

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 12, 2008
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:02 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 (arrived at 7:46 p.m.), Al Zietlow

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

Staff present: Mary Ann Beckman, Sue Casetta, Mike Gnewuch, Kathy Kopp, Michelle Feutz, Tami Thompson, Eileen Dlobik

Also present: Dwight Johnson and Shelly Christy, Creative Employment Opportunities, Inc.; Shelly Janke, The Freeman

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Kusch to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Kusch to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 116440, 116484, 116625, 116690, 116735-117081, and 117083-117153 in the amount of \$1,127,383.50. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – Mr. Rice reported on the State DECA Conference he attended today in Lake Geneva, where he served as a judge. He was very impressed with the performance of the students, including the team from Arrowhead High School. Mr. Zietlow reported that he will attend the Wisconsin Regional Robotics Competition in Milwaukee on March 15, 2008. Teams from all over the country, including one from Arrowhead High School, will be participating in this competition.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT –

Dr. Beckman, Director of Special Education, presented on the Response to Intervention program and how it relates to the “No Name Program” and Transition program. Response to Intervention (RTI) developed from two federal laws, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which focus on academic improvement of students. RTI focuses on research-based interventions to assist struggling students, along with increasing the role of parent involvement. Dr. Beckman also distributed a handout on the Core Principles of RTI.

Mr. Wieczorek reported on the South Campus “No Name (Alternative) Program” and distributed a handout about the program. The “No Name Program” is now in its third year and assists struggling students to be successful in school. The students are team taught as a class by a special and regular education teacher. The “No Name Program” for freshmen includes English, social studies, science and a study skills class. The sophomore program includes biology and English, and students meet with teachers during a combined study hall. Each student also has a trained mentor. Mr. Wieczorek noted that at this time, none of the students in the program are credit deficient for graduation. Next year, four parenting sessions will be offered to give parents some ideas and strategies to help their children be successful in high school. Several of the staff involved in the “No Name Program,” including Sue Casetta, Mike Gnewuch, Kathy Kopp, Michelle Feutz, and Tami Thompson, also shared information regarding the program.

Dr. Beckman, Ms. Thompson, and Ms. Dlobik reported on the special education Transition program, which is in its fourth year and is funded through a grant. Students attend school in the morning, and each one has a job internship in the community two afternoons a week. Students are graded and receive credits through their jobs. Students also spend one day a week performing community service at the Hartland Terrace retirement home and Richmond Elementary School. They also do all the shopping at Sam's Club for Café Arrowhead. Through the grant, two job coaches from Creative Employment Opportunities, Dwight Johnson and Shelly Christy, also work with the students. It is hoped that students will be able to gain summer employment after their internships and ultimately full-time employment after high school. Six of the nine students involved in the program were present this evening and shared information regarding their job internships: Ylli Berisha, Kyle Cummings, Tony Kimball, Dean Kissling, Evan Marriott and Will Rennhack. A handout was also distributed regarding feedback received from students and employers regarding the Transition program and job internships.

Mrs. Ristow arrived at this time.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the February 25, 2008, meeting.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Kusch to accept the Toyota Tapestry Grant in the amount of \$10,000. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Moved by Thompson, seconded by Rice to approve the 2008/2009 Facility Use Fee Schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee. After further discussion, Mr. Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Rosch to approve the 2008/2009 Student Fee Schedule as recommended by the Finance Committee. After further discussion, Mr. Zietlow called for the question. Aye – 8 and No – 1 (Ristow). Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2008/2009 budget development. The 2008/2009 Preliminary Budget will be presented to the Finance Committee at their next meeting, which is scheduled for April 3, 2008.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the March 5, 2008, meeting. He reviewed the status of the South Campus plumbing remodel and the fire alarm system status report.

The committee reviewed the Buildings and Grounds 2008/2009 Supplemental/Capital Expansion Budget Projects Plan, along with the 2007/2008 projects status report. The committee will continue their review at their next meeting.

Mr. Zietlow distributed a potential model that he prepared for consideration by the Board of Education in regard to the District's land and facility planning as it relates to the future needs of the District.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Chairperson Rosch reported on the February 29, 2008, meeting. The committee reviewed the superintendent evaluation form, along with Policy/Procedure 213 in regard to the superintendent evaluation process, and forwarded their recommended revisions to the Policy Committee for their consideration.

POLICY – Chairperson Ristow reviewed the minutes of the February 21, 2008, meeting.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Kusch to approve Policy 361. ADSEC Special Education Policies and Procedures, dated February 2008, as recommended by the Policy Committee. After further discussion, Mr. Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve Policy 515. Anti-Retaliation Policy. After further discussion, Mr. Kusch called for the question. Motion Carried.

It was the consensus of the Policy Committee to cancel their March 20, 2008, meeting. The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2008, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – No report.

CESA – No report.

ADSEC – The ADSEC Budget/Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2008, and the Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2008.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Ristow to accept the resignations of Pat Tremaine and Gregory Smith, effective at the conclusion of the 2007/2008 school year. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky reviewed the 2008/2009 Open Enrollment Summary dated March 4, 2008. We are projecting 50 new open enrollment students (out of 87 applications received) in 2008/2009, with 65 returning open enrollment students, for a total of 115 students. We are also projecting that a total of 48 resident students will attend other districts, for a net of 67 open enrollment students.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve the 2008/2009 Open Enrollment Attendance Requests provided students have no expulsions on record, space is available, and there is no undue financial burden on the Arrowhead Union High School District for those students who will be receiving special education. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Mr. Gutschenritter requested that further discussion of virtual schools and our philosophy be considered for a future agenda item.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk