

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JUNE 13, 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, Craig Thompson, Jack Gutschenritter, Mike Kusch, Kent Rice, Judie Ristow, Al Zietlow

Administration present: Dave Lodes, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wiczorek, Craig Jefson (Superintendent effective July 1, 2007)

Also present: Kristi Haunfelder, Lake Country Reporter; Shelly Janke, The Freeman; Ellen McDonald, Hartland Music

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to change the order of the agenda and move item X. D. Endowment Fund/Lodes Scholarship to follow item XII. Future Agenda Items. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2007, Regular Board meeting and the May 31, 2007, Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 112772, 112800-113037, 113039-113140, and 113142-113234 in the amount of \$1,118,718.44. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Ellen McDonald, owner of Hartland Music, addressed the Board of Education in regard to the school district's future purchase of a concert grand piano.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes noted that *Newsweek* magazine published a list of America's top 5% of public schools. Arrowhead High School was 740 of 1,327 schools on the list. He also noted that the results are calculated based on the number of AP exams divided by the number of students in the senior class. This year, over 1,000 AP exams were administered at Arrowhead High School.

Dr. Lodes also reported on the end of year activities and noted that teacher checkout is scheduled for June 14, 2007.

Dr. Lodes thanked everyone for the many celebrations held in tribute of his pending retirement at the end of this school year. He also thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve the students and community during the past 28 years, as well as their continued support during his tenure as superintendent. Dr. Lodes remarked that if he had the opportunity to build a school from the ground up, he would incorporate three key elements: 1) flexibility in the use of time for students in attaining an education, as well as flexibility for faculty; 2) a personalized education (i.e., special education, AP programs); and 3) a school/community partnership incorporating our citizenship initiatives.

On behalf of the Board of Education and community, President LeBlanc thanked Dr. Lodes for his many years of dedicated service to Arrowhead High School and the community.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reviewed the minutes of the May 24, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to preliminarily approve the Junior State of America (JSA) trip to Washington, D.C., on February 14-18, 2008, as presented, with final approval of the trip as per Board Policy 450.

After further discussion, Judie Ristow amended the motion to preliminarily approve the Junior State of America (JSA) trip to Washington, D.C., on February 14-18, 2008, as presented, with final approval of the trip as per Board Policy 450, and with the superintendent having the authority to cancel the trip in the event of elevated national threat advisories or safety concerns at that time. There was no second to the amended motion.

The Board of Education then voted on the original motion made by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to preliminarily approve the Junior State of America (JSA) trip to Washington, D.C., on February 14-18, 2008, as presented, with final approval of the trip as per Board Policy 450. Motion Carried.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson reviewed the minutes of the May 31, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson, to establish a Concert Grand Piano purchase account (designated-unreserved general fund balance sheet account 932903), as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the Resolution Authorizing Creation of Post-Employment Benefits Trust, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the establishment of a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) through National Insurance Services, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 15, 2007.

Mrs. Ristow requested that the Finance Committee review comparables of area school board member salaries and present their recommendation at the Annual Meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education to reschedule their next regular monthly meeting from August 8, 2007, to August 15, 2007, prior to the Annual Meeting.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – It was the consensus of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to schedule their next meetings for July 11, 2007, and August 15, 2007, at 7:00 a.m.

Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the June 6, 2007, meeting.

The committee conditionally approved the removal of 12 walnut trees on the District's property at the expense of the adjacent property owners, Brian and Kirsten Neuman.

The South Campus kitchen remodeling project will be completed by August 15, 2007. The North Campus gym floor project will be completed no later than October 15, 2007. The South Campus bleachers will be replaced during the month of August 2007. The South Campus roofing project will be completed no later than August 15, 2007.

The committee met in closed session to discuss a request from the Chiefs to extend the existing 20-year Agreement for another 20 years. The committee was advised by legal counsel that they cannot extend any contract beyond a 20-year interval since this would essentially make decisions for Boards of the future, which is illegal. At present, we are completing the third year of the 20-year Agreement.

The committee reviewed new information relative to the proposed Mullett Recreation Center. The committee also reviewed the three criteria that were established in February 2007 and is not recommending advancement of the proposal to revisit the construction of the recreation center at this time.

Mr. Zietlow reported that Claudia Kelm and Jeremy Miller were successful in obtaining a PEP (U.S. Department of Education's Carol M. White Physical Education Program) grant in the amount of \$354,682, which could total as much as \$500,000 over three years. The grant would be used to enhance the physical education curriculum through more adventure-type activities, such as a ropes course and rock climbing wall, as well as improvements to the fitness center. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will become involved in the review and approval of the specific plans for these structures prior to their installation.

The parent support group has now generated sufficient donations to construct the Morton building, which will serve as a shelter for tennis activities. The plans for the tennis shelter have been approved by the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee recommended that the Policy Committee review the various types of clubs, sports programs, WIAA approved programs, etc. for clarification and semantics purposes during Board discussions.

Mr. Rosch reported that the O'Driscoll Field dedication ceremony held on May 25, 2007, was well attended. Tim O'Driscoll was very appreciative of the honor and recognition.

PERSONNEL – No report.

POLICY – Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve Policy 660. Student Scholarship and Awards, as presented this evening for a second reading. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Ristow reviewed the minutes of the May 17, 2007, meeting.

Dr. Lodes presented the results of the Random Drug Testing Survey, which were prepared by Jocelyn Fischer and Melissa Meister, AP Statistics students. This was a voluntary survey completed by students, faculty, and the community. There were a total of 5,157 respondents.

Question: Which of the following best describes your opinion on the use of random drug testing for AHS students involved with privileged activities, such as co-curriculars, athletics, and parking? The majority of respondents supported or strongly supported the use of random drug testing of these students.

Question: Do you believe random drug testing would act as a deterrent to student use of alcohol or illegal drugs? A large majority of respondents answered Yes to this question.

Question: If implemented, how should this program be funded? A large majority of respondents indicated that the program should be funded as part of the operating budget, rather than through student fees.

Question: If testing were to occur, do you think this would influence a student's decision to participate in a privileged activity? The majority of respondents answered Yes to this question.

After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board of Education that Mr. Jefson meet with the Policy Committee to discuss a potential timeline and process for the implementation of a random drug testing program, as well as the possible formation of an Ad Hoc Committee, and present their proposal to the Board of Education for further review and discussion at a future meeting.

WASB – No report.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported on CESA #1's invitation to interested school districts to participate in a Technology Infrastructure Feasibility Study.

ADSEC – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Rosch to accept the resignation of Amy Coraggio, effective June 14, 2007. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the contracts for Stacey Krueger (Music), Elizabeth Schueth (German), and Carolyn Knickerbocker (Special Education – LD; Richmond Elementary School). After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the Resolution of the Arrowhead Union High School District to continue participation in the Local Government Property Insurance Fund, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve the 2007/2008 Bank Depository Resolution, as presented. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

President LeBlanc presented Dr. Lodes with a Certificate of Commendation from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards in recognition of his service to the children in Wisconsin Public Schools, dated June 13, 2007, signed by John Ashley, WASB Executive Director. Dr. Lodes received a standing ovation.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No report.

Mrs. Ristow announced that the Lodes Scholarship has received \$3,550 in donations to-date and thanked everyone who contributed.

The Board of Education watched a video made by the staff in tribute of Dr. Lodes' retirement.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk