

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
APRIL 18, 2007
MINUTES

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

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Joe LeBlanc, Bob Rosch, Sue Schultz, Jack Gutschenritter, Mike Kusch, Judie Ristow, Craig Thompson,
Al Zietlow

Unable to attend: John Greidanus

Member Elect present: Kent Rice

Administration present: Dave Lodes, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wieczorek

Also present: Kristi Haunfelder, Lake Country Reporter; Shelly Janke, The Freeman
JoAnn Bahr, Girls Field Hockey Parent Board

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2007, Regular Board meeting as presented.

Motion Carried.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS OATH OF OFFICE – Judie Ristow (Hartland/Lakeside Seat), Sue Schultz (North Lake Seat), and Kent Rice (Richmond Seat) took the Oath of Office.

Board members were requested to submit their committee appointment preferences for 2007/2008 to Diane Hoag as soon as possible. Committee appointments will be made by the Board President subsequent to the election of Board officers in May.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 112016, 112100-112128, 112130-112387, 112389-112399, and 112401-112519 in the amount of \$1,059,476.46. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Dr. Lodes reported that the fifth 6-week session of school concludes April 20, 2007. Prom is scheduled for April 28, 2007, and will be held at the Olympia Resort. Graduation is scheduled for June 10, 2007.

We are in the process of completing our staffing for the 2007/2008 school year. Interviews of candidates are being conducted in the areas of Family and Consumer Education, Language Arts, German, Math, and Band.

Preparations are underway for the Advanced Placement exams, which are scheduled for May 7-18, 2007. It is anticipated that approximately 1,050 students will be taking AP exams, making Arrowhead High School one of the largest testing centers in the Midwest.

CURRICULUM – Chairperson Schultz reviewed the minutes of the March 29, 2007, meeting. The committee recommends the acceptance of the Kern Family Foundation Grant for the implementation of a model Project Lead the Way program. The grant award will be \$10,000 for the fall of 2007, \$12,000 for the fall of 2008, and \$8,000 for the fall of 2009.

Moved by Schultz, seconded by Ristow to accept the Kern Family Foundation Grant as presented. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

The committee also reviewed the single gender classes update. They will continue to monitor this initiative, as the pilot program has been in effect for only one semester, and staff did not receive training until December. For the 2007/2008 school year, there appears to be adequate students to generate two Language Arts classes for females at the freshman level and one class for males at the freshman level. At the sophomore level, there are adequate students to generate one class of male students and one class of female students in Language Arts and Biology. At this time, there is not enough interest to continue this concept at North Campus.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky reviewed the minutes of the April 4, 2007, meeting. He presented the 2007/2008 Preliminary Budget, which was developed within the state-imposed revenue limit. To-date, there has not been much legislative debate on the 2007-09 State of Wisconsin biennium budget. The Department of Public Instruction has not released preliminary 2007/2008 state equalization aid figures. Therefore, many of the budget assumptions associated with the revenue limit formula and state equalization aid are based on current law. With this in mind, the budget presented reflects the most up-to-date fiscal information received from the State of Wisconsin and the best estimates available to the district.

The 2007/2008 Preliminary Budget projects a decrease in total general fund and capital expansion fund expenditures of \$1,663, or -0.01%. The proposed capital expansion fund budget for 2007/2008 is \$385,500, a decrease of 38.62%. Arrowhead's net portion of the ADSEC (Arrowhead Special Education Cooperative) budget is projected to increase 6.98%. Total non-property tax revenues are projected to decrease \$1,152,220, or -11.33%. Student enrollment is projected to decrease 53 students, from 2,341 students in 2006/2007 to 2,288 students in 2007/2008. This represents the second year of enrollment decreases. State equalization aid is projected to decrease \$1,248,155, or -15.00%, which is the maximum amount of loss in state equalization aid allowed by statute. The property tax levy is projected to be \$16,968,492, an increase of \$1,785,874, or 11.76%. Based on an 8% increase in the district's equalized value, the mill rate is projected to increase from \$2.80 in 2006/2007 to \$2.90, an increase of 3.48%.

Actual enrollment will be certified on the third Friday in September 2007. The Department of Public Instruction will provide final state equalization aid certification in October 2007. Due to these current budget uncertainties, adjustments to the 2007/2008 Preliminary Budget will be made as necessary. The recommended tax levy for the 2007/2008 school year will be presented to the electorate for approval at the Annual Meeting scheduled for August 15, 2007.

The Finance Committee recommends approval of the 2007/2008 Preliminary Budget as presented.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Thompson to approve the 2007/2008 Preliminary Budget (Preliminary Tax Levy Calculation dated March 26, 2007, attached). Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rosch to approve the 2007/2008 Student Fee Schedule with an Athletic Fee of \$76, as recommended by the Finance Committee on February 28, 2007. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reviewed the minutes of the April 5, 2007, meeting. The committee continued their review of the Booster Club's courtyard plan for the area outside of Door 15 at North Campus. They also continued to review the Buildings and Grounds 2007/2008 Supplemental/Capital Expansion Fund projects identified as Priority I and II items in an effort to reduce proposed expenditures from \$393,600 to \$381,300, which has been projected in the 2007/2008 Preliminary Budget.

The connector road will be discussed in Closed Session.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2007. Agenda items will include the review of bids for the replacement of the basketball floor at North Campus.

PERSONNEL – No report.

POLICY – Chairperson Ristow reviewed the minutes of the March 22, 2007, meeting.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve the Combined Information and Technology Plan for July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2010, as presented. After further discussion, Al Zietlow called for the question. Motion Carried.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve the community survey process on random drug testing, as presented. Motion Carried.

Mr. Rosch presented the facility naming rights proposal to name the varsity baseball diamond after Tim O'Driscoll, an Arrowhead alumnus, retired teacher with 36 years of service, and current head baseball coach with over 30 years of service. The committee also reviewed Policy 1070. Facility Naming Rights. This policy will be reviewed further at a future meeting. Mrs. Ristow expressed concerns over the naming of facilities after individuals who are still living.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to approve the advancement of the facility naming rights proposal to name the varsity baseball diamond after Tim O'Driscoll. Aye – 7 and No – 1 (Ristow). Motion Carried.

It was the consensus of the Board of Education that the proposed sign be presented to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for approval, as well as the Board of Education as a whole, and that the facility naming rights proposal be retroactively subject to the terms of revised Policy 1070. Facility Naming Rights.

WASB – No report. Mr. Rice indicated that he planned to attend one of the WASB New School Board Member Gatherings.

The WASB Delegate and Alternate to the 2008 WASB Delegate Assembly will be appointed at the May 9, 2007, regular Board of Education meeting.

CESA – No report. The agenda for the April 3, 2007, CESA #1 Board of Control meeting and minutes from the February 26, 2007, meeting were distributed to the Board of Education for their information.

The CESA Delegate for 2007/2008 will be appointed at the May 9, 2007, regular Board of Education meeting.

ADSEC – Mr. Thompson reported on the March 15, 2007, Budget/Personnel Committee meeting and the March 23, 2007, Coordinating Council meeting. The ADSEC budget approved for 2007/2008 is projected to increase 7.92%. The budget includes the increase of .35 FTE speech therapist position, addition of one bus route to Fairview School, and additional tuition payments to Lad Lake, Fairview School, and Kradwell. Arrowhead's net portion is projected to increase 6.98%.

ENDOWMENT FUND – Dr. Lodes reported on the March 21, 2007, Endowment Fund Board of Directors meeting. The Board of Directors recommended the appointment of the following individuals to serve as officers: Don Mullett – President (3-year term), Bronson Haase – Vice President (1-year term), and Cathy Maas – Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term). Dr. Lodes noted that it is a requirement of the Endowment Fund bylaws that the Election of Officers be approved by the Board of Education President, subsequent to review by the Board of Education as a whole.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Ristow to approve the appointment of Don Mullett as President (3-year term), Bronson Haase as Vice President (1-year term), and Cathy Maas as Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term), as officers of the Endowment Fund Board of Directors. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to approve the contract for Patricia Tremaine (German – replacement position through June 14, 2007). Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Kusch to select Board members Sue Schultz, Craig Thompson, and Al Zietlow to participate in the Commencement Ceremony on June 10, 2007. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow that pursuant to State Statute 19.85(1)(c)(f), the Board will move into closed session and reconvene to address public business matters.

Roll Call Vote: Gutschenritter – aye, Thompson – aye, Zietlow – aye, Ristow – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Kusch – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Ristow to move into open session.

Roll Call Vote: Gutschenritter – aye, Kusch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Ristow – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Thompson – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Zietlow to adjourn. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag
Recording Secretary

Susan M. Schultz, Clerk