow 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, Greidanus – aye, Schultz – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Ristow – aye, Zietlow – aye, Thompson – 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, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the 2006/2007 confidential support staff, Ice Center staff, and administrative compensation as presented. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk