

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 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, Donna Beringer, Dave Dean, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer

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

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer seconded by Langer to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2020, Regular Board meeting and October 29, 2020 Special Board meeting as presented. Motion Carried.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Langer to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 1020, 155489, 155504-155531, 155533-155609, 155611-155638, 155641-155663, 202000129-202000161 in the amount of \$1,419,088.04 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$36,943.70. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – No comments were made.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT –

Ms. Laura Myrah, Superintendent, shared the School Violence Drill summary report. Wisconsin Act 143 requires that school violence safety drills must be held yearly in accordance with their school safety plan. Due to COVID-19 the drill did not include an in-person simulation. A total of 2,300 people participated in talking through possible scenarios included some students and staff who attended virtually due to COVID-19. The free of charge, Speak Up Speak Out anonymous app for reporting school violence, crime and bullying was introduced to the student body and looks to be a promising channel for students to report on potentially dangerous situations.

Ms. Myrah recognized staff, community members, and school board members Bob Rosch and Kent Rice and thanked them for their service to our country in celebration of Veteran’s Day.

Mr. Bob Rosch thanked the board, Ms. Myrah, Mr. Gross and staff for all of their hard work on the recently passed Infrastructure referendum. Arrowhead will have a link on the district website containing information regarding the spending of referendum funding.

Mr. Rosch noted that he attended the Town of Merton annual meeting to discuss the possible annexation of Arrowhead land to Hartland. He was hopeful that the Town of Merton can work with Hartland regarding this partnership.

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

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Chairperson Thompson updated the Board of Education regarding the 2020/2021 budget adjustments and revised tax levy calculations. Two budgets were approved at the October 29, 2020 special school board meeting taking in consideration the scenarios if the referendum passed and if it did not pass. Due to the passing of the referendum on November 3, 2020, the current revenue limit projection is \$18,380,438. The new mill rate will be \$2.73 down from this year’s \$2.88.

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2020 at 7:00 a.m.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Rice updated the Board of Education on the 2020 Facility Study that was presented by Kevin Lispcomb, Director of Buildings and Grounds. The report identified that the current communication framework and browser function will not be supported in 2021, which will make it difficult and costly to operate. Any problems that arise will not be able to be fixed which could affect HVAC system operation in essential areas. We will begin to develop the most cost-effective plan for updating these systems as we work on mechanical system improvements with Performance Services. Arrowhead administration will work to prioritize the needs and develop the most cost-efficient 5-year plan for improvements with the funding available.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2020, at 7:00 a.m.

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

POLICY –

Moved by Rice, seconded by Schultz to approve revised Policy and Procedure 511 Nondiscrimination and Sex Discrimination Complaint Process. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Rice to approve revised Policy 513 Equal Opportunity Employment & Nondiscrimination and elimination of Procedure 513. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Dean to approve revised Policy and Procedure 514 Harassment. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Beneker to approve revised Policy 718.7 Mandatory Reporting. Motion Carried.

Moved by Dean, seconded by Schultz to approve revised Policy and Procedure 614 Elementary Student Enrollment. Motion Carried.

Mr. Tim Langer gave a summary regarding the suggestion that Arrowhead's open enrollment policy include a requirement that at least one seat be available each school year within the special education program, regardless of what the caseload formula would indicate for available space within that program. Mr. Adam Boldt, Director of Student Services discussed many of the factors and concerns to consider in making this policy change. The Board of Education requested that administration work on proposed policy change language and present this at the next board of education meeting for further discussion and possible action.

The next Policy Committee meeting date to be determined.

WASB – No report.

CESA – No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Hemmer to accept the resignation of Jan Bence, effective November 6, 2020. Motion Carried.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2020/2021 new support staff contract for Terra Hundt (Custodian III), and Anna Maria Bluhm (South Campus Lunch Room Aide); to approve the following 2020/2021 new cocurricular/activities letters of appointment: Ally May (Girls Basketball), Vince Peterson (Girls Basketball) Motion Carried.

Ms. Myrah gave an update on the COVID-19 pandemic. Overall, the precautions and safety measures being taken have allowed Arrowhead to continue to provide in-person learning. Even with a high rate of infection in our county, the number of positive cases at Arrowhead remain relatively low with school spread as a minimal cause of infection. The Waukesha County Public Health Department predicts continued spread and increase of COVID cases in our community, particularly as a result of upcoming holiday gatherings. This infection rate prediction will be carefully monitored with the hope of having enough staff and students present after the Thanksgiving holiday to continue with in-person instruction.

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Hemmer to approve the 2021/2022 school calendar as presented. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. Dave Dean thanked the administration and staff responsible for taking extra steps to ensure that our graduating seniors had the opportunity to participate in a college sports signing event as this is an important recognition for them.

Mr. Rosch commented that school administration and school board members will take great consideration into the spending decisions of the referendum funding. Discussions of the funding spending will primarily occur at the Building and Grounds committee meetings that will then be brought to the Board of Education for consideration and

approval. Ms. Myrah noted that our spending must stay within the limits of what was approved within the referendum language; technology, facility and site infrastructure improvements.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw, Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk