

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AUGUST 16, 2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by School Board President Kim Schubert at 7:55 PM in the North Campus Theater. There were 23 qualified electors present.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Schubert introduced board members and welcomed the new Superintendent, Conrad Farner. Ms. Schubert also thanked Superintendent Laura Myrah for her work in preparing for this meeting and Mr. Gross for his work on the budget. Kate McGraw was also recognized for her assistance.

Tim Langer nominated Kim Schubert to act as the Annual Meeting Chairperson for this meeting. The nomination was seconded by Troy Anderson. Ms. Schubert declined the nomination. No action was taken on this nomination.

Chris Farris nominated Darrell Beneker to act as the Annual Meeting Chairperson for this meeting. Kim Schubert seconded the nomination. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Darell Beneker was elected to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

School Board Treasurer Tim Evers gave the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Evers directed attendees to visit the Arrowhead website or pages 15-18 of the Annual Meeting booklet for the complete report.

Chairperson Benker asked if there were any questions on the Treasurer's Report, which there were none at this time. The treasurer's report will be available in the district office after the audit has been completed. Mr. Beneker turned the meeting over to Superintendent Conrad D. Farner for the 2022/2023 review of the school year.

REVIEW OF THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR –

Mr. Conrad Farner thanked everyone for helping him on boarding and getting ready for the meeting as well as the buildings and grounds crew for all of their recent hard work in getting the school ready for the new school year.

Superintendent Farner's review of the past school year.

Moved by Troy Anderson, seconded by Amy Hemmer to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and October 31, 2024. Motion Carried by a Show of Hands.

OLD BUSINESS

One community member discussed the state of unity in our community and how this may have an effect on gaining support for a referendum in the future. Multiple board members responded that they feel that the community is looking favorably on their actions.

Another community member was concerned that multiple schools within our district boundaries are facing budgetary challenges and may be looking to go for a referendum at the same time. This concern was acknowledged by the board and is an issue that will be considered moving forward in our decision making process.

A community member has questions about open enrollment students and if they pay for the referendum, which they do not as a referendum only affects the Arrowhead district tax payers.

A final question from a community member was heard regarding the state of the cell phone policy? This community member also expressed appreciation for the community's consideration of this policy and commented that having more surveys to acquire data prior to creating and voting on policies would be good.

Ms. Hemmer gave a summary of the inception and process of the proposed cell phone policy. After some consideration, the decision was made to follow and focus on the current policy starting this school year. Phones can only be used in the classroom if the teacher wants them used and used for educational purposes only.

NEW BUSINESS –

Moved by Tim Langer, seconded by Amy Hemmer to approve the book rental fee of \$70.00 for the 2023/2024 school year. Motion Carried by a Show of Hands.

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

Mr. Evers would like to consider the option to defer his salary to the school. Ms. Schubert notified the board that this has been researched and is not a viable option. Individual members may choose to donate their salaries on their own.

Moved by Craig Thompson, seconded by Darcy Sobczak. to set school board member annual salaries at \$3,400 per board member. Motion Carried by a Show of Hands.

A tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$300,000 is recommended for the 2023/2024 school year.

Moved by Schubert, seconded by Farris to set the tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$300,000 for the 2023/2024 school year, as per the Capital Expansion Fund Resolution below. Motion Carried by a Show of Hands.

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 \$300,000 be levied for the 2023/2024 school year to be deposited in the Capital Expansion Fund created above to be used only for the purposes specified above.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations and Long-Term Debt Service in the amount of \$17,658,485 for the 2023/2024 school year. The total 2023/2024 tax levy is \$17,958,485 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy Motion Carried by a Show of Hands.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Schubert to adjourn. Motion Carried by a Show of Hands.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw
Recording Secretary

Amy Hemmer, Clerk