

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 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: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wieczorek
Also present: Kristi Haunfelder, Lake Country Reporter; Shelly Janke, The Freeman
JoAnn Bahr, Girls Field Hockey Parent Board

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2007, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 114703, 114707-115002, and 115004-115102 in the amount of \$1,271,774.26. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Jefson gave a summary report on the October 5, 2007, teacher inservice. Staff had the opportunity to attend presentations on Achieve 3000, Single Gender Classes, Alcohol and Drug Issues, Smart Boards, Turnitin/Surveys/Testing Internet Applications, Autism, Moodle, Office 2007, Oasis, and SynreVoice. The keynote speaker was Dr. Peter Jonas, Associate Professor and Chair of Doctoral Studies at Cardinal Stritch University, and author of the book, Secrets of Connecting Leadership and Learning with Humor.

Mr. Jefson also reported that the 6-week grading period ends October 12, 2007. The musical, Cats, begins October 15, 2007. Teachers Convention is scheduled for October 25 and 26, 2007. The Finance Committee will meet on October 30, 2007, to review the 2007/2008 budget adjustments and updated tax levy. A Special Board of Education meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2007, to certify the tax levy. The Curriculum Committee will meet immediately following the Special Board meeting, at which time the Physical Education department staff will present the Adventure Education curriculum/course proposal related to the PEP Grant. WKCE testing is scheduled for October 31 and November 1, 2007. Dr. Laugerman noted that there 108 representatives at the Wisconsin Education Fair, which is being held this evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at North Campus.

Mr. Jefson reviewed a letter that was mailed to parents of English Language Learners (ELL) and noted that the Arrowhead consortium of school districts has met all Title III Annual Measureable Achievement Objectives for the 2006/2007 school year.

Mr. Jefson shared the minutes from the September 10, 2007, Arrowhead Area Administrators meeting, which included a curriculum presentation by the Arrowhead Area Curriculum Consortium representatives.

Mr. Jefson updated the Board of Education regarding the bomb threat that occurred on October 8, 2007, at Arrowhead High School and subsequent debriefing that was held on October 9, 2007, with officials from the Waukesha County Sheriff's Dept., Hartland Police and Fire Depts., and Arrowhead High School.

Mr. Wieczorek shared background information and reviewed a comparative analysis of students in the gender specific classes for the 2006/2007 school year. Dave Gierach, English teacher, also shared his observations and experiences in teaching gender specific English classes. Data collected from the 2007/2008 gender specific classes will be presented to the Curriculum Committee in February.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the September 27, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the Project Lead the Way curriculum proposal from the Technology and Engineering Department, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow to approve only the 9th grade Advanced Algebra/Trigonometry math course, which is proposed to begin in 2008/2009, and is the first phase of a three-year plan. There was no second to the motion. After further discussion, Mrs. Ristow withdrew her motion.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Rosch to approve the proposal for three new math courses to be phased in over a three-year period beginning in 2008/2009, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson reported on the September 26, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Rice to approve the 2007-08 Agreement between the Arrowhead Union High School District and Mr. Don Mullett regarding the Financing of the Director of Youth Hockey position. After discussion of the agreement, Mike Kusch called for the question. Yes – 8, No – 1 (Ristow). Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky informed the Board of Education that last January, the vendor that supports GUSTO, our current financial and human resources software, notified districts that they no longer support GUSTO. The GUSTO software has been in use since 1985. As a result, the District began the process of investigating other financial/human resources software packages. Mr. Kopecky presented background information regarding the recommendation to purchase the Skyward financial and human resources software package to replace the GUSTO software.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Thompson to approve the purchase of the Skyward financial/human resources software package as presented. Motion Carried.

The Finance Committee will meet on October 30, 2007, at 7:00 a.m. to review the 2006/2007 financial audit report and the 2007/2008 budget adjustments and updated tax levy. A Special Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for October 31, 2007, at 7:00 a.m. to certify the 2007/2008 tax levy.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the September 5, 2007, meeting. At the request of the Hartland and Lisbon Fire Departments, their proposal to build a fire tower on school district property has been put on hold while they consider other alternatives.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Rosch reported on the September 27, 2007, meeting. The committee met with the Bob Butler, the district's labor attorney, to establish the Board's goals prior to beginning contract negotiations with AUTO. The first meeting with AUTO is scheduled for October 17, 2007.

POLICY – Chairperson Ristow reported on the September 21, 2007, meeting. The committee is continuing their review of Policy 450. Field Trips. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2007.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the Fall Regional Meeting that Sue Schultz, Kent Rice, and he attended on October 9, 2007. He also reminded Board members that the School Law Seminar is scheduled for October 26, 2007, in Madison, and the Legislative Issues Conference is scheduled for November 3, 2007, in Stevens Point. Mr. Zietlow stated that at the Legislative Issues Conference they will have an opportunity to review the resolutions submitted for the 2008 WASB Delegate Assembly in January, and he will share this information with the Board of Education at their next meeting.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – Mr. Thompson reported on the September 18, 2007, Budget/Personnel Committee meeting and the September 25, 2007, Coordinating Council meeting. The Coordinating Council approved an increase in the 2007/2008 ADSEC budget of 7.92% from the preliminary budget approved on March 23, 2007. These adjustments will be reflected in the 2007/2008 Arrowhead Union High School District budget, which will be reviewed by the Finance Committee at their meeting on October 30, 2007.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No report. Mr. Jefson noted that the Arrowhead Scholarship Fund committee met on October 8, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the following cocurricular contracts: Forensics – Head Advisor Steven Schmid; Mock Trial – Head Advisor Paul Janicki; Boys Basketball – Head Coach Craig Haase, Asst. Coaches Dave Conway, Kevin Klink, Mark Leoni, and Chris Klink; Boys Ice Hockey – Head Coach Carl Valimont, Asst. Coaches Bryan Mullett and Dave Kraft; Boys Swimming – Head Coach Bob Jenkyns, Asst. Coaches Jennifer Leider and Adam Jutz; Boys Wrestling – Head Coach John Mesenbrink, Asst. Coaches – Jeremy Miller and Peter Walker; Girls Basketball – Asst. Coaches Kari Sagal, Vince Peterson, and Doug Drenzek; Girls Ice Hockey – Head Coach Eric Fenton, Asst. Coach Tom Whelan. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Zietlow recommended that the district’s Mission Statement and Values be reviewed. He also suggested that regular Board of Education meetings include an agenda item designated to spotlight a program, student, teacher, or event each month.

Mr. Jefson informed the Board of Education that Arrowhead e-mail accounts have been set up for them to facilitate communication regarding school/board related business. He will also provide Board members with additional information in regard to accessing and using the Arrowhead e-mail account in conjunction with their personal e-mail account.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk