

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

Unable to attend: Judie Ristow

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wieczorek, Geoff Steinbach

Also present: Kirk Carlson, Todd Stelmacher, and Chuck Olsen, Arrowhead School District Residents  
JoAnn Bahr, Girls Field Hockey Parent Board

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Zietlow to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2007, Regular Board meeting and the October 31, 2007, Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 115003, 115103-115138, 115142-115443, and 115446-115535 in the amount of \$1,136,678.11. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Kirk Carlson, Todd Stelmacher, and Chuck Olsen addressed the Board of Education about their concerns regarding the proposed new location of Campus Drive.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Jefson shared a thank you note from Trina Bower, math teacher, and her students to the Board of Education for the SMART Boards that have been installed in three classrooms at North Campus and one at South Campus.

Mr. Jefson also distributed the 2007/2008 Board of Education Report Schedule of proposed monthly presentations from administration and staff regarding academic programming and pertinent educational issues for their consideration.

Dr. Laugerman reviewed the Call Attempts by Hour report from SynreVoice, our parent notification system, which had been requested by the Board of Education. The report summarized the number of calls delivered per hour following the bomb threat at Arrowhead High School on October 8, 2007. Feedback from parents regarding this communication tool has been positive.

Mr. Jefson updated the Board of Education regarding the status of our Crisis Response Plan review and revision.

Mr. Wieczorek reported that, with the possible exception of one student, we will have 100% participation in the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE), which is administered to sophomores. Test results will likely be available from DPI in May 2008.

Dr. Laugerman and Mr. Wieczorek reported on the Building Level meetings held earlier today at North and South Campus, which focused on our reading initiative.

Mr. Jefson reviewed the minutes from the October 8, 2007, Arrowhead Area Administrators meeting. He also reviewed the November 2, 2007, Arrowhead Area Curriculum Coordinators meeting minutes, the status of the proposed K-12 writing initiative, and the minutes from recent Grade 8/9 Transition meetings from Instrumental Music, Information Literacy, and Guidance.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the October 31, 2007, meeting.

Dr. Laugerman provided an overview of the 2007/2008 Smart Goal for Arrowhead High School, which is, "Within three years, all students, including class of 2010 low-functioning, under-achieving students, and students with disabilities, will improve their academic performance." The primary focus is on reading achievement. Dr. Laugerman also reviewed the 2007/2008 Action Plan to Improve Student Learning and Achievement (Reading).

The Board of Education viewed a video of students participating in the various elements of a physical education challenge course.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Gutschenritter to approve the Physical Education Department's Adventure Education curriculum/course proposal, as presented. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2007, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson reported on the October 30, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Kusch to accept the 2006/2007 Financial Audit Report, as recommended by the Finance Committee. After further discussion of the report, Mike Kusch called for the question. Motion Carried.

The auditor's recommendation to create a Whistleblower policy as a means to communicate concerns, anonymously if preferred, about unethical behavior, actual or suspected fraud, or violations of the district's code of conduct or ethics policy without fear of retribution was referred to the Policy Committee for review.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Mr. Steinbach reported on the status of the tennis shelter.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2007, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Rosch reported on the October 17, 2007, initial meeting with AUTO regarding the 2007-2009 contract negotiations. Their next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2007, at 2:30 p.m.

POLICY – Committee member Kusch reported on the October 17, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Kusch, seconded by Zietlow to approve Policy 450. Field Trips\*\*, with one noted revision, for a first reading. Motion Carried.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Rosch to approve Policy 850. Commercial Agreements, as presented this evening for a first reading. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve Policy 222. Professional Staff Hiring, as presented this evening for a first reading. Motion Carried.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2007, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the Legislative Issues Conference that he attended on November 3, 2007. He also distributed the WASB Comparison of Key 2007-09 Budget Bill Provisions, updated October 23, 2007, and a draft of the Final Resolutions for the 2008 Delegate Assembly, which will meet on January 23, 2008, to the Board of Education for their review. Mr. Rosch reported on the School Law Seminar that he, Joe LeBlanc, and Mike Kusch attended on October 26, 2007.

CESA – Mr. Zietlow reported that he has been chosen to serve on the CESA #1 regional selection committees for the 2008 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Awards. He will serve on the selection committee for both the student Excellence Scholarship Award and the teacher Fellowship Award, which will meet in December.

ADSEC – Mr. Thompson reported on an increase in the 2007/2008 ADSEC budget. Arrowhead High School's ADSEC budget will increase \$6,842 for an additional special education aide needed to meet the needs of a special education student who recently moved into the district.

ENDOWMENT FUND – Mr. Jefson reported that \$680 in donations have been received to-date by the Arrowhead Scholarship Fund in memory of Francis Gutschenritter, a 17-year member of the Arrowhead School Board, and father of current Arrowhead School Board member, Jack Gutschenritter.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve the following cocurricular contracts: Boys Football – Asst. Coaches Jim LaVoi (Bergman), Pete Kishline (33%), Jim Vento (50%), Mike Horne (50%), and Eric Varrelmann (33%). Motion Carried.

The Board of Education discussed the football stadium bleachers at length, including the possible stadium renovation. Due to interest expressed by the community, it was suggested that an ad hoc committee of the Board be formed to study this issue. After considerable discussion, it was the consensus of the Board of Education to continue this discussion at their December meeting.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Rosch that pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(e), “Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session,” the Board will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Contractual Agreements relevant to the Mullett Ice Center

Roll Call Vote: Rice – aye, Kusch – aye, Schultz – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Zietlow – aye, Thompson – aye, Gutschenritter – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Gutschenritter, seconded by Rosch to move into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Gutschenritter – aye, Kusch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk