

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

Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 15, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, May 15, 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 Bob Chady, Clerk Rodger Thomann and Member Scott Johnson 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 the minutes of the regular meeting dated April 17, 2008, be approved; motion seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote. Thomann moved the minutes of the special meeting dated April 28, 2008, be approved; motion seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote. Thomann moved the minutes of the special meeting dated May 9, 2008, be approved; motion seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote.

The Board of Education agreed to amend the agenda to move up the following agenda item.

INTRODUCTION OF DAVID GEIGER – Dr. Fitzpatrick introduced David Geiger who will be the Luther Elementary Principal effective with the 2008-09 school year.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Steven Griffith - The Board of Education recognized Steven Griffith, a state qualifier in the SkillsUSA Automotives Competition and advisor Greg Pernot.

Recognition of Phillip Ebben and Lucas Smithyman - The Board of Education recognized Phillip Ebben for being an All-State Scholar Finalist and Lucas Smithyman for being an All-State Scholar Nominee.

Recognition of GATE Students and Coaches - The Board of Education recognized the following GATE students and coaches: Tanner Bakken, Naomi Engelke, Amara Hansell, Thomas Smithyman, Joey Torrissi, and Tia Williams (Southern Lakes Anthology); Marta Kotz, Taylor Nachtigal, Lauren Riggs, Victoria Smithyman, and coach Mrs. Julie Nachtigal (High School Future Problem Solving); Torri Jordan, Sally Keckeisen, Amara Reese-Hansell, Alyssa Roost, and Coach Mrs. Chelsea Reese-Hansell (Middle School Future Problem Solving); MacKenzie Chady, Kory Scherer, Christina Smithyman, Libby Stahl, and Coach Mrs. Jennifer Smithyman (Purdy Elementary Future Problem Solving); Seth Kleinschmidt and Coach Mrs. Stella Kleinschmidt (Individual Future Problem Solving); Eric Bender, Ben Eaton, James Hanson, Cory Hollinger, Avery Kan, Dani Meyer, Scott Rossing and Carly Wallace (7th & 8th Grade Math Meet Team); Alex Bakken, Nate Ciske, Tom Compas, Megan Klubertanz, Yana Rawinski, Samantha Schwartz, Luke Stoutenborough and Aaron Wendt (5th & 6th Grade Math Meet Team) and Susan Henn, Coordinator.

Recognition of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Students - The Board of Education recognized the following FBLA students and advisors: Erin Erickson, Marie Fitzgerald, Valerie Harris,

Derrick Junker, Allison Kozulla, Katherine Lowisz, Christopher McNelis, Carmon Molter, Samantha Sanders, Karina Wagenfeil and advisor Patti Rowe from the Middle School and Courtney Dehner, Dane Floerke, Emily Jung, Sarah Paske, Vicky Weber and advisory Bill Simon from the High School for participation in the State Leadership Convention.

Recognition of Shawn McDonough - The Board of Education recognized Mr. Shawn McDonough, teacher at Rockwell Elementary School. Mr. McDonough was the recipient of the Fort Atkinson Rotary Club's Educator-of-the-Month Award.

Receipt of Gifts from Fort HealthCare - Chady moved the Board of Education accept the donation of computers and supplies from Fort HealthCare and thank Fort HealthCare for the generous donation; motion seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Governor's School Health Award - The Board of Education recognized Rockwell Elementary for receiving the Governor's School Health Award.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Student Representatives Kim Leroy and Joe Loof presented their final report on activities in the buildings for 2007-08 school year. The Board of Education recognized and thanked the student representatives for their service this past year.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA AND NONAGENDA ITEMS

INSTRUCTION

English Language Learners (ELL) Presentation - Ms. Kari Dahl, ELL teacher at Luther Elementary, and Ms. Michelle Maniaci, IMC Director at Luther Elementary, presented student-created videos and explained how technology integration into the curriculum helps students learn the English language.

Alternative Graduation Options Presentation - High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented information on program options to help students earn diplomas through alternative methods including: Summer School, Jefferson County Alternative Program (JCAP), homebound instruction, off-site instruction/alternative placement, Freshman Academy, General Education Equivalency Diploma Option #2 (GEDO #2), Madison Area Technical College HSED, Briggs & Stratton Youth Apprenticeships, Crossroads Alternative High School and Wisconsin National Guard Challenge Academy. A copy of Dr. Zaspel's report is attached.

2008-13 Strategic Plan - The Board thanked everyone for the collaborative effort in forming the goals, acknowledged the timeline may change and it may take five to seven years to complete.

Approval of Textbook Adoptions - Chisholm moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote that the textbook *World Cultures and Geography: Western Hemisphere and Europe* by Bednarz, Smith, Miyares, Ogle and White published by McDougall Littell, copyright 2008, recommended for use in the Western Cultural Studies course, be removed from the table.

Johnson moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by roll call that the textbook *World Cultures and Geography: Western Hemisphere and Europe* by Bednarz, Smith, Miyares, Ogle and White published by McDougall Littell, copyright 2008, be approved for use in the Western Cultural Studies course.

Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote that the textbook *Health Careers Today* by Judith Gerdin published by Mosby, copyright 2007, recommended for use in the Medical Occupations course, be removed from the table.

Johnson moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call that the textbook *Health Careers Today* by Judith Gerdin published by Mosby, copyright 2007, be approved for use in the Medical Occupations course.

Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote that the textbook *Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology* by Martini and Bartholomew published by Pearson, copyright 2007, recommended for use in the Anatomy and Physiology course, be removed from the table.

Johnson moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call that the textbook *Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology* by Martini and Bartholomew published by Pearson, copyright 2007, be approved for use in the Anatomy and Physiology course.

Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote that the textbook *The American Pageant (Advanced Placement Edition)* by Kennedy, Cohen and Bailey published by Houghton Mifflin, copyright 2006, and the textbook *America: A Narrative History* by Tindall and Shi published by Norton Publishing, copyright 2007, recommended for use in the Advanced Placement U.S. History course, be removed from the table.

Johnson moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call that the textbook *The American Pageant (Advanced Placement Edition)* by Kennedy, Cohen and Bailey published by Houghton Mifflin, copyright 2006, and the textbook *America: A Narrative History* by Tindall and Shi published by Norton Publishing, copyright 2007, be approved for use in the Advanced Placement U.S. History course.

Approval of Postsecondary At-Risk HSED Request – No request.

Board Curriculum Committee Report – No report.

NONINSTRUCTION

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Johnson reported on the progress of the geothermal upgrades at the Middle School and upcoming summer maintenance projects.

Building Proposal for Music Department at High School – Chisholm indicated the Buildings and Grounds Committee discussed the proposed building for the Music Department at the High School and will forward a recommendation in the future.

Board Finance Committee Report – Chady reported the committee reviewed the 4K budget, audit contract and the 2008-09 budget.

Approval of Audit Contract with Reilly, Penner & Benton LLP for 2007-08 - Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by roll call that contract with Reilly, Penner & Benton LLP, Certified Public Accounts, 611 North Broadway, Suite 300, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for audit services for the year ending June 30, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$11,500.00 be approved and that the District Clerk Rodger Thomann be authorized to sign the audit contract on behalf of the School District.

Presentation of the Proposed Budget for the 2008-09 School Year - Business Manager Ardell Wiederhoeft presented information on the proposed budget for the 2008-09 school year. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Consider Requests to Transfer Funds - Business Manager Ardell Wiederhoeft explained the first request is from Luther School asking to move \$500 from the additional equipment account for classroom instruction to the textbook account for health instruction and the second is from Purdy School asking to move \$1,801 from classroom instruction (\$1,091 from other supplies; \$608 from additional equipment and \$102 from replacement equipment); \$400 from reading textbooks, and \$300 from personal services for vocal music to provide \$2,501 for textbooks for health instruction. Thomann moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by roll call that the 2007-2008 General Fund (Fund 10) Expenditure budget be adjusted as follows: Decrease Undifferentiated Curriculum by \$2,301.00, Decrease Regular Curriculum by \$700.00 and Increase Physical Curriculum by \$3,001.00. A copy of the transfer information is attached.

Approval of CESA 2 Service Contract - Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call the School District of Fort Atkinson and CESA 2 enter into service agreements for the 2008-09 school year per CESA 2 consortium services and that the CESA 2 Administration fee for the 2008-09 school year be authorized at \$1,748.00.

Approval of Physical Therapy Contract - Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by roll call the School District of Fort Atkinson enter into an agreement with Fort HealthCare for physical therapy services for the 2008-09 school year at a cost of \$46,020.00.

Approval of Employee Assistance Program Contract - Chisholm moved, seconded by Thomann, and approved unanimously by roll call the Board of Education approve the Employee Assistance Program contract with Fort HealthCare for the 2008-09 school year at a cost of \$500 per year and \$75.00 per evaluation.

Policy Committee Report - Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote that Board Policy 623.1 - Interaccount/Interfund Transfers be placed on the table and considered at the June Board Meeting.

Board Communication Committee Report - Chisholm indicated the District hosted a speaker on the dangers of the Internet and a Letter-to-the-Editor was printed in the Daily Jefferson County Union thanking teachers in conjunction with National Teacher Appreciation Week. Johnson indicated other school districts have credited the district on initiatives and suggested sharing these on Channel 13.

Consideration of Date for the Regular Board Meeting in July - Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote that the regular Board meeting in July 2008 be set for Monday, July 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL

Consider Request for Leave of Absence – Chisholm moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote, per agreement, Shari Swiecichowski-Fettig be granted an additional leave of absence for the 2008-09 school year.

Consider Appointments – Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by roll call the following be employed in the School District of Fort Atkinson effective at the beginning of the 2008-09 school year, contingent upon release from current teaching contract when applicable and upon completion and satisfactory results of the pre-placement health screening and background check: Seth Meinel, 1.0 FTE, Social Studies at the High School and the one-year appointment of Heidi Kozak-Head, 1.0 FTE, Vocal Music at Purdy and Luther Elementary Schools.

Consider Resignations and Retirements – No requests.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Treasurer Bob Chady presented the Treasurer’s Report. Chisholm moved the District bills be approved for payment as posted up to May 6, 2008, in the amount of \$332,674.53 and the construction bills in the amount of \$232,089.43. Motion seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S) – Thomann will be attending the CESA Delegate Convention. Thomann attended a WASB seminar for new Board Members.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – Early graduation requests, YOP and HSED student progress reports, administrative compensation, approval of 2008-09 Budget and school lunch account/fees. The Board will conduct the evaluation of the superintendent on June 27, 2008, starting at 8:00 a.m. Other suggested items: Insurance committee information (August), recognize bus driver Gary Romens, report on substitute teachers (qualifications, days of week utilized) and presentation on District website.

CLOSED SESSION – At 10:03 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

06/26/08
Date