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## NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson will be held on **Thursday, January 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board Room at the Luther Administration Center, 201 Park Street, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.** Among the items to be considered, in addition to its regular business, the Board will:

- Present recognitions;
- Consider approval of 21<sup>st</sup> Community Learning Center Grant;
- Receive a report on HSED and GEDO student progress;
- Receive open enrollment application alert;
- Consider request to continue 66.3001 agreement for Title III, English language acquisition funds;
- Consider approval of HSED requests;
- Receive Board Committee reports;
- Consider Wisconsin Retirement System Unfunded Pension Liability refinancing;
- Consider appointment of Taskforce;
- Consider approval of Board policies;
- Consider receipt of gifts;
- Receive information on School Board election;
- Consider preliminary notices of nonrenewal;
- Consider retirement and appointment requests;
- Receive a treasurer's report and consider payment of bills; and
- Receive WASB and CESA 2 reports;
- Consider a resolution to go into closed session as authorized under ss.19.82 (1) and 19.85 (1) and 19.85 (1) (c) of Wisconsin Statutes to discuss negotiations and personnel matters.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Kent Koebke, Clerk  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

*If you require special accommodations to fully participate, please notify the School District office by telephone (920) 563-7807 or in writing 24 hours prior to the meeting time.*

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School District of Fort Atkinson  
Board of Education

**ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR REGULAR MEETING**

**January 21, 2010  
7:00 PM**

Luther Administration Center  
201 Park Street  
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin 53538

**AGENDA**

**Strategic Plan Mission Statement**

*The School District of Fort Atkinson is committed to delivering the quality opportunities and services each student needs to achieve his or her academic and personal potential*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

- A. Meeting Will be Called to Order by President Scott Johnson
- B. Roll Call Will be Taken
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Reading of Mission Statement

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting Dated December 17, 2009

The Board may wish to consider the following resolution approving the regular board meeting minutes:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting dated December 17, 2009 be approved.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

B. Minutes of the Closed Session Dated December 17, 2009

The Board may wish to consider the following resolution approving the closed session minutes:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Closed Session dated December 17, 2009 be approved.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Minutes of the Special Meeting Dated January 8, 2010**

The Board may wish to consider the following resolution approving the minutes from the strategic plan update:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting dated January 8, 2010 be approved.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**D. Minutes of the Special Meeting Dated January 15, 2010**

The Board may wish to consider the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Board Meeting dated January 15, 2010 be approved.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

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**III. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Recognition of Crossroads Graduate(s)**

The Board of Education will recognize Crossroads Graduate(s).

**B. Recognition of Adult School Crossing Guards**

The Board of Education will recognize Adult School Crossing Guards.

**C. Recognition of Kohl Teacher Award Nominees**

The Board of Education will recognize the nominees for the Herb Kohl Fellowship Award, which recognizes excellence and innovation: Leanne Bongers, Carol Congdon, Sally Davis, Nick Hamele, Joe Kirt, Todd Linse, Sandra Stone and Brenda Thayer. Two of the nominees will be recognized at this meeting and the remaining at following meetings.

**IV. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA AND NONAGENDA ITEMS**

V. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS (GIVEN BY FAMS AND FAHS STUDENTS)

Jens Jorgensen from the Middle School and Ashley Jensen and Jason Straub from the High School will present reports.

VI. INSTRUCTION

A. Approval of 21<sup>st</sup> Community Learning Center Grant

The Board may wish to consider the following resolution.

**BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Education approve the submittal of the 21<sup>st</sup> Community Learning Center Grant application.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

B. Report on HSED and GEDO Student Progress

A report on HSED and GEDO student progress will be presented.

C. Open Enrollment Application Alert

Dr. James Fitzpatrick will share information regarding the upcoming open enrollment application window for nonresident students who wish to attend school in Fort Atkinson for the 2010-11 school year.

D. Request to Continue a 66.0301 Agreement for Title III, English Language Acquisition Funds

The School District of Fort Atkinson and the School Districts of Cambridge, Jefferson, Lake Mills, Palmyra-Eagle and Waterloo have participated as a 66.0301 consortium to receive Title III, English Language Acquisition funds. The administration recommends that this agreement be continued. The Board may wish to consider the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED that the School District of Fort Atkinson continue a 66.0301 agreement with the School Districts of Cambridge, Jefferson, Lake Mills, Palmyra-Eagle and Waterloo for the operation of a consortium under Title III, English Language Acquisition, for the 2010-11 school year; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District of Fort Atkinson be the operator and fiscal agent of the Title III, English Language Acquisition consortium.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**E. Board Instruction and Pupil Services Committee Report**

A member of the Board Instruction and Pupil Services Committee may wish to present a report.

**F. Postsecondary At-Risk HSED Requests – No requests.**

**VII. NONINSTRUCTION**

**A. Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report**

A member of the Board Building and Grounds Committee may wish to present a report.

**B. Board Communication and Technology Report**

A member of the Board Communication and Technology Committee may wish to present a report.

**C. Board Finance Committee Report**

A member of the Board Finance Committee may wish to present a report.

**D. Consider Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) Unfunded Pension Liability Refinancing**

The Board may wish to consider a resolution that will be presented at the time of the meeting.

**E. Consider Appointment of Taskforce**

The Board may wish to consider the following resolution:

**WHEREAS, like many school districts in the State of Wisconsin, the School District of Fort Atkinson, is facing a severe fiscal challenge upon the sunset of the April 5, 2006 referendum where citizens approved the spending of \$694,000 above the state revenue limit.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education, in collaboration with the administration and in consideration of the current fiscal environment, establish a Community Finance Taskforce to:**

- 1) Develop among its members a collective understanding of the School District’s current fiscal condition and its forecast for at least the next five years;
- 2) Develop the long-term fiscal recommendation(s) to address our fiscal challenges for consideration by the Board and presentation to the community, and;
- 3) If the final recommendation(s) of the Taskforce includes a referendum, prepare a plan, including a timetable, for when and how to implement that recommendation.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**F. Board Policy Committee Report**

A member of the Policy Committee may wish to present a report. The Board may wish to consider the following resolutions:

**BE IT RESOLVED Board Policy 182 – Quorum be placed on the table and considered at the February Board Meeting.**

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**BE IT RESOLVED Board Policy 183 – Voting Methods be placed on the table and considered at the February Board Meeting.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT RESOLVED Board Policy 665 – Fraud Prevention and Reporting be placed on the table and considered at the February Board Meeting.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**BE IT RESOLVED Board Policy 840 – Gifts to the School District be placed on the table and considered at the February Board Meeting.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**G. Receipt of Gifts to the School District**

The Board may wish to consider the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of Education accept the monetary donation from Fort Community Credit Union to purchase elementary literacy materials, a printer from Mabel Schumacher and the monetary donation to Purdy Elementary for health and fitness education from Physician’s Plus Insurance Corporation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board of Education thank Fort Community Credit Union, Mabel Schumacher and Physician’s Plus Insurance Corporation for their generous donations.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**H. Update Regarding School Board Election**

Clerk Kent Koebke will present an update regarding declared candidates for the spring School Board election.

**VIII. PERSONNEL**

**A. Preliminary Notices of Nonrenewal**

One-year only contracts for the 2009-10 school year were issued to Thomas Jonas, High School English, Gail Nevins, Purdy Reading Specialist and Mary Lynn Vaillancourt, Purdy 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. The Board of Education must issue a Preliminary Notice of Nonrenewal to each of these employees. The Board may wish to consider the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** a “Preliminary Notice of Nonrenewal” be issued to Thomas Jonas, Gail Nevins and Mary Lynn Vaillancourt.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Request for Retirement**

The Board may wish to consider the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the resignation request of Bill Simon, High School Business Information and Technology Teacher, effective January 26, 2010, be accepted, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that section 1.05(6) of the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the Fort Atkinson Education Association, Inc., be applied; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education thank Bill Simon for his twenty-eight years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Appointment**

The Board may wish to consider any appointments that may be presented at the time of the meeting.

**IX. TREASURER’S REPORT**

**A. Financial Report by the Treasurer**

**B. Payment of District Bills**

The treasurer and administration recommend the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that District bills be approved for payment as posted up to December 31, 2009, in the amount of \$1,062,231.26.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**X. WASB/CESA REPORT(S)**

**XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

- A. Reminder – Probationary teacher review will be held at 5:30 p.m. on February 25.
- B. Remarks from School Board Candidates.
- C. Strategic Plan updates.
- D. 5- and 10-year Buildings and Grounds report.
- E. Youth Options student progress.
- F. Final nonrenewal notices.

**XII. CLOSED SESSION**

The Board of Education may wish to consider the following resolution to go into closed session under authority granted in Wisconsin Statutes 19.82(1) and 19.85(1) and 19.85(1)(c):

**BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education convene in closed session as authorized under ss. 19.82(1) and 19.85(1) and 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes to discuss negotiations and personnel matters.**

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Board Action \_\_\_\_\_

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. James Fitzpatrick  
Superintendent of Schools