

**ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
DECEMBER 8, 2021 MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Rice at 7:03 p.m. in the South Campus Library.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Kent Rice, Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, Darrell Beneker, Donna Beringer, Amy Hemmer, Tim Langer, Chris Farris, Kim Schubert

Administration present: Laura Myrah, Jeff Gross, Sue Casetta, Adam Boldt, Adam Kurth, Debrah Paradowski, and Becky Gordon

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Farris to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting, and the December 1, 2021 School Board Workshop as presented. Motion Carried

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Farris to approve the November operating bill list and pay vouchers 1121, 157890-158032, 202100185-202100215 in the amount of \$1,505,055.34 and to approve credit card expenditure transactions as presented in the amount of \$65,918.56 Motion Carried

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Ms. Myrah, Superintendent**

Ms. Donna Smith gave an Integrated Technology Update for 2021-2022. Results from a student survey were shared. Areas of interest included digital citizenship & information/media literacy, benefits of using technology within learning, and the student's views on the best learning environments. Two main focuses of our current Digital Learning Plan are curriculum instruction & assessment, personalized professional learning. Growing our digital culture has been a technology goal, including the use of Canvas in all classrooms. Ms. Smith gave a review of library resources and activity. Current Technology goals include the introduction of online enrollment (new for the 2022-23 school year), connecting Skyward to other systems, infrastructure improvements including; 19 switches, wifi access, and a firewall upgrade. Ms. Myrah praised Ms. Smith and her staff for their hard work and dedication as the work this team does is necessary for learning to occur at Arrowhead.

Ms. Myrah, Superintendent gave a COVID-19 update. There are currently less than 5 students with active COVID cases. The average absence due to illness for last week was 76 students per day. According to the Waukesha County Health Department, the Delta variant is still dominant but the Omicron variant is now in Wisconsin. The concern from the Waukesha County Health Department is that this variant appears to be highly transmissible with a large number of mutations.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – The board heard comments from one community member including praise for a great student concert, questions regarding board minutes and the desire for clarification on the COVID 19 Illness Strategies.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz gave a report from the December 2, 2021 committee meeting where the committee reviewed the course guide. Ms. Casetta presented a draft copy of work being done on the creation of an academic and career planning resource.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2022/2023 Course Guide and Summer School Guide. Motion Carried

Moved by Thompson, seconded by Langer to approve the new course proposal: Music Foundations and Music Production. Motion Carried

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Thompson to approve the new course proposal: Leadership II. Motion Carried

The next curriculum committee meeting is TBD.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Gross reported that Arrowhead will be receiving \$264,000 in newly released “governor’s discretionary” Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF), which equates to \$134 per student per student for this year. He reviewed the ESSER grant funding that has been received or is scheduled to be received by Arrowhead, ESSER I - \$40,000, ESSER II - \$510,000 - ESSER III - \$235,000. Tentative strategies are being developed to use this grant money for a continuation of in-person learning and also to address learning loss/disruption due to the pandemic, as specified within the grants.

The next finance committee meeting is TBD.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – No report. The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is January 5, 2021 at 7:00 a.m.

PERSONNEL – No report. The next personnel committee meeting is Dec. 15, 2021 at 6:45 a.m.

POLICY – Ms. Beringer gave a report from the Nov. 18, 2021 meeting. The committee discussed updates to the Covid and Other Illness Health Strategy Plan.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Hemmer to approve the Arrowhead 2021-2022 School Year COVID-19 & Other Illness Health Strategies. Motion Carried

The next Policy committee meeting is TBD.

WASB – Mr. Rice reminded the school board the annual WASB convention will be Jan. 19 -21, 2022 in Milwaukee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Langer to accept the resignations of Rebecca Van De Laarschot and Rebecca Shepherd. Motion Carried

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Beneker to approve the Letter of appointment for Jeff Burg - Study Hall/Library Aide. Motion Carried

No Donations were presented.

Mr. Boldt, Director of Student Services, reviewed results from the recent Student Survey. Topics of interest included how much students feel connected to and supported by students and staff at Arrowhead as well as the topic of bullying. Students were also asked to provide suggestions to improve the school climate. The insights and information gathered will provide administration and other personnel guidance as to issues that may need to be addressed.

Principal Mr. Kurth and Associate Principals Ms. Paradowski and Ms. Gordon gave a presentation on Student Behavior & Support. The report focused on the definition of discipline, behavior and bullying, understanding the context of a disciplinary situation, Arrowhead data on discipline occurrences, ways that administration responds to disciplinary situations, as well as the proactive steps that are taken to avoid potential disciplinary situations.

Ms. Myrah reviewed the results of the parent survey regarding topics of interest for a potential Listen and Learn session, with the top three topics of interest being College & Career Planning, Mental Health, and Current Instructional Practices. The board discussed what they felt was the most beneficial format for this session and determined that holding a discussion forum with the board, with no specific agenda topic, would be most beneficial to the public. Ms. Myrah will work on scheduling this session in late January or February 2022. The board discussed ways to promote this session, inclusion in a school newsletter, the website, and potentially requesting our K-8 feeder schools also disseminate information.

Moved by Hemmer, seconded by Beneker to schedule a public forum session with the potential date of January 31, 2022 or February 7, 2022. Motion Carried

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Rice would like the Finance and Legislation committee to address the revenue/taxing limits that were established in 1993 and the limitations and disadvantages that Arrowhead is still dealing with since this time. He would like the board to get involved with the legislature to advocate for change to this antiquated spending system. This topic will be brought to the Finance and Legislation committee meeting to brainstorm ideas of how to move forward.

Moved by Langer, seconded by Beneker to adjourn. Motion Carried

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate McGraw

Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk