

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2020
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Rosch at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Bob Rosch, Kent Rice, Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, Darrell Beneker, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer, Donna Beringer, Dave Dean

Administration present: Laura Myrah, Jeff Gross, Adam Boldt, Sue Casetta

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer seconded by Schultz to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020 Regular Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Dean to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 920, 155096-155116, 155118-155252, 155254-155507, 202000099-202000111, 202000113-202000128 in the amount of \$1,508,517.26 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$111,350.62. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Community member Andy Muller presented the board with a scholarship opportunity – \$25,000 Equitable Excellence Scholarship available to seniors. Application deadline of December 15, 2020.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT –

Ms. Laura Myrah congratulated the girl’s golf team on their recent successes. Jessica Guiser won the individual state championship and the girl’s golf team placed second at the State Tournament.

Ms. Myrah congratulated board members Kent Rice and Donna Beringer for their Level 2 WASB member recognition.

Ms. Myrah presented the draft 2021/2022 district school calendar to the Board of Education for their initial review and feedback. Spring break will be held the last full week of March, as followed by many south eastern WI school districts. There will be a four-day weekend over the Easter holiday in April. Winter exams will take place the third week of January. An additional professional development day has been added to the calendar in January. Students will have a day off before and after semester exams, when teachers have these training and grading days. A final draft of the 2020/2021 Arrowhead district school calendar will be presented to the Board of Education for approval at their November meeting.

Mr. Jeff Gross presented a 2021-21 Student Enrollment report. Total actual enrollment for the year is 2,086 including residents as well as non-resident open enrollment. This number is down by 47 students versus last year. State aid enrollment is 1,933. This number accounts for only resident students and does not include open enrollment students who live in different communities.

Mr. Gross presented a draft of the WI Department of Public Instruction 2019 ACT 185 Survey. The purpose of this survey is to allow the Department to collect data to provide a more comprehensive picture of how districts have been impacted by and responded to the public health emergency. This survey is a mandatory reporting requirement under 2019 Act 185, Section 105, par. (3), “Virtual Reports and Guidance.” The deadline for school boards to report to the department is November 1, 2020. The Department is required to report the information from this survey provided by school boards to the Legislature, due on January 1, 2021. Survey responses will be provided to the public upon request.

Ms. Myrah summarized the referendum communications plan which includes the used of the District website, multiple social media platforms, communications with community members and K-8 schools, and 3 direct mail pieces. The WI Department of Revenue released information this week regarding an increase in property values of 6%, which was much higher than Arrowhead’s conservative projected increase of 2.5%. This increase will result in a favorable Mill Rate of only \$2.73 (if the referendum passes) and \$2.48 (if the referendum does not pass). This would result in the Tax Mill Rate being lower than it has been in 10 years.

CURRICULUM –

Sue Casetta, Director of Learning, reported on the October 14, 2020 meeting.

Ms. Casetta presented the board with a proposal for one Friday per month to be designated as an asynchronous learning day for students and a planning/professional development day for faculty members. Based on a previous decision by the board to approve Oct. 2, 2020 as a professional development day, staff and students felt this to be very helpful and were grateful for this additional time. This time is needed in order to accommodate the unusual circumstances that the COVID-19 health pandemic has created. It will allow our staff the ability to maintain the high-quality education that Arrowhead provides.

Moved by Dean, seconded by Rice to approve the proposal for one Friday per month to be designated as an asynchronous learning day for students and a planning/professional development day for faculty members. Motion Carried.

The next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2020, at 6:45 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – A Special Board of Education meeting has been scheduled for October 29, 2020 at 7:00 a.m., to review 2020/2021 budget adjustments and to certify the 2020/2021 tax levy.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS –

Committee member Bob Rosch reported on the October 7, 2020 meeting. Mr. Rosch reported that the petition for land annexation, for the North Campus parcel, the South Campus parcel, and the 42-acre farmland north of Hwy K, has been submitted to the Village of Hartland. Much work and preparation has been done by Laura Myrah, Jeff Gross and Mr. Rosch to provide a well thought out and researched presentation for consideration. The next steps will be a review and consideration by the Hartland Planning Commission and the Hartland Village Board during the month of November.

Mr. Kent Rice reported that the LED parking light project has been completed and will result in significant reduction in power consumption, saving energy and lowering costs. The new, visitor-side bleachers have been completed and have been used at our first home football game. The asphalt project has been completed but will require some additional grading, to be completed by the paver at no additional cost to Arrowhead. The lighting project at the tennis courts has been delayed due to an equipment delay by the supplier.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2020, at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – The next Personnel Committee meeting date to be determined.

POLICY – The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Chairman Kent Rice reminded the board to look out for invitations to virtual WASB events and encouraged them to attend some events. Mr. Rice noted that this year's State Convention will be held virtually due to the current health crisis.

CESA – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Dean, seconded by Schultz to approve the retirement of Al Meisel, effective October 2, 2020 and Karen Klufft, effective October 1, 2020, as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Dean to approve the 2020/2021 support staff contract for Rebecca Van De Laarschot (Lunch Room Supervisor), Cynthia Chirafisi (Math Tutor), Michelle Hill (South Campus Attendance), Ellen Hepp (North Campus Welcome Center); to approve the following 2020/2021 new cocurricular/activities letters of appointment: Boys Basketball - Craig Haase-Head Coach, Dave Conway-Asst. Coach, John Hoch-Asst. Coach, Mark

Leoni-Asst. Coach, Chris Link-Asst. Coach, and Doug Wrecke-Asst. Coach, Boys Ice Hockey – Carl Valimont-Head Coach, Jerome Koehler-Asst. Coach, Mark Wierichs-Asst. Coach, Boys Swimming & Diving – Norma Balogh-Head Coach, Fritz Rohne-Asst. Coach, Kristin Zietlow-Asst. Coach and Mary Woodson-Assit. Coach, Wrestling – Jeremy Miller-Head Coach, Randy Ferrell-Asst. Coach, Adam Bickel-Asst. Coach, Bryan Diel-Asst. Coach, Alpine Skiing – Todd Reineking-Head Coach, and Darren Von Heimburg-Asst. Coach, Girls Basketball – Rick Witte-Head Coach, Cheryl Bonlender-Asst. Coach, Kari Sagal-Asst. Coach, and Molly Kielma-Asst. Coach, Girls Gymnastics – Bob Pulkowski-Head Coach and Bailey Shamion-Asst. Coach, Girls Ice Hockey – Daniel Reilly-Head Coach, Hannah Moths-Asst. Coach, William MacDonald-Asst. Coach, and Jacquelin Little-Asst. Coach. . Motion Carried.

Ms. Myrah presented the 2020-2021 Superintendent Performance Goals for review and consideration. The Focus Plan goal include; 1. Prepare students for success beyond high school graduation. 2. Foster a nurturing, positive learning culture. 3. Communicate Effectively. 4. Advance facility infrastructure & technology to support student learning. Additional areas of focus for this school year include educating in a blended (in-person and virtual) format, referendum planning and commination work, and the hiring process for a replacement principal who will start after this school year.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Schultz to approve the Superintendent’s goals for 2020-2021 school year.

The School Board was presented the Petition for Direct Annexation Pursuant to WI Statue 66.0217 for review and submission approval.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Langer to submit the Village of Hartland petition for annexation of all Arrowhead Union High School District property from the Town of Merton into the Village of Hartland.

Ms. Myrah provided a COVID-19 update. The administration has been working diligently to ensure that contract tracing is taking place in a timely manner. This has allowed the majority of our students to continue to learn in-person, 5 days a week. Mr. Adam Bolt, Director of Student Services reviewed the complexities of the contract tracing process with the board. Administration will continue to monitor the unpredictable COVID-19 crisis.

There were no donations presented for action by the Board of Education.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Moved by Langer, seconded by Rice that pursuant to State Statute sections 111.70(4)(cm)2, Wis. Stats. and 19.85(1)(e), the Board of Education will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters:

- Discuss public business including competitive price bargaining
 - Potential land sale pricing/process
 - Partnership with Village of Hartland negotiations

Roll Call Vote: Beringer – aye, Thompson – aye, Langer – aye, Beneker – aye, Hemmer – aye, Dean – aye, Schultz – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye. Motion Carried. (8:41 p.m.)

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Thompson to reconvene into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Beneker – aye, Beringer – aye, Dean – aye, Hemmer – aye, Langer – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye. Motion Carried. (9:27 p.m.)

Moved by Rice, seconded by Hemmer to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw, Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk