

**ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2023 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Schubert at 7:00 p.m. in the South Campus Library.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Darrell Beneker, Tim Evers, Chris Farris, Brandon Miller, Kim Schubert, Craig Thompson, Lynn Vogeltanz, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer

Administration present: Laura Myrah, Sue Casetta, Adam Kurth, Adam Boldt, Donna Smith

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Langer to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to approve the December operating bill list and pay vouchers as presented. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Activities Director Ryan Mangan shared highlights of the fall season of athletics and clubs/activities. He shared a written report with the board, while highlighting several areas verbally, including the clubs of e-Sports, DECA, and Broadway Company. Mr. Mangan also noted the Student Senate's Homecoming dance had 1,700 participants and now they are busy planning Prom. In terms of athletics, there were 694 participants in fall sports, which is up a bit from the previous years. Arrowhead has already had two state champion teams this fall (girls swim & dive and girls tennis), and two state runner-up teams (volleyball and field hockey), plus many conference-level recognitions. Mr. Mangan shared the positive news that the sport of lacrosse will be recognized as a WIAA sport for the first-time next year. Mr. Mangan was a state leader in influencing this change. Finally, there are a few pre-established 'national letter of intent days' (college signing days) for athletes. Arrowhead has had 18 student athletes already signed into excellent collegiate programs.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Eight members of the public addressed the board with concerns regarding particular current policies and upcoming potential policy changes, including Policy 651 names/pronoun usage, Policy 151.4 public comment during board meetings, Policy 649 personal wireless devices, and bullying/harassment of LGBTQ students.

CURRICULUM - No report.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – No report

The next Finance and Legislation meeting date is TBD.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Beneker provided a report from the January 5, 2023 meeting. Mr. Beneker explained the committee meeting discussions revolved around potential major projects for public fundraising including the swimming pool, tennis courts, and an indoor baseball batting facility. The district is also looking at upgrading two scoreboards (football field and west gym) based on sponsorships, which will eventually pay off the upfront costs for the new digital scoreboards. Another project in the works is to provide a water redundancy loop on campus. This infrastructure project could prevent the shutdown of school, should water pipe failures arise on campus.

The next Building and Grounds meeting is February 2, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

PERSONNEL – No report

The next Personnel meeting date is January 13, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

POLICY – Chairperson Farris provided a report from the January 10, 2023 meeting. The agenda topics included potential policy changes related to the public comments portion of school board agendas, and potential change in policy regarding personal technology devices in school.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Miller to table Policy 151.4 Public Participation at Board Meetings to a future date in order to further discuss the concept in committee. Motion carried, Farris abstained.

Mr. Farris asked Technology Director Donna Smith to review the rationale for the proposed Cooperative Technology Program, which would mean a change to Policy 649 Possession of Personal Wireless Electronic Devices. This program would initiate a rent-to-own-type Chromebook program, beginning with the incoming freshman class that mirrors what occurs in most high schools across Wisconsin. The use of a consistent online tool in classes has positive learning, behavior/distractions, and Technology Department staffing considerations. Ms. Smith addressed questions/concerns that arose during the public comments portion of the meeting, as well as questions from board members. The Director of Business Services shared and explained a cost implication analysis chart. After the multiple-year phase-in timing, the annual cost to the district is estimated at \$24,098. Considering inevitable repair costs, it is estimated that cost to the district is more likely \$30,000 per year.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Thompson to approve the proposed changes to Policy 649 Possession of Personal Wireless Electronic Devices. Motion carried.

The next Policy meeting is January 31, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

WASB – Ms. Schubert reported that the Wisconsin State Education Convention is January 18-20, 2023 at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee.

CESA #1 - Mr. Evers shared that CESA #1 is offering seminars on student behavior issues because this is a common issue across the region, particularly following the pandemic.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Miller, seconded by Beneker to approve the resignations/retirement as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to approve the contract/letters of appointments as presented including no new contract at this time for retiring Ms Myrah and the yet-to-be-determined new superintendent. Motion Carried.

Update on Superintendent Replacement Search Process - President Schubert recognized Superintendent Laura Myrah for her service to Arrowhead and wished her well during her retirement and any new ventures. Ms. Schubert noted that the Board's planning of a superintendent search hire process has begun and will be discussed during the upcoming Personnel Committee Meeting this Friday morning.

No donations were presented.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Farris to approve the following NEW Open Enrollment seats in the Regular Education Program for the 2023-2024 school year based on the criteria in the District Policy 623 Open Enrollment: 135 in grade 9, 103 in grade 10, 69 in grade 11, and 17 in grade 12, as well as the currently-attending open enrollment students, the Regular Education Open Enrollment Space Availability as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Evers to approve thirteen (13) new Open Enrollment seats in the Special Education Program and ten (10) new Open Enrollment seats in the Speech and Language Services Program for the 2023-2024 school year based on the criteria in the District Policy 623 Open Enrollment Policy. Motion Carried.

Future agenda items, likely for committee meetings: Bullying of LGBTQ students, the suggested technology disconnect between Canvas and Skyward

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Myrah
Superintendent

Amy Hemmer, Clerk