

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 16, 2017
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The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by School Board President Bob Rosch at 7:30 p.m. in the North Campus Theater. There were 25 qualified electors present.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Rosch welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and introduced the Board of Education: Kent Rice (Richmond seat, Board Vice President), Sue Schultz (North Lake seat, Board Clerk), Craig Thompson (At Large seat, Board Treasurer), Donna Beringer (Hartland Lakeside seat), Dave Dean (At Large seat), Amy Hemmer (Merton seat), Tim Langer (Stone Bank seat), Al Zietlow (Lake Country seat), and himself (Swallow seat, Board President). He also introduced the administrative staff: Laura Myrah (Superintendent) and Steve Kopecky (Business Manager); Diane Hoag is the recording secretary.

Kent Rice nominated Bob Rosch to serve as the Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Craig Thompson. There were no other nominations presented. Bob Rosch was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Chairperson Rosch noted that the 2016/2017 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 2016/2017 audit is complete.

REVIEW OF THE 2016/2017 SCHOOL YEAR –

Ms. Myrah's review of the past school year began by noting some difficult situations the district faced, including the deaths of several students. She then continued with a review of the district's Mission statement. To achieve that mission, we value people, learning, and excellence; we enjoy a partnership with an engaged community that realizes the importance of learning within a high quality education; and we offer this excellent public education in a fiscally responsible manner. Over the last 10 years, the district has reduced its budget by over \$5 million. Since 2011/2012, employee benefit changes have resulted in an annual cost savings of \$2.3 million. Arrowhead High School maintains a Moody's rating better than approximately 90% of the school districts in Wisconsin. Fund Balance, while healthy at 34.7%, needed to be used for recent one-time improvements. Despite increasing operational costs, our per pupil expense remains just below the state average. Among the 10 union high school districts in the state, Arrowhead High School had the second lowest mill rate in 2016/2017, and ranked 416th of 424 school districts in the state. Ms. Myrah also recognized Mr. Kopecky, Arrowhead's business manager, for his achievement in becoming a nationally Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) during the past school year.

Aspire Data – This assessment of 9th and 10th grade students for college readiness is linked to the ACT and measures what students have learned in the subjects of English, math, reading, science, and writing. In 2016, Ms. Myrah noted the percentage of students (9th grade/10th grade) college ready as follows: English – 73.1%/74.0%; Math – 73.1%/60.9%; Reading – 58.3%/52.0%; Science – 59.5%/57.3%; and Writing – 62.6%/62.0%.

Ms. Myrah compared student academic achievement among proximate public school districts. In 2016, Arrowhead High School tied for second highest, with an ACT average composite score of 24.0 among our graduates, and second highest among all juniors, with a score of 23.7. Arrowhead High School ranked highest, with 89.2% of students passing an Advanced Placement (AP) exam.

In 2016/2017, Arrowhead High School offered 23 Advanced Placement (AP) courses. The average passing rate on exams was 88.9% (scores of 3, 4, or 5). Students who achieve a score of 3 or higher may obtain college credits as well as high school credits.

Student Participation and Successful Education –

- Arrowhead High School's graduation rate is 96.6% (4 years), compared to the state average of 88.4%; the graduation rate is 99.3% (5 years), compared to the state average of 91.5%.
- 83.2% of Arrowhead High School graduates continue on to attend a 4-year college/university, compared to the state average of 64.5%; 6% of our graduates continue on to attend a 2-year vocational/technical school, compared to the state average of 33.4%.
- Co-curricular Participation: 63.0% of our students are involved in academic programs outside of the regular school day, compared to the state average of 37.3%; 59.5% of our students are involved in athletic programs, compared to the state average of 44.1%; 26.7% of our students are involved in our music program, compared to the state average of 18.9%.
- 80.9% of our students are involved in voluntary community activities (totaling more than 10,000 hours), compared to the state average of 29.4%.
- The attendance rate at Arrowhead High School is 97.8%, compared to the state average of 94.7%. The truancy rate is .1%, well below the state average of 9.5%. The suspension rate is 1.3%, compared to the state average of 3.9%.

Staffing – Arrowhead High School has 128.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) licensed staff; 73.6% of teachers hold advanced degrees, compared to the state average of 55.1%. Our licensed staff/student ratio is 1:17.2, which is above the state average of 1:13.1. The overall staff/student ratio is 1:11.4, compared to the state average of 1:8.7.

The Arrowhead Experience – Ms. Myrah shared many examples of academic highlights and recognitions, special events and recognitions, co-curricular highlights, as well as student and staff recognitions. Although there are too many volunteers and donors to list, our supportive community members are the backbone of the ‘Arrowhead Experience.’ During the 2016/2017 school year, over \$300,000 was donated by generous individuals, organizations, and businesses to Arrowhead High School for projects, initiatives, and departments within our school. The Arrowhead Scholarship Fund gave over \$71,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors.

Ms. Myrah concluded by reviewing the district’s Vision, which is: “To meet the needs of the 21st Century learner, the Arrowhead Union High School District will adapt to create relevant, engaging, and self-directed learning opportunities for all of our students and staff.” She also shared several initiatives for the 2017/2018 school year, including continued focus on college and career readiness through enhanced literacy, social and life skills enhancement, and Academic and Career Exploration (ACE) for students; meaningful professional development and work engagement for staff members; strengthened communications and marketing for the district; and Mission and Focus Plan development.

Ms. Myrah thanked everyone for coming to the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting this evening, and also for their support of Arrowhead High School.

Moved by Kent Rice, seconded by Dave Dean to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and October 31, 2018. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Mike Kusch, seconded by Al Zietlow to approve the book rental fee of \$55.00 for the 2017/2018 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. It was noted that there has been no increase in the book rental fee the past 6 years.

At the present time, the annual salaries of school board members are set at \$3,400 per board member.

Moved by Mike Kusch, seconded by Kent Rice to set school board member annual salaries at \$3,400 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 \$325,000 for the 2017/2018 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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a tax in the amount of \$325,000 be levied for the 2017/2018 school year to be deposited in the Capital Expansion Fund created above to be used only for the purposes specified above.

Moved by Kent Rice, seconded by Mike Kusch to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations and Long-Term Debt Service in the amount of \$18,986,061 for the 2017/2018 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The total 2017/2018 tax levy is \$19,311,061 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

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OTHER NEW BUSINESS – None.

Moved by Braden Pusch, seconded by Mike Kusch to adjourn. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk