

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2020
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rosch at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Bob Rosch, Kent Rice, Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, Darrell Beneker, Donna Beringer, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer

Absent and excused: Dave Dean

Administration present: Laura Myrah, Jeff Gross, Adam Boldt, Sue Casetta

Staff present: Heidi Hamilton, Kelly Hassler

Students present: Drew Douglas, Caroline Schramka, Brendan Englebert

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Langer to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020, Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schultz to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 120, 153619-153668, 153670-153674, 153676-153917, 154140-154149, 201900210-201900222, and 201900227-201900244, in the amount of \$1,624,950.67 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$55,735.31. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT –

Ms. Heidi Hamilton and Ms. Kelly Hassler, special education teachers, presented information regarding Project SEARCH, a nine-month program that provides training and education leading to potential permanent employment for students with disabilities, who are in their last year of high school and have applied to participate in the program. Project SEARCH is a collaboration between Arrowhead High School and local businesses, who provide rotational internships for on-the-job training and career exploration. Arrowhead has been a partner since the program started in Wisconsin in 2008, and currently has five students enrolled in the program. Three of the students, Drew Douglas, Caroline Schramka, and Brendan Englebert, shared their experiences and answered questions regarding the various nine-week rotations they participated in, as well as their future career goals.

Ms. Laura Myrah, superintendent, shared a draft letter signed by President Rosch, on behalf of the Arrowhead school board, to be sent to state legislators in regard to the significant underfunding of special education in Wisconsin’s public schools and how this has impacted the Arrowhead school district. The letter notes that reimbursement from the state is well below the level necessary to fund required special education costs, and although statutory language indicates that special education be funded at a level over 60%, public school districts received special education categorical funding of only about 26% during the 2019/2020 school year. For the 2020/2021 school year, the state is expected to fund 30% of these costs in public schools, whereas through the Special Needs Scholarship Program, private voucher schools are reimbursed at a rate of 90% for their special education costs. The letter expresses the district’s support of Governor Evers’ proposal to increase the special education categorical aid percentage from 30% to 34% as a small step in the right direction to support educational programming for all students in Wisconsin public schools. The Board of Education expressed support to send the letter to our state representatives.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reported on the January 23, 2020, meeting.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Thompson to approve the World Languages Department: Spanish student trip to Mexico, on October 30 - November 3, 2020, as recommended by the Curriculum Committee. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020, at 6:45 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Gross updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2020/2021 budget development process and timeline.

The next Finance Committee meeting has been rescheduled for March 18, 2020, at 7:00 a.m.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Rice reported on the February 5, 2020, meeting.

The committee was updated on the 2020 site improvement projects and timeline, which include the visitor bleacher project, along with improvements to campus storm water management, roadway intersection safety, pedestrian walk path safety, and tennis court lighting upgrades.

The committee reviewed a report of the district's building envelope needs. Priority 1 needs for the 2020/2021 budget have an estimated cost of \$940,000, and include the leakiest of roof sections, five rusted/corroded exterior doors, and remodel of the clerestory roof at Door 1, North Campus. Priority 2 needs recommended for the 2021/2022 budget have an estimated cost of just under \$1,100,000. The priority needs exceed the operating dollars available to fund all of the project recommendations.

The committee was also updated on the development of the 2020/2021 supplemental budget. Supplemental budget requests were due on February 7, 2020. All budget requests/needs will be vetted by administration to determine/recommend the highest priority items able to be incorporated into the 2020/2021 budget plan. Anticipated resources are not sufficient to resolve all anticipated needs.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2020, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – The next Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled for March 30, 2020, at 7:00 a.m.

POLICY – The next meeting of the Policy Committee is to be determined.

It was noted that the minutes of the January 15, 2020, and January 28, 2020, Board Work Sessions regarding campus facilities needs and fiscal matters are included in Other Reports.

WASB – Mr. Rice reported on the WASB Delegate Assembly, which he attended on January 22, 2020, as the Arrowhead School District's delegate, and reviewed the WASB Report to the Membership on Resolutions Adopted by the 2020 Delegate Assembly.

CESA – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Beneker to accept the retirement of Kristi Kirk, effective at the end of the 2019/2020 contract year, the resignation of Courtney Mook, effective June 11, 2020, and the resignation of Leigh Wolter, effective February 15, 2020, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2019/2020 support staff letter of appointment for Dale DeGroot (Master Certified Electrician); and to approve the 2019/2020 cocurricular letters of appointment for Jennifer Jones (Asst. Girls Lacrosse Coach-increase to 75%), Jacqueline Pasholk (Asst. Girls Track Coach-50%), William Hirschfeld (Asst. Girls Track Coach-50%), and David McConville (Asst. Girls Track Coach), as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Schultz to approve the School District of Elmbrook 66.03 Contractual Agreement for 2020/2021 as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Schultz to approve the Pool Facilities Use Agreement Between the Arrowhead Union High School District and Lake Country Swim Team as presented. Motion Carried.

There were no donations presented for action by the Board of Education.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

Mr. Rosch noted that the 8th Annual Arrowhead Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner is scheduled for April 25, 2020, at the Seven Seas in Hartland. The Class of 2020 includes 8 inductees.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Beneker to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk