

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
AUGUST 19, 2009  
MINUTES

The Annual Meeting of the Arrowhead Union High School District was called to order by President Joe LeBlanc at 7:55 p.m. in the North Campus Theater.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

President LeBlanc welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and introduced the Board of Education: Al Zietlow (Lake Country seat), Jack Gutschenritter (At Large seat), Mike Kusch (At Large seat), Kent Rice (Richmond seat), Sue Schultz (North Lake seat), Craig Thompson (Stone Bank seat), Bob Rosch (Swallow seat), and himself (Merton seat). Judie Ristow (Hartland/Lakeside seat) was unable to attend. He also introduced the administrative staff: Craig Jefson (Superintendent) and Steve Kopecky (Business Manager).

Jack Gutschenritter nominated Joe LeBlanc to serve as the Annual Meeting Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Sue Schultz. There were no other nominations presented. Joe LeBlanc was elected by voice vote to preside as the Annual Meeting Chairperson.

Moved by Steve Eckels, seconded by John Schneider to accept the 2008/2009 Treasurer's Report as summarized on pages 16-20 of the Annual Report Document. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. The complete Treasurer's Report will be available at the District Office when the 2008/2009 audit is complete.

#### REVIEW OF THE 2008/2009 SCHOOL YEAR –

Mr. Jefson reviewed the Mission statement of Arrowhead High School. He also reviewed the enrollment history, noting that student enrollment steadily increased from 1992/1993, peaking in 2005/2006 with 2,379 students, which is about a 50% increase during that time period. Over the past three years, student enrollment has declined. In 2008/2009, student enrollment was 2,235 students. However, in 2009/2010, we are projecting an increase of 41 students, or 1.83%. Student enrollment is projected to continue to increase, with enrollment projected to be 2,480 students in 2013/2014.

Mr. Jefson reviewed the steps that have been taken to address the decreases in enrollment and the subsequent reduction in state equalization aid. In 2008/2009 and 2009/2010, budget reductions/adjustments totaled \$1,532,988. In 2010/2011, projected budget reductions/adjustments total \$786,000, for a three-year total of \$2,318,988 in budget reductions/adjustments.

During the three-year period from 2007/2008 through 2009/2010, the tax levy increased 12.20%, 4.94%, and 5.01%, respectively. During this same period, state aid decreased 15.00%, 5.12%, and 15.00%, respectively.

Mr. Jefson reviewed six areas in which student achievement is assessed: Advanced Placement (AP) testing, ACT composite scores, Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE), the School Performance Report, the District Report Card, and our Smart Goal – Curriculum and Instruction.

AP testing – In 1994, 180 students took 286 AP exams, with 62% of the students achieving a score of 3 or higher. By comparison, in 2009, 501 students took 957 exams, with 74% of students achieving a score of 3 or higher; 200 of those students, or 21%, achieved a score of 5, the highest possible score. Likewise, in 2008, 74% of students achieved a score of 3 or higher and 21% achieved a score of 5. Students who achieve a score of 3 or higher may obtain college credits as well as high school credits. At Arrowhead High School, we currently offer 17 Advanced Placement courses.

ACT composite scores –The 2008/2009 composite score for Arrowhead High School was 24.4, which is the highest score we have ever achieved. In comparison, the state composite score remained at 22.3, and the national composite score remained at 21.1. In 2008/2009, 449 students took the exam.

WKCE – This exam was given to all sophomores. In 2008/2009, 539 students, or 100%, took the exam. 94% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced in Reading, which is 6% higher than 2007/2008, and 20% above the state average. In Language Arts, 92% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, which is 22% above the state average. In Math, 89% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, which is 20% above the state average. In Science, 92% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, which is 21% above the state average. In Social Studies, 93% of our students achieved a score of Proficient or Advanced, which is 18% above the state average.

School Performance Report – This is an annual review conducted by DPI in connection with the WKCE. Arrowhead High School meets or exceeds the criteria in all areas for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). In addition to meeting AYP requirements overall, DPI has established several sub-groups, such as students with disabilities, which also must meet AYP, if the number of students in that sub-group is more than 40. In 2007/2008, Arrowhead High School had 51 sophomores identified as students with disabilities. Of those, 22 had a disability specific to the area of Reading. To meet AYP in this sub-group, 74% of students must be Proficient or Advanced in Reading. Only 52% of the students in this sub-group were Proficient or Advanced in Reading and did not meet AYP. Mr. Jefson reviewed the initiatives implemented in 2007/2008 to address this issue, and in 2008/2009, test scores improved to meet AYP.

#### District Report Card –

- Approximately 93% of our students continue on to post-secondary education; 83.9% of our graduates attend a 4-year college/university, compared to the state average of 50.8%; 9% of our graduates attend a 2-year vocational/technical school, compared to the state average of 22.1%.
- The Arrowhead High School graduation rate is 96.5%, compared to the state average of 89%; 1.9% of our students receive a high school equivalency diploma (HSED), compared to the state average of 0.9%. The overall graduation rate is 98.4%.
- Extra/Cocurricular Participation: 38% of our students are involved in academic programs outside of the regular school day, compared to the state average of 10.4%; 39% of our students are involved in athletic programs, compared to the state average of 12.2%; 12% of our students are involved in our music program, compared to the state average of 4.4%.
- The attendance rate at Arrowhead High School is 97.8%, compared to the state average of 94.4%. Our retention rate is .52%, well below the state average of 1.81%. Our dropout rate is 0.43%, also well below the state average of 1.681%.
- Arrowhead High School has 148 full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers; 74% have a masters degree or higher. Our pupil/staff ratio is 15.56, which is above the state average of 12.86.
- Our truancy rate is 0.8%, compared to the state average of 16.6%.

#### Curriculum and Instruction –

Smart Goal – Mr. Jefson reviewed the curriculum and instruction initiatives to achieve our Smart Goal, which is: “Within three years, the class of 2010, low functioning, underachieving, and students with disabilities will improve their academic performance.”

Mr. Jefson also reviewed several significant initiatives and highlights of the 2008/2009 school year. He noted that Arrowhead High School received over \$1 million in grants in 2008/2009.

In regard to the ‘*Arrowhead Experience*,’ Mr. Jefson noted that based on the results of the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE), Arrowhead High School was ranked #3 among the 67 schools in CESA #1, was ranked #8 in the state out of 437 school districts in Wisconsin, and was ranked #1 among schools that have more than 300 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Based on our Advanced Placement (AP) scores, *Newsweek* recognized Arrowhead High School as one of the top 5% of public high schools in the nation. In 2009, Arrowhead High School was ranked 947 out of 1,300 high schools. In 2008/2009, we had 1,261 students participating in 40 cocurricular academic programs, with a total of 2,353 academic participants. *Sports Illustrated* ranked the top high school athletic programs in America and ranked Arrowhead High School #1 in Wisconsin. In 2008/2009, 6 of our athletic teams won state titles (12 WIAA state appearances). We offer 33 varsity sports, at 90 levels. In 2008/2009, we had 1,421 students participating in 40 athletic programs, with a total of 2,521 athletic participants. In the past two years, 8 of our athletic teams were recognized by the Classic 8 Conference for sportsmanship awards. The Broadway Company’s production of *Cats* was nationally recognized as one of the best high school musicals in America, as it was selected as the *USA WEEKEND* magazine’s 2008 HSM (High School Musical) Showstopper.

Mr. Jefson concluded by summarizing the initiatives for the 2009/2010 school year, including the 2020 Vision of the Arrowhead Area School Districts, Land and Facility Use Planning, Intensive Assessment Teams, Curriculum Implementation in the areas of Chinese, Project Lead the Way, and Guidance Level II Training, Professional Collaboration Plan Implementation, Ice Center Director Transition, Writing Task Force, implementation of new Student Records Program (Skyward), and evaluation of the Arrowhead District Special Education Cooperative (ADSEC).

Mr. Jefson thanked everyone for coming this evening and expressed his appreciation to them for taking time to attend and participate in the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting.

Chairperson LeBlanc thanked Mr. Jefson for his presentation and continued commitment 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 Mike Kusch, seconded by Jack Gutschenritter to authorize the Board of Education to set the date and time of the Annual Meeting between May 15 and October 31, 2010. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. A suggestion was made to add the date of the Annual Meeting to the school calendar.

OLD BUSINESS – In response to a concern expressed regarding traffic flow in the morning before school starts, it was stated that this is an issue the administration is aware of and will continue to monitor as they attempt to remedy the situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Steve Eckels, seconded by Jack Gutschenritter to approve the book rental fee of \$72.00 for the 2009/2010 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Moved by Bob Rosch, seconded by Kent Rice to set school board member annual salaries for the 2009/2010 school year at \$3,000.00 per board member. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Moved by Kent Rice, seconded by Jack Gutschenritter to approve the recommended tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$402,000 for the 2009/2010 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 \$402,000 be levied for the 2009/2010 school year to be deposited in the Capital Expansion Fund created above to be used only for the purposes specified above.

Moved by Steve Eckels, seconded by Jeff Radakovich to approve the tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$17,000,000 for the 2009/2010 school year. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question.

Chairperson LeBlanc called for a standing vote. Voting: 14 votes cast; 4 Yes and 10 No. Motion Defeated.

Moved by Kent Rice, seconded by Mike Kusch to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$18,369,956 for the 2009/2010 school year.

Chairperson LeBlanc called for a standing vote. Voting: 14 votes cast; 11 Yes and 3 No. Motion Carried.

The total 2009/2010 tax levy is proposed to be \$18,771,956 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

There was no other new business.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Kent Rice to adjourn. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk