

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 15, 2007
MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by President Joe LeBlanc at 7:30 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), Jack Gutschenritter (At Large seat), Sue Schultz (North Lake seat), Mike Kusch (At Large seat), Bob Rosch (Swallow seat), Craig Thompson (Stone Bank seat), Kent Rice (Richmond seat), and himself (Merton seat). He also introduced the administrative staff: Craig Jefson (Superintendent) and Steve Kopecky (Business Manager).

Dean Dobbertin nominated Joe LeBlanc to serve as the Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Dennis Williams. There were no other nominations presented. Joe LeBlanc was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Dean Dobbertin to accept the 2006/2007 Treasurer's Report as summarized on pages 16-21 of the Annual Report Document. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. The complete Treasurer's Report will be available at the District Office when the 2006/2007 audit is complete.

REVIEW OF THE 2006/2007 SCHOOL YEAR – Mr. Jefson expressed his thanks to the Board of Education and community for giving him the opportunity to serve as superintendent of the Arrowhead Union High School District.

Mr. Jefson reviewed the Mission statement of Arrowhead High School and statement of Values.

Mr. Jefson noted that student enrollment has steadily increased since 1992/1993, from 1,582 students to 2,379 students in 2005/2006. However, in 2006/2007 our student enrollment decreased 38 students, or -1.59% from 2005/2006. In 2007/2008, our student enrollment is projected to decrease 53 students, or -2.26% from 2006/2007. Student enrollment is projected to decrease through 2008/2009, but increase in 2009/2010 through 2013/2014. In 2011/2012, our projected enrollment is 2,459 students, which will exceed our highest student enrollment to date of 2,379 in 2005/2006. Mr. Jefson stated that steps have been taken to address the years of anticipated decreases in enrollment and the subsequent reduction in state equalization aid.

Mr. Jefson reviewed three testing areas that demonstrate student achievement: the AP, ACT, and WKCE. In 1994, 180 students took 286 AP (Advanced Placement) exams, with 62% of the students achieving a score of 3 or higher. By comparison, in 2007, 520 students took 1,023 AP exams, with 73% of the students achieving a score of 3 or higher. Students who achieve a score of 3 or higher may obtain college credits. At Arrowhead High School, we currently offer 16 levels of AP courses. Mr. Jefson also noted that in 2007 Arrowhead High School was recognized as one of the top 5% of public schools in the nation by *Newsweek* magazine. Arrowhead High School was ranked 749 out of over 1,300 of the top public schools in the nation based on a calculation of the number of AP tests taken divided by the number of graduating seniors.

In 2007/2008, 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 post-secondary college credit.

The ACT composite score for Arrowhead High School has shown steady growth. In 2006/2007, our composite score was 24.2. In 2006/2007, the state composite score was 22.3, and the national composite score was 21.2. Arrowhead High School had 503 students, or 83%, take the exam. Mr. Jefson also noted that Arrowhead High School's ACT composite score, as well as the percentage of students tested, was the highest among Lake Country area public high schools.

The WKCE (Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam) 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 2006/2007, 88% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced in Math, compared to 70% statewide, and 88% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced in Reading, compared to 74% statewide. In Language Arts, 91% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, which is 20% above the state average of 71%. Mr. Jefson also noted that 554, or 100%, of our students were tested.

Mr. Jefson stated that during his transition as the new superintendent, he has met with the administration and management team to establish objectives for the coming year. We have a Smart Goal which states, "Within three years, or the class of 2009, low functioning, underachieving, and students with disabilities will improve their academic performance." A second objective is to improve student learning, which will involve reading, math, and writing as our three focus areas. Our third objective is the implementation of the Struggling Learner Action Plan.

Initiatives and focus areas within the curriculum and instruction for 2007/2008 include single gender classes, grading and reporting, identifying struggling learners, and program/student interventions for special needs students.

Chairperson LeBlanc thanked Mr. Jefson for his presentation and stated that the Board of Education looks forward to working with him to continue to improve Arrowhead High School's position of excellence in education.

Moved by Joe Eberle, seconded by Dean Dobbertin to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and October 31, 2008. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Mr. Dobbertin recommended that the Board of Education set the date of the Annual Meeting in September, due to the low attendance of the Annual Meeting in August.

OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Kopecky responded to a question regarding Arrowhead High School's withdrawal from the health insurance cooperative, which included several area school districts. Mr. Kopecky noted that Arrowhead High School could potentially see a greater savings by independently obtaining bids for health insurance as compared to the savings afforded through the cooperative. He further stated that our withdrawal had no affect on the health insurance premiums for the other school districts remaining in the cooperative.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Dean Dobbertin, seconded by Joe Eberle to approve the book rental fee of \$68.00 for the 2007/2008 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Moved by Dennis Williams to set school board member annual salaries for the 2007/2008 school year at \$3,000.00 per board member. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Moved by Dean Dobbertin, seconded by Joe Eberle to set school board member annual salaries for the 2007/2008 school year at \$2,300.00 per board member.

Mr. Williams shared information regarding the annual salary of school board members of other area school districts. He stated that he felt that Arrowhead's school board members were underpaid in comparison to other area school districts.

In response to a question from Mrs. Ristow regarding the number of meetings that Arrowhead school board members attend annually, Chairperson LeBlanc noted that school board members attend one regular monthly board meeting. Additionally, each school board member serves on at least two committees. At a minimum, Arrowhead school board members attend at least three meetings per month. Special board meetings may also be scheduled, such as those involving the search for a new superintendent.

The voice vote on the motion to set school board member salaries for the 2007/2008 school year at \$2,300.00 per board member was uncertain, and a division of the house was called.

Chairperson LeBlanc then called for a standing vote of eligible electors. In response to a question as to whether school board members can vote, Chairperson LeBlanc stated that school board members are qualified electors and eligible to vote.

Chairperson LeBlanc again called for a standing vote on the motion to set school board member annual salaries for the 2007/2008 school year at \$2,300.00 per board member. In Favor – 3, Opposed – 9. Motion was Defeated by Standing Vote.

Moved by Kathy Nelson, seconded by Dennis Williams to set school board member annual salaries for the 2007/2008 school year at \$3,000.00 per board member.

Mr. Dobbertin stated that this would be a big increase in school board member salaries in addition to an increase in the tax levy. He again recommended that the Annual Meeting be scheduled in September, since many people are on vacation in August.

Mr. Williams again reviewed school board member salaries of area school districts.

Chairperson LeBlanc called for a standing vote on the motion to set school board member annual salaries for the 2007/2008 school year at \$3,000.00 per board member. In Favor – 9, Opposed – 5. Motion Carried by Standing Vote.

Moved by Dennis Williams, seconded by Jack Gutschenritter to approve the recommended tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$385,000 for the 2007/2008 school year, as per the Capital Expansion Fund Resolution below. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

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 \$385,000 be levied for the 2007/2008 school year to be deposited in the Capital Expansion Fund created above to be used only for the purposes specified above.

Moved by Joe Eberle, seconded by Bob Rosch to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$16,582,992 for the 2007/2008 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The total 2007/2008 tax levy is \$16,968,492 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

There was no other new business.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk