

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
APRIL 14, 2021 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, Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, Darrell Beneker, Donna Beringer, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer, Chris Farris

Unable to attend: Kent Rice

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

The meeting was properly posted.

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

Mr. Bob Rosch congratulated Mr. Beneker and Mr. Thompson on their reelection to the School Board at the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 election and reminded them to complete their Oath of Office prior to April 26, 2021. Mr. Rosch reminded board members to declare their preferences for the board committees for 2021/22.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schultz to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 321, 156281 - 156591, 202000284 – 202000297, 202000299 – 202000311, 202000313 - 202000315 in the amount of \$1,391,027.67 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$83,456.62. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – Mr. Bob Rosch reviewed the “communications and comments from the public” speaking rules with the community members present at this meeting. Three members of the public made comments regarding the possible Village of Hartland partnership and annexation of farmland owned by Arrowhead. The comments were primarily focused on community safety and the zoning of the land. Mr. Rosch responded to these comments that the Board and Arrowhead do not have control over the zoning of the land. He also commented that the Board’s vision for the land is to see housing similar to what is currently in the surrounding area.

Captain Neil Plummer from the U.S. Army presented a co-curricular opportunity called “Students Taking Active Roles”. Mr. Rosch informed Captain Plummer that his information will be forwarded to the Activities Department and that he can contact that office for consideration.

Eight members of the community made comments related to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many were very grateful for the work being done to allow students to attend school 5 days a week, in-person. Comments and opinions were given both in favor of and in opposition of the current risk mitigation efforts, masks most specifically, currently in place at Arrowhead. Mr. Rosch responded that the topic of masks is not on the agenda for this meeting and consequently the Board will not participate in lengthy discussion and/or voting regarding the school’s current mask requirement.

Mr. Rosch thanked everyone for their attendance and comments. Mr. Rosch commended the Arrowhead staff, students, and parents for making it through this challenging year. He assured the members of the public that we are following the State’s guidelines when it comes to Covid-19 safety measures which has been a successful strategy as Arrowhead has not had to close down for even one day all year long. Likely in July, the administration will present the opening plan for the 2021/2022 school year, for the board’s consideration.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT – Mr. Rick Witte and three of his students talked about the new class called ‘Leader’s Mindset’. This class that was started as one section of approximately 20 students has quickly grown in popularity and now has over 100 students of all grade levels interested in taking the class. The students shared the positive impact that this leadership class and Mr. Witte has had on them individually. Ms. Sue Casseta, Director of Learning thanked the students and Mr. Witte for their inspiring presentation. Board members expressed their appreciation for efforts of Arrowhead to offer a class that focuses on character building and servant-leadership.

CURRICULUM – No report.

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

## FINANCE & LEGISLATION –

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2021/2022 Facility Use Fee Schedule. Motion Carried.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Schultz to approve the 2021/2022 Student Fee Schedule. Motion Carried.

Mr. Jeff Gross, Director of Business Services presented the 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget. Fiscal year 2021.2022 will mark the first year of the State of Wisconsin's 2021-2023 biennial budget. The district is projecting no increase or decrease to state equalization aid in 2021/2022. The budget assumptions associated with the revenue limit formula and state aids are based on conservative projections associated with the 2021/2022 state biennial budget. With this in mind, the budget presented reflects the most up-to-date fiscal information received from the State of Wisconsin and the best estimates available to the district.

- Student enrollment is projected to decrease 42 students, from 2,086 students in 2020/2021 to 2,044 students in 2021/2022. This number (which is a significant variable in the revenue limit formula) will not be certified until the third Friday in September 2021.
- The proposed 2021/2022 budget includes a net decrease of 1.42 FTE teaching positions. The 2021/2022 health insurance premium is projected to remain level. The addition of a High Deductible Health Plan has helped to maintain our insurance benefit cost at this 0.0% adjustment.
- This budget consists of contracted services, transportation, liability and property insurance, supplies, dues, fees and utilities. This portion of the budget is projected to decrease 1.32%.
- The 2021/2022 net cost of the district's special education program is anticipated to decrease 5.93% while Arrowhead's special education expenses are projected to increase \$23,092, special education revenues are projected to increase \$125,119. The state categorical aid reimbursement rate is projected to be 30% in 2021/2022 (up from 26% in 2020/2021).
- This budget is projected to decrease 0.14%, or \$46,067 and is comprised of textbooks, equipment additions and replacements, and new programs. The proposed supplemental budget includes \$140,537 for textbook/equipment purchases, \$306,235 for technology purchases, and \$37,039 for athletic equipment purchases.
- The 2021/2022 Capital Expansion Fund budget is projected to be \$300,000; the 2020/2021 Capital Expansion Fund was also \$300,000.
- The 2021/2022 Buildings and Grounds projects budget is projected to be \$290,000; the 2020/2021 Buildings and Grounds projects budget totaled \$500,000. The district is projecting not to use general fund balance to support the 2021/2022 Buildings and Grounds projects budget.

Total non-property tax revenues are projected to increase \$80,113, or 0.83% in 2021/2022. State equalization aid is projected to increase \$45,963, or 0.95%. The district's property tax levy is projected to be \$18,280,436, a decrease of \$100,002, or 0.54%. Based on a 1.0% increase in the district's equalized value, the mill rate is projected to be \$2.73 in 2021/2021 which is a 0% increase from the 2020/2021 rate.

Due to current budget uncertainties and budget variables yet to be certified, adjustments to the 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget will be made as necessary. The recommended tax levy for the 2021/2022 school year will be presented to the electorate for approval at the Annual Meeting scheduled for August 18, 2021.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Schultz to approve the 2021/2022 Preliminary Budget. Motion Carried.

The next Finance Committee meeting is TBD.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS** – Mr. Rosch reported that at the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting a presentation was given by Performance Services to provide additional details of the HVAC Mechanical and Building Automation System upgrades. This project will be funded by the November referendum. Mr. Rosch also reported on the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting stating that the bid for the HVAC Mechanical and Building Automation Systems upgrade was presented and reviewed. Mr. Rosch also requested consideration for the Building and Grounds committee to consider the Naming Right Proposal under Policy 1070 for an area of the school to be named for Mr. Al Vandertie. An updated proposal will be brought back to the committee for further discussion.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2021, at 7:00 a.m.

**PERSONNEL** – The next meeting of the Personnel Committee is April 28, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.

**POLICY** – The next meeting of the Policy Committee is May 20, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.

**WASB** - No report. The Delegate and Alternate to the 2022 WASB Delegate Assembly will be appointed at the May 12, 2021, Board of Education meeting.

CESA – No report. The district’s representation for 2021/2022 and the CESA #1 Annual Delegate Convention will be appointed at the May 12, 2021, Board of Education meeting. The CESA #1 Annual Convention is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2021

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Schultz to approve the 2020/2021 professional contract for Kimberly Lind - Family & Consumer Education Teacher (BA 20, Step 9), the 2020/2021 support staff contracts for Cameron Gonring – Lunch Room/Study Hall Supervisor, and Greg Kraemer – Utility Maintenance (7-month mid-March to mid-Sept), 2020/2021 cocurricular letter of appointment for Boys Track head coach – Chris Herriot, Girls Track – Head Chris Herriot, Girls Track Assoc./ Asst. Coach – Allison Delzer, Asst. Coach – Lea Patek, Boys Golf – Asst. Coach – Kevin McElmeel - Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Hemmer to issue preliminary staff contract non-renewal notices.

Ms. Myrah provided a COVID-19 update. At the present time, there are a very low number of cases among students and staff. Observations from this school year are that there has been minimal transfer of illness among students within the school, despite a few hundred Arrowhead students contracting Covid outside of school. Even though there has been a large number of students quarantined over the school year, the vast majority of those students never got sick or tested positive for Covid. The use of masks appears to be a positive contributing factor as we are unable to maintain the 6 feet social distance while remaining 100% in person 5 days a week. Arrowhead will continue to follow the advice and guidelines of the Wisconsin Health Department as they are the health experts.

Ms. Myrah provided an update that Prom will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be run in-person much like our traditional proms in the past with some Covid-related precautions being taken. Classic 8 Activities Directors have released the guidelines for the 2021 spring season, based on WIAA and health department recommendations. Changes for this season will include athletes being able to remove their masks while on the field. Masks will be required when off the field, and when in close proximity of others.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Berringer to accept the donation from MSI General Corporation.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Hemmer to approve the Occupational Therapy 66.0301 agreement.

Board members Darrell Beneker, Dave Dean, Tim Langer, and Sue Schultz were selected to participate in the Commencement Ceremony on June 5/6, 2021. All board members are welcome to attend.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Hemmer that pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85(1)(e), the school board will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Potential land sale

Roll Call Vote: Rosch - aye, Schultz - aye, Thompson - aye, Beneker - aye, Beringer - aye, Hemmer - aye, Langer - aye, Farris – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Hemmer to reconvene into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Rosch - aye, Schultz - aye, Thompson - aye, Beneker - aye, Beringer - aye, Hemmer - aye, Langer - aye, Farris – aye. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw  
Recording Secretary

---

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk