

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2015
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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 7:35 p.m. in the North Campus Theater. There were 20 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 (Stone Bank seat, Board Treasurer), Donna Beringer (Hartland Lakeside seat), Dave Dean (At Large seat), Joe LeBlanc (Merton seat), Al Zietlow (Lake Country seat), and himself (Swallow seat, Board President). Tim Langer (At Large seat) is unable to attend. 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 2014/2015 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 2014/2015 audit is complete.

REVIEW OF THE 2014/2015 SCHOOL YEAR –

Ms. Myrah's review of the past school year began 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 8 years, the district has reduced its budget by over \$4.5 million. Since 2011/2012, employee benefit changes have resulted in an annual cost savings of nearly \$2 million. Arrowhead High School maintains a Moody's rating better than approximately 90% of the school districts in Wisconsin. Fund Balance, while healthy at 25+%, has been used for recent improvement expenses. Despite increasing operational costs, our per pupil expense remains just below the state average. When compared to the other union high school districts in the state, Arrowhead High School ranks second lowest in cost per student.

Ms. Myrah also reviewed academic achievement comparisons. Among the 10 union high school districts in the state, Arrowhead High School ranked highest on the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) in 2014/2015, with 94.3% of students achieving a score of Proficient or Advanced in Science (state average 78.3%) and 92.3% in Social Studies (state average 84.3%). In 2013/2014, Arrowhead High School ranked highest with an ACT average composite score of 24.8 (state average 22.0). In 2013/2014, Arrowhead High School ranked highest with 86.5% of students passing an Advanced Placement (AP) exam.

When comparing academic achievement among proximate public school districts, Arrowhead High School ranked highest on the 2014/2015 WKCE in Science and third highest in Social Studies. In 2013/2014, Arrowhead High School ranked second highest on the ACT and ranked highest among students passing an AP exam.

In 2015, Arrowhead High School offered 23 Advanced Placement courses. 1,274 of 1,442 exams taken scored 3, 4, or 5, a passing rate of 88.35%.

ACT data for 2015 is embargoed by the state until sometime in October. New last spring, all 11th grade public school students are required to take the test. In 2015, 578 Arrowhead High School students took the ACT exam, in comparison to 472 students in 2014.

For 2013/2014, Arrowhead High School received an Overall Accountability Score and Rating of 81.5 from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Based on this score, Arrowhead High School achieved an overall rating of "Exceeds Expectations."

ACT Aspire Exams 2015 – This is a new assessment of 9th and 10th grade students and is a test of ACT/College Readiness. Like the ACT data, Aspire scores remain confidential at this time while the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) does extensive data accuracy checking before releasing the data to the public. This data will be more meaningful when we have multiple years of trend analysis and when other districts' data is public. We anticipate that Arrowhead High School's scores will be at or above the established ACT predictor benchmarks.

Student Participation and Successful Education –

- 83.7% of Arrowhead High School graduates continue on to attend a 4-year college/university, compared to the state average of 64.9%; 15.0% of our graduates continue on to attend a 2-year vocational/technical school, compared to the state average of 32.8%.
- The Arrowhead High School graduation rate is 98.7% (regular diploma), compared to the state average of 88.6%.
- Extra/Cocurricular Participation: 64.3% of our students are involved in academic programs outside of the regular school day, compared to the state average of 35.9%; 62.1% of our students are involved in athletic programs, compared to the state average of 45.0%; 27.6% of our students are involved in our music program, compared to the state average of 19.7%.
- The attendance rate at Arrowhead High School is 97.6%, compared to the state average of 95.0%. Our retention rate is .54%, compared to the state average of .95%. Our dropout rate is .13%, well below the state average of 1.35%. The truant rate is .7%, also well below the state average of 9.9%. The suspension rate is 3.43%, compared to the state average of 4.48%.
- Arrowhead High School has 129.3 full-time equivalent (FTE) teachers; 80% have a masters degree or higher. Our pupil/licensed staff ratio is 17.5, which is above the state average of 13.2. The overall pupil/staff ratio is 11.1, compared to the state average of 8.7.

The Arrowhead Experience – Ms. Myrah shared many examples of academic highlights and recognitions, special events and recognitions, co/extra-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.” Just one example is the Design.Engineering.Manufacturing.Center renovation project, which is nearing completion at South Campus. Over \$260,000 in funds and equipment have been committed by individuals and local manufacturing and engineering firms. The goal is \$500,000, which would fully equip the \$2 million addition, including two engineering labs, a manufacturing lab, an innovation lab, and a design lab, for world-class instruction in the field.

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 2015/2016 school year.

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

Moved by Kent Rice, 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, 2016. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Dave Dean to approve the book rental fee of \$55.00 for the 2015/2016 school year. Motion Carried by Voice Vote. It was noted that book rental fee is the same as last year.

Moved by Bob Rosch, seconded by Al Zietlow to set school board member annual salaries for the 2015/2016 school year at \$3,100.00 per board member. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

Moved by Kent Rice, seconded by Dave Dean to approve the recommended tax levy for the Capital Expansion Fund in the amount of \$165,000 for the 2015/2016 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 \$165,000 be levied for the 2015/2016 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 Craig Thompson to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$18,713,002 for the 2015/2016 school year.

Mr. Eckels stated that he does not support a per pupil increase of 4-5%, which is more than the rate of inflation. He proposed a tax levy of \$18,500,000.

Chairperson Rosch stated that the motion on the floor is to approve the recommended tax levy for Operations, Long-Term Debt Service, and Community Service in the amount of \$18,713,002 for the 2015/2016 school year.

Chairperson Rosch called for a vote by raised hands. Voting: 20 votes cast; 17 Yes and 3 No. Motion Carried.

The total 2015/2016 tax levy is \$18,878,002 with the inclusion of the Capital Expansion Fund levy.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS – None.

Moved by Al Zietlow, seconded by Dave Dean to adjourn. Motion Carried by Voice Vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk