

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2013
MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by President Joe LeBlanc at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Theater. There were 31 qualified electors present.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Kusch nominated Joe LeBlanc to serve as the Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Bob Rosch. There were no other nominations presented. Joe LeBlanc was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Chairperson LeBlanc welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and introduced members of the Board of Education who were present this evening: Kent Rice (Richmond seat), Sue Schultz (North Lake seat), Donna Vrakas (Hartland-Lakeside seat), Al Zietlow (Lake Country seat), Tim Langer (At-Large seat), Bob Rosch (Swallow seat), Mike Kusch (At-Large seat), and himself (Merton seat). He also introduced the administrative staff: Craig Jefson (Superintendent) and Steve Kopecky (Business Manager).

Chairperson LeBlanc noted that the 2012/2013 Treasurer's Report is summarized on Pages 17-21 of the Annual Report Document. The complete Treasurer's Report will be available at the District Office when the 2012/2013 audit is complete.

REVIEW OF THE 2012/2013 SCHOOL YEAR –

Mr. Jefson's review of the past school year included information regarding measures that have been taken to provide a quality education with fiscal responsibility. Over the past six years, budget reductions/adjustments totaled \$4,490,998. Since 2005/2006, state aid has been reduced by over \$3,400,000. Arrowhead High School maintains a Moody's rating that is in the top 90% of school districts in Wisconsin and is projecting a 2.43% decrease in the 2013/2014 tax levy. The district's ratio of students to FTE (full-time equivalent) staff is 11.2, compared to the state's ratio of 8.7. While maintaining per student costs at slightly higher than the state average, Arrowhead High School continues to be recognized locally, statewide, and nationally for high levels of student academic achievement. When compared to the 10 union high school districts in the state, Arrowhead High School ranks 8th lowest in cost per member and mill rate.

Mr. Jefson reviewed five areas in which student academic achievement is measured and assessed: Advanced Placement (AP) testing; ACT composite scores; Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE); the State Accountability School Report Card; and the School Performance Report. Among the 10 union high school districts in the state, Arrowhead High School ranked 1st in the WKCE (#9 in the state), ACT, and AP test scores.

AP testing – We currently offer 18 Advanced Placement courses. In 2004, 437 students took 840 AP exams, with 78% of the students achieving a score of 3, 4, or 5. By comparison, in 2013, 658 students took 1,267 AP exams, with 83% of the students achieving a score of 3, 4, or 5. In 2013, the total number of AP exams taken reached an all-time high. The percentage of students achieving a score of 3, 4, or 5 was second highest, after reaching an all-time high of 88% in 2012. Overall, our students scored 14% above the state average and 22% above the national average. Arrowhead High School also had 15 National AP Scholars (passed 8 exams with a 4.0 or higher). Students who achieve a score of 3 or higher may obtain college credits as well as high school credits.

ACT composite scores – Our 2012/2013 composite scores are embargoed at this time. In 2011/2012, the composite score for Arrowhead High School was 25.0, the highest score we have ever achieved. The state composite score has consistently been between 22.1 and 22.3. The national composite score has remained at 21.1 for the past five years. In 2011/2012, 469 students took the exam.

WKCE – This exam was given to sophomores with 100% test participation. In 2012/2013, 64% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced in Reading, compared to the state average of 38%; in Language Arts, 91% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, compared to the state average of 72%; in Math, 70% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, compared to the state average of 44%; in Science, 91% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, compared to the state average of 74%; and in Social Studies, 94% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, compared to the state average of 79%. When compared to 11 other peer districts in the state (comparable geographically and demographically), Arrowhead High School had the highest percentage of students achieving a score of Proficient or Advanced in Reading in 2011 and the second highest in 2012. Overall, Arrowhead High School also exceeded peer districts in students who achieved a score of Advanced. Based on the results of the WKCE, Arrowhead High School was ranked #3 in 2012 and #5 in 2013 among the 79 schools in CESA #1; was ranked #2 in 2012 and #3 in 2013 among the 52 schools that have more than 300 10th graders; and was ranked #6 in the state in 2012 and #9 in 2013 out of 442 school districts in Wisconsin.

State Accountability School Report Card – For 2011/2012, Arrowhead High School received an Overall Accountability Score and Rating of 80.2 from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Based on this score, Arrowhead High School achieved an overall rating of “Exceeds Expectations.” By comparison, Arrowhead High School ranked #5 out of 15 high schools in Waukesha County and #25 out of 442 public high schools in the state.

School Performance Report –

- 83.5% of our graduates continue on to attend a 4-year college/university, compared to the state average of 52.5%; 8.4% of our graduates continue on to attend a 2-year vocational/technical school, compared to the state average of 21.6%.
- The Arrowhead High School graduation rate is 98% (regular diploma), compared to the state average of 87.5%; 1.3% of our students receive a high school equivalency diploma (HSED), compared to the state average of 0.5%.
- Extra/Cocurricular Participation: 61.9% of our students are involved in academic programs outside of the regular school day, compared to the state average of 38.6%; 61.7% of our students are involved in athletic programs, compared to the state average of 47%; 27.8% of our students are involved in our music program, compared to the state average of 21.2%.
- The attendance rate at Arrowhead High School is 97.7%, compared to the state average of 94.9%. Our retention rate is .09%, well below the state average of 1.37%. Our dropout rate is 0.31%, also well below the state average of 1.378%.
- Arrowhead High School has 130 full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers; 80% have a masters degree or higher. Our student/licensed staff ratio is 17.5, which is above the state average of 13.3.
- Our truancy rate is 0.5%, compared to the state average of 8.7%.
- Our suspension rate is 4.26%, compared to the state average of 5.21%.

The “Arrowhead Experience” – Mr. Jefson shared many examples of indicators of success in the areas of academic events and highlights, special programming and events, advanced curriculum, learning environments meeting student needs, co/extra-curricular activities, student and staff recognitions, and a generous and supportive community.

Mr. Jefson thanked everyone for coming this evening, for their interest in our school, their support in educating our young people, and for taking the time to attend and participate in the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting. Arrowhead High School has a strong tradition of academic, extra and cocurricular excellence, outstanding students, highly qualified and dedicated staff members, and a supportive and generous community.

Chairperson LeBlanc thanked Mr. Jefson for his presentation, and on behalf of the school board and residents of the Arrowhead school district, he thanked Mr. Jefson for his continued commitment to the success of our students and efforts to maintain Arrowhead High School as one of the top high schools in the State of Wisconsin, as well as in the entire country.

Moved by Tom Coons, seconded by Al Zietlow to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and October 31, 2014. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Bob Rosch, seconded by Kent Rice to approve the book rental fee of \$55.00 for the 2013/2014 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Moved by Bob Rosch, seconded by Mike Kusch to set school board member annual salaries for the 2013/2014 school year at \$3,050.00 per board member. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Kent Rice to approve the recommended tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$80,000 for the 2013/2014 school year, as per the Capital Expansion Fund Resolution below. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

RESOLUTION CREATING A CAPITAL EXPANSION FUND
AND LEVYING A TAX IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

BE IT RESOLVED by the electors of the Arrowhead Union High School District that a Capital Expansion Fund is hereby created pursuant to Section 120.10(10m) of the Wisconsin Statutes for the purpose of financing remodeling, maintenance, repair, and improvement projects at various district buildings and sites;
and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a tax in the amount of \$80,000 be levied for the 2013/2014 school year to be deposited in the Capital Expansion Fund created above to be used only for the purposes specified above.

Moved by Bob Rosch, seconded by Tim Langer to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$18,332,660 for the 2013/2014 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The total 2013/2014 tax levy is \$18,412,660 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – A suggestion was made that the school board/administration consider forming a committee that would communicate with legislators in a proactive effort to share the district's concerns or position on pending legislation that may have an effect on the district.

There was no other new business.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Bob Rosch to adjourn. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk