

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2007
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 6:00 p.m. in the North Campus Community Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Joe LeBlanc, Bob Rosch, Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, Jack Gutschenritter, Mike Kusch (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Kent Rice, Judie Ristow, Al Zietlow (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Rosch to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2007, Regular Board meeting as presented. Aye – 6 and Abstain – 1 (Rice). Motion Carried.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Schultz to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 113714, 113736-113901, 113903-113904, 113906-113966 in the amount of \$1,186,178.40. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

Mr. Kusch and Mr. Zietlow arrived at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Jefson reported on the Duchow's Boat Center athletic fundraiser. During the tent sale, a total of eight boats were sold. As a result of Mr. Duchow's pledge to contribute \$500 to the athletic department for each boat sold during the event, Arrowhead High School received a donation of \$4,000. These funds, along with proceeds from other fundraising activities, will be designated for the purchase of two scoreboards. Positive feedback was received from Mr. Duchow and school officials following the fundraiser. There was no cost to the district relative to this event. Special thanks to Mr. Duchow for proposing the fundraiser and his generous donation to the Arrowhead High School athletic department.

Mr. Jefson also reported that he has met individually with eight of nine Board members. It was a positive experience and beneficial to his orientation at Arrowhead High School. A point of discussion was various options to facilitate effective and timely communication with Board members regarding school issues. As these are implemented in the near future, Board members are asked to offer feedback regarding their effectiveness and make further suggestions. The superintendent's goals were also reviewed.

Mr. Jefson stated that the Management Team is scheduled to meet August 22-24, 2007, and they have an extensive and comprehensive agenda. The inservice for new staff is scheduled for August 27 and 28. The Back to School picnic is scheduled for the evening of August 28 at Okauchee Lions Park. The full staff returns on August 29 for two days of inservice. Open House is scheduled for the evening of August 29. Freshman orientation is scheduled for August 30. The first day of school for all students is September 4. The maintenance/custodial staff have done an excellent job getting the buildings and facilities ready for the start of the 2007/2008 school year. The office staff has also been very busy getting everything ready for the return of faculty and students.

Mr. Jefson reviewed the Summer School report prepared by Pete Nejedlo and noted the continuing increase in student enrollment and course offerings.

CURRICULUM – The next Curriculum Committee meeting was rescheduled for September 27, 2007. Potential agenda items include a report on the Flexible Scheduling Options (FSO) data analysis, proposed course changes (including the physical education curriculum related to the new facilities being installed with PEP Grant funds), AP and ACT scores, and a Grade 8/9 Transition update.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Gutschenritter to change the order of the agenda and return to item VII. Citizen Communications and Comments prior to the next agenda item, IX. B. Finance & Legislation Committee Report. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Gary Mattson, parent of a 2007 Arrowhead High School graduate, addressed the Board of Education regarding special recognition of students at graduation who have maintained a cumulative 4.0 GPA. Currently, all students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above wear the same color cord at graduation. Mr. Mattson further stated that students chosen as Wisconsin's All-State Scholars should also receive special recognition for their academic achievement, and noted that in 2006/2007, two Arrowhead High School students received this award.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the August 15, 2007, meeting. The committee is recommending the expenditure of PEP Grant funds for Year One in the amount of \$354,683. This would include the installation of fitness center equipment and the construction and installation of the ropes course and climbing wall. PEP Grant funds would also be used to install a fence around the outdoor ropes course, which has been recommended by our insurance company.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the use of PEP Grant funds for Year One in the amount of \$354,683 for the purchase of supplies and equipment, as presented. Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL – No report. Committee members will be notified when a date for the initial meeting with Steve Johnson has been set to begin contract negotiations with the teachers' union. Chairperson Rosch stated that the Personnel Committee would like to receive input from all Board members prior to their meeting with Bob Butler.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2007.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow noted that the Fall Regional Meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2007, at the Country Springs Hotel and the School Law Seminar is scheduled for October 26, 2007, in Madison. Board members were encouraged to attend. Mrs. Ristow also noted that an election of the WASB Regional Director will be held at the Fall Regional Meeting.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – No report.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Zietlow to approve the contracts for Amy Frahm (Spanish teacher and Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach), Rebecca McDermid (Asst. Girls Tennis Coach), Stacey Krueger (Asst. Marching Band Director), and Dana Schwarz (Color Guard Advisor). Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Mrs. Ristow requested that the post office be contacted in regard to the district's undelivered bulk mail. Mr. Kopecky stated that various alternatives for future district mailings are being discussed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk