

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 10, 2021
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rosch at 6:53 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Virtual Attendance: Tim Langer

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Rice to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2021 Regular Board meeting and the March 3, 2021 Special School Board Meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schultz to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 221, 156081 - 156198, 156200 – 156280, 202000254 - 202000283 in the amount of \$1,329,567.26 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$111,954.55. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Ms. Laura Myrah, Superintendent thanked the Board of Education and staff for all their hard work as week come upon the 1-year mark since the U.S. has been dealing with the COVID-19 virus.

In response to questions from the public, regarding plans for some major upcoming events, Ms. Myrah stated that there are no definite plans yet for Prom, Graduation, and the start of the next school year. We will continue to follow the Waukesha Health Department’s guidelines and make necessary adjustment. As of now, Prom is scheduled as an Arrowhead Seniors only (no outside guests) outdoors event on Friday, May 21st. The inclement weather make-up date is Saturday, May 22nd. Graduation is scheduled for Saturday, June 5th with an inclement weather make-up day on Sunday, June 6th. We are looking at a number of scenarios; options include graduation as held in the past, partial in-person with partial-virtual, and fully in-person to be held outside on the football field. A decision will be made closer to the end of the year dependent on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the success of the last year’s car parade, we will be doing the parade again this year.

Ms. Myrah shared the Waukesha Health Department’s statement that it is way too early to predict now what the fall will hold. The hope is a return to a normal school year, fully in-person with exceptions only for those with medical needs. Decisions can not be made until we have a better idea of the state of the COVID-19 pandemic closer to the start of the 2021/2022 school year.

CURRICULUM – Ms. Sue Casetta, Director of Learning summarized several topics discussed at the January 25, 2021 meeting. There is only 1 International trip still planned for this school year. The Scandinavia trip currently has 14 participants. We will continue to evaluate this opportunity considering boarder issues, required testing, quarantines and other COVID-19 restriction that could impact this trip. Ms. Casetta discussed the early college credit and dual enrollment program. A total of 26 courses were approved for the Fall of 2020. Not all were completed due to scheduling conflicts. This program provides students with the opportunity for advanced learning above and beyond our curriculum. Ms. Casetta reported that achievement date for 9th graders was shared with our feeder schools which can be used to assess their past student’s high school readiness. The recent state-required ACT test for all Juniors took place this week with 466 ACT test completed. The in-person testing was very successful with on a few make-up tests being required. This assessment is beneficial to students for college entrance as well as for Arrowhead UHS.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2021, at 6:45 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – No report.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for April 8, 2021, at 7:00 a.m.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –

Mr. Bob Rosch, briefly reviewed a student request for gender-neutral bathrooms. A few (2-3 per campus) existing single-stall or small gender specific bathrooms will be converted to gender-neutral bathrooms for use by students or staff. Mr. Rosch informed the board that no further progress has been made on the potential Village of Hartland Annexation partnership.

Mr. Jeff Gross, Director of Business Services reported that 2020 Infrastructure Referendum Planning/Tracking is underway. The internet firewall is in the process of being updated. Work to the Building Management System is scheduled to begin June/July 2021.

Mr. Rosch commented that we will continue to discuss the 2020 Infrastructure Referendum funding to evaluate priorities and budgeting.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2021, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – Mr. Bob Rosch, committee chairman, reported that the committee met in closed session on February 10, 2021 to discuss the 2020-2021 school year potential wages. No action was taken at this meeting. The committee met with the Arrowhead United Teachers' Organization (AUTO) on February 24th, as a follow up to the February 1st meeting. The proposed base wage and supplemental pay per cell increase of 1.5% to incorporate this pay increase for the full 2020-2021 school year was presented. Ms. Myrah reported that this proposal has since been accepted by the AUTO.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Rice to approve the 2020-21 Personnel Agreement Between the Arrowhead United Teachers' Organization and the Arrowhead Union High School District as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Rice to approve the 2020-21 teaching staff compensation proposal as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Rice to approve the 2020-21 support staff compensation proposal as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2020-21 confidential support staff compensation proposal as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Schultz to approve the 2020-21 administration compensation proposal as presented. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the Personnel Committee is TBD.

POLICY – No report.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is TBD.

WASB - No report.

CESA – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2020/2021 cocurricular letters of appointment: Boys Track, Asst. Coach – Mike Mulrooney, Asst. Coach – Mike Ray, Asst. Coach – Geoff Steinback, Asst. Coach – Mason Snell, Asst. Coach – Matt Harris, Asst. Coach – Jason Eisemann, Girls Track – Asst. Coach – Brent Ribble, Asst. Coach – Bradley Clark, Asst. Coach – David McConville, Asst. Coach – Sam Leo, Asst. Coach – Neil Smedema, Girls Lacrosse

– Head Coach – Thomas Truttschell, Asst. Coach – Steven Mayer, Asst. Coach – Sara Tuescher, Asst. Coach – Allsion Schroeder, Asst. Coach – Grace Knoebel - Motion Carried.

Ms. Myrah gave a positive COVID-19 update. We currently have no staff with COVID or in quarantine. There are currently less than 5 students with COVID and only 7 students in quarantine. As of March 1st, school employees were eligible to get vaccinated. Our school nurse has been working very hard to help all interested staff get vaccinated. We currently have 100% of interested core staff either vaccinated or scheduled to be vaccinated. Ms. Myrah mentioned that the Asynchronous learning days continue to be very beneficial to both staff and students.

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

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Hemmer to use the Zoom format for recording School Board of Education Meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk