

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

**Board of Education**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**March 20, 2008**

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, March 20, 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 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** – Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, the minutes of the special meeting dated February 21, 2008, be approved. Chisholm moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 21, 2008, be approved. Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, the minutes of the closed session dated February 21, 2008, be approved.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**Recognition of Wrestling Team** - The Board of Education recognized Wrestling Team members Jacob Keeser and Nathan Mode who advanced to state competition and Coach Frank Weiss.

**Recognition of Automotive Students** - The Board of Education recognized high school automotive students Zach Bollinger, Teddi Naber and Hans Wagenpfeil, who advanced to round two in the state Bumper to Bumper "Student Top Gun" competition and Advisor Greg Pernot.

**Recognition of Academic Team** - The Board of Education recognized members of the Academic Team for winning the Southern Lake Conference Championship: Emilie Bakken, Matthew Belz, Mercedes Bernard, Jacob Burow, Arjun Dhillon, Jacob Enslin, Hannah Filipiak, Lauren Hayes, Seth Kleinschmidt, Kim LeRoy, Joe Loof, Natalie Mephram, Luc Messmer, Becky McHenry, Josh Meyerhofer, Erika Nielson, Chris Scherer, Taylor Smithyman, Lucas Smithyman and Brennan Waller and Advisor Dana Linde.

**Recognition of Matt Noll** - The Board of Education recognized Matt Noll, teacher at the High School. Mr. Noll was the recipient of the Fort Atkinson Rotary Club's Educator-of-the-Month award.

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

**REMARKS FROM SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES** - The two candidates, Rodger Thomann and Kent Koebke, made comments regarding their candidacy for the two seats on the School Board.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (GIVEN BY FAMS AND FAHS STUDENTS)** – Victoria Bobholz presented a report on Fort Atkinson Middle School activities. Student Representative Joe Loof presented reports on activities in the other buildings.

**INSTRUCTION**

**Approval of 2008 Summer School Course Proposals** – Summer School Coordinator Connie Swantz reported on the 2008 Summer School Program. Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote, the courses proposed for the 2008 Summer School Program be approved.

**Data Points Report – Writing** – Director of Instruction Amy Oakley, Barrie Principal Tony Bolz, High School Principal Jeff Zaspel, Rockwell Principal Vicki Wright and Middle School Principal Rob Abbott 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. These data points will assist in monitoring student performance at the District level, comparing student performance nationally, statewide or with other districts, monitoring program success and effectiveness of local interventions. A copy of the presentation is attached.

**High School Alternative Program Grant Proposal** - High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented information on a high school alternative program grant proposal. “Transitions” is a proposed school within the high school, serving second semester eighth graders through tenth, focusing on successful transition into the high school and ultimately towards graduation. Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education approves the submittal of a high school alternative program grant proposal. A copy of the proposal is attached.

**Initial Textbook Adoption** – Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the textbook *Advanced Mathematical Concepts: Precalculus with Applications*, written by B. Holliday, G. Cuevas, M. McClure, J. Carter, D. Marks, published by McGraw Hill/Glencoe Publishers, copyright 2006, recommended for use in Advanced Mathematics, 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 April.

**Math Textbook Adoptions** – Chisholm 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 removed from the table. Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call, that the following textbook, *Precalculus – Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic*, by Demana, Waits, Foley, Kennedy, published by Pearson/Addison Wesley, copyright 2007, Seventh Edition, be approved for use in High School Pre-Calculus. Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady 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 removed from the table. Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call, that the following textbook, *Calculus of a Single Variable*, by Larson, Hostetler, Edwards, published by Houghton Mifflin, copyright 2006, Eighth Edition, be approved for use in High School AP Calculus. Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm 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 removed from the table. Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by roll call, that the following textbook *JAVA Software Solutions for AP Computer Science A*, by Lewis, Loftus, Cocking,

published by Pearson Addison Wesley, copyright 2007, be approved for use in High School AP Computer Science.

**Staffing Considerations for 2008-09** - Dr. Fitzpatrick presented preliminary 2008-09 staffing considerations. A copy of his presentation is attached.

**Approval of Requests to Participate in the Youth Options Program** – Principal Zaspel presented information on requests from students to participate in the Youth Options Program. Chady moved to exclude District payment of two course requests, Written Communication and Introduction to Psychology since comparable courses are offered at the High School. Johnson agreed to the amendment and the motion was seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call. Johnson moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call that Fort Atkinson High School students AB, KB, LD, ND, AE, AF, BF, JG, KH, HH, MH, AJ, AL, AL, NM, MM, MM, KO, JS, NU, AV, AB, MM, MP, PP, KR, HR, CW, TZ, MD, MD, ND, and ND be permitted during the 2008-09 school year to attend an institution of higher education under the Youth Options Program and the District pays the tuition charges with the exception of two course requests, Written Communication and Introduction to Psychology, and credits be based upon successful completion of the courses and upon credit and tuition recommendations for the courses in which the students enroll.

**Approval of Open Enrollment Requests** – Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the Board of Education approve 62 students (KN, DC, CW, MH, MW, EJ, DB, AS, CW, LW, TL, JS, GF, GP, EM, CP, LD, HH, JL, GR, SR, AM, RP, JV, KA, SE, CG, SR, AM, AM, EM, MB, RN, SB, LF, CJ, CN, JN, JN, YP, KK, KK, CK, MW, PA, AE, AS, KM, WP, CW, KC, SM, KG, JG, JM, EP, SM, AM, BF, LB, IM AND JM) to attend school in Fort Atkinson as nonresident students under the Open Enrollment Options beginning with the 2008-09 school year; and that the Board of Education approve open enrollment applications from 42 students (GS, LW, CS, HS, AW, KF, KN, MB, AR, RP, TF, JS, KS, AA, KE, AN, KW, ZW, CN, CA, GC, CL, KL, AC, CG, HG, MC, VH, SW, TF, JM, KH, BW, SG, BJ, CL, CL, BS and DJ) to attend nonresident school districts under the Open Enrollment Options beginning with the 2008-09 school year.

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

**Board Curriculum Committee Report** – No report.

## NONINSTRUCTION

**Building Proposal for Music Department at High School** – Agenda item to be placed on April Board of Education Meeting Agenda.

**Board Finance Committee Report** – Chady indicated the District will be going out for property, liability, Workers' Compensation, Errors and Omissions, etc., insurance bids and the audit contract is being reviewed.

**Request to Transfer Funds** – Business Manager Ardell Wiederhoeft indicated the request is from Barrie School asking to move \$1,900 from the account for telephone service to the miscellaneous salary account for mathematics instruction. Additional funds are needed for aides to support students having difficulty

with math. Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by roll call the 2007-2008 General Fund (Fund 10) Expenditure budget be adjusted as follows: Decrease Central Services by \$1,900.00 and increase Regular Curriculum by \$1,900.00.

**Establish Date for Reorganizational Meeting** - The Board of Education scheduled a meeting for the purpose of electing officers on Monday, April 28, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.

**Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report** – Thomann noted a correction in the February 12 Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Notes, regarding the vacant land at Grove and Maple Street. The City of Fort Atkinson owns the property and not the District. Building and Grounds Director Dennis Kuchenmeister reported initial geothermal work at the Middle School will begin during the spring break.

**Approval to Install Solar Hot Water Collectors For Heating Swimming Pool Water at the Middle and High Schools** – Johnson stated double incentives for construction of solar hot water collectors for heating swimming pool water will be available in the amount of \$70,000 for the middle school and \$100,000 for the high school. These incentives would reduce the District's cost to \$31,800 for the middle school and \$55,000 at the high school. The estimated first-year fuel savings from the solar systems is \$9,783 at the middle school and \$8,539 at the high school, with paybacks of 5.1 and 5.9 years respectively. Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by roll call, solar hot water collectors for heating swimming pool water at the middle and high schools be constructed at an estimated cost of \$31,800 and \$55,000 respectively; and the funds for construction of the solar hot water collectors be taken from the General Fund reserve and repaid over time with the annual fuel savings resulting from construction of the solar collectors.

**Board Communication Committee Report** – Chisholm reported an article from the Board recently printed in the Daily Union and a reply to a received letter will be formulated by the end of the month.

**Board Policy Committee Report** - Thomann moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 222.3 – Retirement Program for Administrators (Employed Prior to July 1, 1997) be removed from the table. Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 222.3 – Retirement Program for Administrators (Employed Prior to July 1, 1997) be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 222.31 – Retirement Program for Administrators (Employed On or After July 1, 1997) be removed from the table. Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 222.31 – Retirement Program for Administrators (Employed On or After July 1, 1997) be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 374 – Student Fund-Raising Activities be removed from the table. Chady moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 374 – Student Fund-Raising Activities be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 851 – Advertising/Distribution of Materials in School be removed from the table. Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 851 – Distribution of Materials in School be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Chisholm moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 363.2 – Access to and Use of Electronic Communication and the Internet be placed on the table and considered at the April Board Meeting. Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 852 – Sponsorships be placed on the table and considered at the April Board Meeting.

**Receipt of Gift to the School District** – Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education accept the monetary donation toward the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Safety Patrol trip from the Fort Atkinson Optimist Club and the Board of Education thank Fort Atkinson Optimist Club for the generous donation.

**PERSONNEL**

**Retirements, Resignations and Transfer Requests** – Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, the transfer of Heidi Wegner from Kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade at Purdy Elementary be approved.

**Appointments** – Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by roll call that Therese Okray be employed as a 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Barrie Elementary School effective at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - Treasurer Scott Johnson presented the Treasurer’s Report. Thomann moved the District bills be approved for payment as posted up to March 11, 2008, in the amount of \$407,259.22 and the construction bills in the amount of \$154,803.87. Motion seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by roll call.

**WASB/CESA REPORT(S)** – Chady and Koebke reported on a recent WASB conference.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** – Spelling and word work data points report, approval of textbooks, transportation contract approval, CESA 5 contract approval, school nursing services contract approval, election results certification, a geothermal report, audit contract approval and music department building.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. (Chady-Chisholm). Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kopps  
Board Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

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

04/17/08  
Date