

**ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JULY 12, 2023 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Schubert at 7:07 p.m. in the South Campus Library.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Virtual Attendance: Chris Farris

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to approve remote participation and voting by Board member Chris Farris at tonight's board meeting. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Myrah provided a transition update and comments of farewell. Ms. Myrah's last official day prior to retirement will be August 7th. The transition to Mr. Farner is already underway and will run smoothly. Major July and early August projects are already underway or completed. Ms. Myrah publicly thanked Arrowhead students, staff, parents and community for the incredible support that was given to her as well as Arrowhead. In her 33 year career in education across five different districts, Arrowhead has been her favorite.

Ms. Schubert thanked Laura and wished her much success in retirement, she will be missed.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Twenty two members of the public gave comments on a number of topics. Many comments addressed concerns of negative outcomes if Policy 335 - Displays and Postings in Student Environment were to pass. A number of students described their positive experiences with the safe space stickers. One community member informed the board that a student petition was signed by 335 of Arrowhead's students asking that the board did not pass Policy 335. Questions were raised regarding the need for this policy and if student feedback was sought. Other community members expressed their support for this policy feeling that safe space signs create division amongst the student population. Past board members Sue Schultz, Donna Beringer, and Kent Rice gave farewell remarks to Ms. Myrah and spoke about their time working with her. They expressed their gratitude and wished her well in her retirement.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to approve the Consent Agenda as listed. Motion Carried.

POLICY - Chairperson Farris - Made a statement regarding the abundance of contact that he has received and commented that this policy was created to foster an inclusive environment and to promote the ONE TEAM value of Arrowhead and not focus on factors that create division.

Mr. Farris gave a report from a recent policy meeting which was held mostly in closed session, with district legal counsel, regarding the drafted Policy 335. The board decided to move the policy forward to the next regular school board meeting for discussion and action.

Board members held a discussion and expressed their thoughts on Policy 335 - Displays and Postings in Student Environment. Many varying opinions on the topic of safe spaces were discussed.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Farris to approve Policy 335: Displays and Postings in Student Environments. Motion Carried.

Roll Call Vote - Schubert-Aye, Farris-Aye, Hemmer-Aye, Evers-Aye, Thompson-No, Langer-No, Miller-Aye, Vogeltanz-Aye, Beneker-No Motion passed.

Administration will work on drafting the procedure for this policy and will present it at a future Policy committee meeting.

Future agenda items for the committee will include remote participation, and Arrowhead-branded stickers to replace 'Safe Space for All' stickers.

The next Policy committee meeting is July 27, 2023 at 6:45 a.m.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Hemmer asked Ms. Casetta to review a Broadway Company student trip to Orlando in May 2024.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Beneker to approve the Arrowhead Broadway Company trip to Orlando, Florida. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum meeting will be a workshop on July 24, 2023 where the committee will hear from the administration regarding five different possible school bell schedule options. The next regular Curriculum Committee meeting is August 24, 2023 at 6:45 am.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION - The next meeting will be on July 21, 2023 at 6:45 a.m. Ms. Vogeltanz is working on equity in educational funding with the organization's representative.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - No report. The next Building and Grounds meeting is August 3, 2023. The board will take a bus tour to four local schools to see educational spaces in high schools where remodeling from referendum funding has recently occurred.

PERSONNEL - Chairperson Langer gave a report from the June 13, 2023 meeting which was mainly a brainstorming session related to the work on boardsmanship and goals with consultant Drew Howick. The committee agreed to ask Mr. Howick to provide a written summary and consolidation of information. In August, the document will be brought to the board, modified and approved as a working document for the board. A plan will be approved regarding a regularly scheduled meeting with staff. The committee discussed the possibility of including students on the school board and the agreement was that the board would like to hear the voice of all students at public comments sections as to not limit it to one or two voices. A discussion was also had about how to make Arrowhead a great place to work and retain staff. This will be a standing agenda item. The personnel meeting ended with a closed session.

The next Personnel meeting is TBD.

WASB – No report.

CESA - Mr. Beneker attended the CESA #1 annual delegate convention.

## NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Langer to approve the 2022-23 School Safety Drills Report. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Vogeltanz to approve the 2022-2023 Seclusion and Restraint report. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer seconded by Beneker to approve the Annual Academic standards. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Thompson to approve the Annual review of random drug testing report with the correction of results from 6% to 16%. Motion Carried.

Future agenda item. August school board meeting will take place prior to the annual meeting.

Mr. Evers thanked Mr. Mangan for the Co Curricular achievement report.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate McGraw  
Recording Secretary

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Amy Hemmer, Clerk