

School District of Fort Atkinson
Board of Education
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, January 17, 2008. President Kent Koebke called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at the Luther Administration Center, 201 Park Street, Fort Atkinson, WI. Vice-President Carrie Chisholm, Treasurer Scott Johnson, Clerk Rodger Thomann and Member Bob Chady were present.

The Board and audience observed a moment of silence for Myron "Butch" Hiscox who passed away on February 7, 2008. Mr. Hiscox was a teacher and coach at the Fort Atkinson High School.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. President Koebke read the District's 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."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 17, 2008, be approved. Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the minutes of the special meeting dated January 25, 2008 be approved.

RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Geography Bee Winners - The Board of Education recognized Geography Bee Winners: Kali Elftmann from Barrie, Sarah Ayers from Luther, Kyle Schneider from Purdy, Tom Compas from Rockwell and Aaron Martin from the Middle School.

Recognition of Boys' Swim Team - The Board of Education recognized Evan Hill, Brent LaMuro, Jack Negus, Patrick Samson and Aaron Saunders, members of the Boys' Swim Team, who advanced to state competition and Coach Roger Rumppe.

Recognition of the Fort Atkinson Fire Department - The Board of Education recognized the Fort Atkinson Fire Department representatives Chief Tom Emrick and Captain Mike Reel for providing educational experiences and information for District students and families.

Recognition of Crossroads Graduates - The Board of Education recognized Crossroads graduates David Kraus and Melissa Schultz. Fort Atkinson High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented diplomas to the graduates.

Recognition of Justin Horner - The Board of Education recognized Justin Horner who graduated from the Badger Challenge Academy at Fort McCoy.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA AND NONAGENDA ITEMS – No comments.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (GIVEN BY FAMS AND FAHS STUDENTS) – Maddie Bare presented a report on Fort Atkinson Middle School activities. Student Representatives Joe Loof and Kim Leroy presented reports on activities in the other buildings.

INSTRUCTION

Data Points Report – Mathematics – Director of Instruction Amy Oakley indicated the purpose of the report is to assist the Board in selecting data points in the core academic areas that can be used annually in reviewing program success so to monitor student performance at the District level, compare student performance nationally, statewide or with other districts, monitor program success and effectiveness of local interventions; stated the three categories of available data includes standardized, local and intervention data. Standardized data can include WKCE and ACT results. Barrie Principal Tony Bolz, Middle School Principal Rob Abbott and High School Principal Jeff Zaspel explained the local data available from the elementary report card, quarterly math assessments, intervention data and future intervention data points. A copy of the information is attached.

Initial Textbook Adoption – Thomann moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the following textbook, *Precalculus – Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic*, by Demana, Waits, Foley, Kennedy, published by Pearson/Addison Wesley, copyright 2007, Seventh Edition, recommended for use in High School Pre-Calculus, be made available for public review during normal working hours in the Office of the Director of Instruction for one month and be considered for adoption at the regular Board meeting in March. Johnson moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the following textbook, *Calculus of a Single Variable*, by Larson, Hostetler, Edwards, published by Houghton Mifflin, copyright 2006, Eighth Edition, recommended for use in the High School AP Calculus, be made available for public review during normal working hours in the Office of the Director of Instruction for one month and be considered for adoption at the regular Board meeting in March. Johnson moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the following textbook, *JAVA Software Solutions for AP Computer Science A*, by Lewis, Loftus, Cocking, published by Pearson Addison Wesley, copyright 2007, recommended for use in High School AP Computer Science, be made available for public review during normal working hours in the Office of the Director of Instruction for one month and be considered for adoption at the regular Board meeting in March.

Response To Intervention (RTI) - Director of Special Education and Pupil Services John Peterson defined the mandated Response to Intervention (RTI). RTI is the process where students will be universally screened to determine remedial instruction/intervention; involves problem solving as to which students will receive what instruction/intervention and involves progress monitoring once a student is receiving an intervention. A copy of the information is attached.

Report on Youth Options Student Progress - Fort Atkinson High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented a report on the progress of students enrolled in the Youth Options Program for the first semester of 2007-08. A copy of the report is attached.

Postsecondary At-Risk HSED Request – No requests.

Board Curriculum Committee Report – Thomann outlined Curriculum Committee meeting notes. A copy of the information is attached.

NONINSTRUCTION

Board Finance Committee Report – No report.

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Thomann outlined Building & Grounds Committee meeting notes. A copy of the information is attached.

Board Communication Committee Report – No report.

Board Policy Committee Report – Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, that Board Policy 222.3 – Retirement Program for Administrators (Employed Prior to July 1, 1997) be placed on the table and considered at the March Board Meeting. Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, that Board Policy 222.31 – Retirement Program for Administrators (Employed On or After July 1, 1997) be placed on the table and considered at the March Board Meeting. Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, that Board Policy 374 – Student Fund-Raising Activities be placed on the table and considered at the March Board Meeting. Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, that Board Policy 851 – Advertising/Distribution of Materials in School be placed on the table and considered at the March Board Meeting.

Receipt of Gifts to the School District - Thomann moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the Board of Education accept the donation of paint and materials from Nasco and Liquiditex to Barrie Elementary's historical mural project; monetary donation from the Fort Atkinson Boys' Basketball Booster Club to the Basketball Backboard Project at the Fort Atkinson Middle School and monetary donation from Blackhawk Boosters to purchase an electric batting net lift at the Fort Atkinson High School and that the Board of Education thank Nasco, Liquiditex, Fort Atkinson Boys' Basketball Booster Club, and Blackhawk Boosters for their generous donation.

Acknowledgement of Boardroom Chairs - Thomann moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the Board of Education acknowledges and appreciates the Fort Atkinson Community Theater (FACT) purchased new padded chairs and a sound system for their performances and is allowing the District to use.

PERSONNEL

Final Notices of Nonrenewal - Chady moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, that a "Final Notice of Nonrenewal" be issued to Marcia Bretl, Shannon Farrell, Heidi Kosak-Head and Therese Okray. These notices are not reflective of performance but are required because of the issuance of one-year contracts for the 2007-08 school year.

Resignations and Retirements - Thomann moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the retirement of Jan Dyson, Third Grade Teacher at Purdy Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year, be accepted; and the Board of Education thank Jan Dyson for her thirty-one years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson. Johnson moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the retirement of Paul Pelnar, Principal at Luther Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year, be accepted; and that the Board of Education thank Paul Pelnar for his seventeen and one-half years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Scott Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report. Chady moved the District bills be approved for payment as posted up to February 13, 2008, in the amount of \$541,275.93 and the construction bills in the amount of \$16,189.39. Motion seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S) – No reports.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – Remarks from School Board candidates, textbook adoptions, audit contract approval, writing data points, Youth Options request approvals, open enrollment request approvals, approval of Summer School courses and a Strategic Planning Meeting will be held on Friday, May 9, at 9 a.m.

CLOSED SESSION – At 10:18 p.m., Thomann moved, seconded by Chady, and passed unanimously by roll call to 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kopps
Board Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

Rodger P. Thomann
Rodger Thomann, Clerk
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

03/20/08
Date