

ARROWHEAD UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2009  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President LeBlanc at 7:02 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

Everyone rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Administration present: Craig Jefson, Steve Kopecky, Bonnie Laugerman, Gregg Wieczorek  
Staff present: Judy Pross, Mary Ann Beckman, Liz Jorgensen  
Also present: Laura Moranchek (School Board Candidate), Karen Schairer, Jane Stadler

The meeting was properly posted.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2009, Regular Board meeting as presented.  
Motion Carried.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Zietlow to approve the operating bill list and pay vouchers 120827, 120953, 121098, 121117-121130, 121132-121187, 121189-121274, 121276-121288, 121290-121545, 200800331-200800336, and 200800348-200800354 in the amount of \$1,002,654.99. Motion Carried.

CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS AND COMMENTS – None.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT –

Judy Pross, special education teacher, shared information about the Best Buddies program at Arrowhead High School, which is now in its second year. The program pairs a regular education student with a special education student. The regular education student makes at least one contact each month with their buddy to get together in typical teenage activities and gatherings. They also have a monthly meeting. The Best Buddies program adopted the slogan, I See You, which is a South African greeting. In the Best Buddies program, the slogan means I See You as a classmate, I See You as an equal, and I See You as a friend. Several students in the Best Buddies program shared positive experiences about their involvement in the program. Ms. Pross stated that more than 20 students have expressed interest in being in the program next year.

Liz Jorgensen, English language arts teacher, shared information about a pilot hybrid class she is teaching involving her advanced comp students. Students meet as a whole about once a week. On other days, students meet with her in a small group writer’s workshop, while the other students work on online activities using Moodle. Some of her students shared positive experiences in the class and how it is has helped to prepare them for college.

Dr. Beckman, director of special education, updated the Board of Education on the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) Title Grant and distributed information on the five Stand/Goals that have been developed to improve reading and math skills of struggling students.

Dr. Laugerman shared with the Board of Education a draft of the preface and vignettes from each chapter of a book she has co-authored entitled, *“Beyond School Improvement: Leading for Innovation.”* The book is scheduled for publication the end of May. Mr. Jefson requested that Board members share any comments or reactions about the book with him.

Mr. Jefson updated the Board of Education regarding upcoming events. WCTC is hosting a presentation by Dr. Willard Daggett, President of International Center for Leadership in Education, the evening of March 5, 2009. Board members are invited to attend. The topic of Dr. Daggett’s message is “Balancing Declining Resources with the Need to Improve Student Performance.”

The Honors Breakfast is scheduled for March 14, 2009, and all Board members are invited to attend. The Lake Country Community Fest is scheduled for March 21, 2009. The Arrowhead Scholarship Fund annual dinner and auction is scheduled for March 27, 2009.

CURRICULUM – It was the consensus of the Curriculum Committee to reschedule their next meeting from February 26, 2009, to February 24, 2009, at 7:00 a.m.

FINANCE & LEGISLATION – Mr. Kopecky reported on the January 28, 2009, meeting. The committee reviewed a recent survey of the student parking fees and athletic fees of area school districts that was conducted by the Hamilton School District. The committee's recommended fees will be reflected in the 2009/2010 Facility Use Fee and Student Fee Schedules, which will be reviewed by the Finance Committee at their next meeting scheduled for February 25, 2009, at 7:00 a.m.

The committee also reviewed four bids received for district auditing services for 2008/2009, 2009/2010, and 2010/2011. The committee recommends that Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Company, LLP, the district's current auditor, be hired to perform the district's financial audit for this three-year period.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve the selection of Hawkins, Ash, Baptie & Company, LLP as the district's financial auditor for 2008/2009, 2009/2010, and 2010/2011, as recommended by the Finance Committee. Motion Carried.

Mr. Kopecky updated the Board of Education regarding the status of the 2009/2010 budget development. Department budgets for the 2009/2010 school year are due by February 13, 2009. The Finance Committee will meet on April 2, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. to review the draft 2009/2010 budget.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Chairperson Zietlow reported on the February 4, 2009, meeting. The committee reviewed the Facility Master Planning Timeline and the status of the 2008/2009 supplemental/capital expansion projects.

The lighting project in the South Campus gym has been completed. The district received a \$3,600 rebate from WE Energies, and the anticipated payback in energy efficiencies for the cost of this project is projected to be June 2010. Future consideration will be given to implementing a similar lighting retrofit for the North Campus east and west gyms, as well as the Ice Center.

Mr. Zietlow also reported that the donated scoreboard for Pfeiffer Field has been installed.

The next Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2009, at 7:00 a.m. Future agenda items include the review of bids to repair and upgrade the soccer field irrigation system.

PERSONNEL – Closed session report.

POLICY – Chairperson Ristow reported on the January 22, 2009, meeting.

Moved by Ristow, seconded by Rosch to approve new Policy 851. Sponsorships as presented this evening for a first reading.

Discussion regarding the policy language centered on whether the placement of a sponsor's Internet address on the District's website should be included as an example of the Acknowledgement of a Sponsorship.

Moved by LeBlanc, seconded by Ristow to amend the motion to approve new Policy 851. Sponsorships with the noted revision and presented this evening for a first reading.

After further discussion of the policy, it was the consensus of the Board of Education to refer Policy 851. Sponsorships back to the Policy Committee for further review, and the motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Rosch presented the football stadium naming proposal. At their meeting on January 22, 2009, the Policy Committee approved moving the proposal forward to the Board of Education for discussion and action under Policy 1070. Facility Naming Rights. The proposal is to name the football stadium at Arrowhead High School after Coach Tom Taraska. With respect for the Pfeiffer family and the history of Arrowhead High School, the field will remain as currently named for Mr. Pfeiffer. This proposal would make it officially titled, "Pfeiffer Memorial Field at Taraska Stadium."

As background information, Mr. Rosch noted that Coach Taraska has recently completed his 27<sup>th</sup> year as Arrowhead High School's head football coach. The Arrowhead football program is one of the most successful high school sports programs in the history of the WIAA. During Coach Taraska's tenure, the Arrowhead football team has won four Division 1 state championships and has five Division 1 runner-up finishes, for a total of nine state championship appearances, which is a

WIAA record. This accomplishment brings tremendous pride within our community and gives Arrowhead High School positive recognition across the state. The success of the Arrowhead football program has also benefited the school district with donations of the turf field and new scoreboard. The community has also benefited with the success of the Lake Country Chiefs program, where each fall approximately 800 kids play flag or tackle football.

Research found that three other high schools in the area have named their facilities after a current or past head football coach who is a member of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Hall of Fame. Coach Taraska was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2004. Dual naming of a facility is also not uncommon in sports venues. Examples were given of several college and professional level facilities that have dual naming.

Upon Board of Education approval of the football stadium naming proposal, the stadium would be dedicated to Coach Taraska during the upcoming season. Monetary donations would be sought for signage replacement in the stadium. A signage proposal would be presented to the Buildings and Grounds Committee for review and approval.

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Ristow to approve the football stadium naming proposal, as presented, and name the football stadium "Pfeiffer Memorial Field at Taraska Stadium," with no cost to the school district. Motion Carried.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2009, at 7:00 a.m.

WASB – Mr. Zietlow reported on the WASB Delegate Assembly he attended on January 21, 2009, as the Arrowhead School District's delegate.

Mr. Zietlow noted that the WASB Effective Bargaining Seminar is scheduled for March 6, 2009, in Madison, and the 2009 Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 18, 2009. He encouraged Board members to attend.

Mrs. Ristow left the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

CESA – The next CESA #1 meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2009.

ADSEC – Closed session report.

ENDOWMENT FUND – No report.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Moved by Rosch, seconded by Rice to approve the contracts for Mike Kaiser (Mock Trial Advisor), Trina Bower (Asst. Girls Soccer Coach), and Geoff Steinbach (Asst. Boys Track Coach). Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to approve a 66.0301 Agreement between the Arrowhead Union High School District and Merton School District to enter into a Shared Services Contract for an Arrowhead High School math instructor to teach one section of geometry at Merton School during the 2009/2010 school year, as presented. Motion Carried.

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

- Personnel Negotiations
- Resignation(s)

Roll Call Vote: Rice – aye, Schultz – aye, Rosch – aye, LeBlanc – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Rosch to move into open session.

Roll Call Vote: LeBlanc – aye, Rice – aye, Rosch – aye, Schultz – aye, Zietlow – aye. Motion Carried.

Moved by Rice, seconded by Rosch to approve the Memorandum of Agreement as presented and accept the resignation of Patricia Koeferl, effective March 1, 2009. Motion Carried.

Moved by Zietlow, seconded by Rice to accept the resignation of Amy Frahm, effective at the conclusion of the 2008/2009 school year. Motion Carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None presented.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Hoag  
Recording Secretary

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Susan M. Schultz, Clerk