

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
JUNE 9, 2021 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rosch at 7:00 p.m. in the South Campus Cafeteria.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Hemmer to approve the use of the modified agenda order as posted to the public for the June 9, 2021 meeting. Motion Carried.

Mr. Craig Thompson requested that the board revote to confirm the corrections of the May 12, 2021 minutes regarding the School Board reorganization reflecting Craig Thompson as Treasurer and Kent Rice as Vice President.

Roll Call Vote: Rosch – aye, Rice – aye, Thompson – aye, Schultz – aye, Beneker – aye, Beringer – aye, Hemmer – aye, Langer – aye, Farris – aye (0 – no, 9 – yes). Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Faris to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2021 School Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schultz to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 521, 156708 - 156723, 156726-156762, 156764-156923, 202000345-202000349, 202000351 – 202000353, 202000355-202000385 in the amount of \$1,390,604.82 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$106,814.84. Motion Carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Arrowhead Language Arts teacher Liz Jorgensen spoke to the board about the creative writing experiences of her students and their participation in the Sijo poetry contest of which a number of Arrowhead students participated and some won awards. Some students shared their winning poems. Ms. Jorgensen shared her pride that many students leave Arrowhead as published authors.

Mr. Dennis Mechenich, AHS Science Teacher and Earth Club advisor and students gave an update on Earth Club activities during the 2020/21 school year. 77 students participated this year and were undeterred by the pandemic. The Earth Club found many ways to improve the world through activities at AHS including planting trees, running informational slide shows in the lunchrooms, creating and hosting a podcast (Earth Up), hosting recycling drives, and a number of campus cleanup and planting projects.

Ms. Sherry Moseler, AHS Performance and Art Teacher and her students shared their experiences in the AP Art class with the school board. Students commented that Art has taught them many life lessons including perseverance, embracing imperfection and change, and not to overthink things. Artwork from a number of students was shared. Ms. Cara Glatkowski, AHS Art Teacher and her students talked about the opportunity and experiences of working with digital art. A number of students participated in the Pewaukee Art Show and some won awards, including a 1st and 2nd place awards.

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.

Fourteen members of the public made comments related to the Covid-19 topics including the wearing of masks during the 2021/2022 school year, student vaccinations being optional, parent choice, and health department guidance. Some citizens shared their concerns regarding Critical Race Theory in our society. Mr. Rosch thanked everyone for their attendance and comments.

COVID 19 UPDATE – Ms. Myrah provided, what she hopes to be, the last COVID-19 update. We currently have less than 5 cases of COVID at Arrowhead. In the past school year, we have had 275 positive cases in students and an estimated 100 more students with symptoms but were untested. Ms. Myrah thanked the staff, parents, and students for their efforts which allowed Arrowhead to be one of only a few high schools in Southeast Wisconsin to remain open and in-person the entire year with no school closures. Ms. Myrah reported that she recently received information, from our attorneys, stating that the risk of liability related to COVID litigation has been significantly reduced due to the availability of vaccines for the age group of our students. She warned that this may not remain to be the case if any future governmental mandates are enacted.

Mr. Thompson wanted to state for the record that the Arrowhead School board and Administration are not requiring students to get vaccinated to continue their education and participation at Arrowhead.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Farris to approve administration’s 2021-2022 School Year Covid-19 Health Risk Mitigation Plan as modified by the school board. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Rosch assured community members that the goal of the School Board and Administration this entire year has been to get back to a pre-pandemic state as soon as possible.

CURRICULUM – Due to concerns of the public, Mr. Rosch commented that the school board did not have the topic of Critical Race Theory (CRT) on the agenda as a board discussion item for this school board meeting.

Ms Sue Casetta, Director of Learning gave a report from the May 24, 2021 meeting. At the request of school board members, the approved 2021/2022 calendar was brought up for discussion regarding the new inclusion of snow days to the calendar. Options were presented and are being brought to the school board for discussion and action. Ms. Casetta gave a summer school update including a reminder that based on the school board’s decision at the May 12, 2021, masks will not be required and there will be no close contact quarantines for summer school. Since only two absences are allowed, teachers will work with students who either have COVID or are self-quarantining. Ms. Casetta updated the committee that Arrowhead has not nor does not have plans to include Critical Race Theory into the curriculum. Last summer Arrowhead conducted an audit on cultural competency and Ms. Casetta was asked to reshare those results with the school board. A couple board members suggested that this topic continue to be a topic of discussion at future committee meetings.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Hemmer to schedule make-up snow days in-person at Arrowhead with one day for the 2021-2022 calendar with virtual instruction for any days over one, and two in-person make-up snow days for all years going forward and the use of virtual instruction for any days over two.

Roll Call Vote: Rosch – no, Rice – no, Thompson – aye, Schultz – aye, Beneker – aye, Beringer – no, Hemmer – aye, Langer – aye, Farris – aye (3 no, 6 yes). Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Hemmer to include the sentence, “The District reserves the right to require remote/virtual work and/or instruction by the teacher employee group when students cannot be on campus for learning” into the 2021-22 Employee Handbook in the section titled “Emergency School Closure”. Motion Carried.

The next meeting is TBD.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – The next Finance Committee meeting is TBD.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Mr. Rice reported on the June 2, 2021 meeting. He informed the school board that Mr. Gross provided an update on the sale of property. Mr. Rice commented that Mr. Gross has done a great job providing information on the school’s website and we have already had some interest in the property. There has been a change in the roofing contractor, due to the inability of the lowest bidder to comply with the District’s property damage and builders’ risk insurance requirement. The work will begin as soon as school is over and is anticipated to be completed during the summer. Work on the HVAC system is underway. Solar energy was discussed and Mr. Kevin Lipscomb will be collecting information regarding this option later this fall.

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

PERSONNEL – Mr. Rosch reported that the Teacher of the Year Committee met on May 19, 2021 to select the 2021 Teacher of the Year awards. Awards were also selected for this year’s Arrowhead Career Achievement and Friends of Arrowhead Awards, The next meeting of the Personnel Committee is TBD.

POLICY – Chairperson Beringer reported that the committee met on May 20, 2021 to review the Parent/Athlete & Co-Curricular Code of Conduct handbook which only had minor editorial changes. The committee also performed the annual review of the District Policy and Procedure Handbook which does not require many changes for the 2021/2022 school year, after many changes in previous years.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Langer to approve the revised Policy 711.3 Communicable Disease – Staff, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Thompson to approve the new Policy 816: Fixed Asset Control. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Rice to approve the Arrowhead Union High School 2021-22 District Policies and Procedures Handbook, as presented. Motion Carried.

The next meeting of the Policy Committee is TBD.

WASB – No report.

CESA #1 – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to accept the rescindment of resignation of Wei Yao, and the resignation of Andrew Stilp effective at the end of the 2020/2021 as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Hemmer to approve the 2021/2022 new professional staff contract Kelly Matthias (Counselor/Student Services), the Co-curricular contracts for Jessica Herriges (Cheerleading – Head Coach), Jennifer Strass (Dance Team – Head Coach) and Kristen Falkner (Dance Team – Assistant Coach), and the Summer School contract for Monica Hopping (Science 9) as presented. Motion Carried.

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

Moved by Rice, seconded by Hemmer to approve the 66.0301 Intergovernmental agreement between Arrowhead Union High School District and Kiel area school district for virtual charter school access for the 2021-2022 school year, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to accept the 66.0301 Intergovernmental agreement between Arrowhead Union High School district, Hartland Lakeside J3 school district and North Lake school district; Re: School success at Arrowhead Union High School and North Shore Middle school. Motion Carried.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson regarding the Waukesha county area schools health insurance purchasing cooperative by-laws. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Hemmer that pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c), the Board of Education will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Personnel compensation

Roll Call Vote: Beringer – aye, Thompson – aye, Langer – aye, Beneker – aye, Hemmer – aye, Farris – aye, Schultz – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye (0-no, 9-yes). Motion Carried. (10:38 pm)

Moved by Rice, seconded by Rosch to move into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Beneker – aye, Beringer – aye, Farris – aye, Hemmer – aye, Langer – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye. (0-no, 9-yes). Motion Carried. (11:07 p.m.)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate McGraw
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk