

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

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, January 15, 2009. 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 – Mr. Thomann moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated December 18, 2008. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and unanimously approved by voice vote. Mr. Thomann moved to approve the minutes of the closed session dated December 18, 2008. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and unanimously approved by voice vote. Mr. Thomann moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting dated January 8, 2009. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and unanimously approved by voice vote.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – Due to the extreme cold temperatures, recognitions were postponed to February.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA AND NONAGENDA ITEMS – Dr. and Mrs. Compass, 326 Garfield Street, Fort Atkinson, WI, thanked the Board for the gifted and talented program opportunities and asked the program be continued and expanded.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – Will Cook presented a report on the Middle School activities.

INSTRUCTION

Data Points Report – District Level Demographics – Director of Instruction Amy Oakley and Director of Pupil Services John Peterson presented a report on district level demographics data points which included information on District teacher experience, student ethnicity data, English Language Learner participation, free and reduced and special education student populations. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Report on HSED Student Progress – Dr. Fitzpatrick presented a report on HSED student progress. A copy of the information is attached.

Open Enrollment Application Alert – Superintendent James Fitzpatrick indicated the open enrollment application window is February 2-20, 2009.

Request to Continue a 66.03 Agreement for Title III, English Language Acquisition Funds – Mrs. Chisholm moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by roll call the School District of Fort Atkinson continue a 66.03 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 2009-10 school year and the School District of Fort Atkinson be the operator and fiscal agent of the Title III, English Language Acquisition consortium.

Approval of 21st Century Grant Submittal – Mr. Chady recused himself from the Board during this agenda item. Mrs. Chisholm moved the Board of Education approve the submittal of the 21st Century Grant application. Motion seconded by Mr. Thomann and approved 4-0 by voice vote with Mr. Chady abstaining. A copy of the grant application is attached.

Board Curriculum Committee Report – No report.

Postsecondary At-Risk HSED Requests – No requests.

NONINSTRUCTION

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mrs. Chisholm stated Building and Grounds Director Dennis Kuchenmeister will be giving a 5-and 10-year report in February.

Board Finance Committee Report – Mr. Chady stated the Board Finance Committee met with and familiarized new Business Manager Jason Demerath with the Finance Committee process.

Approval of 2009-10 School Year Budget Assumptions and Guidelines – Mrs. Chisholm moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by roll call the Board of Education approve the assumptions and guidelines for the development of the 2009-10 school year budget. A copy of the assumptions and guidelines is attached.

Board Policy Committee Report – Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson 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. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 222.31 – Retirement Program for Administrators (Employed On or After July 1, 1997) be approved for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 411.1 – Student Harassment be removed from the table. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 411.1 – Student Harassment be approved for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 528 – Interaction Between Students and District Employees/Volunteers be removed from the table. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 528 – Interaction Between Students and District Employees/Volunteers be approved for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 453.5 – Student Physical Examinations be placed on the table and considered at the February Board Meeting. Mr. Thomann explained the changes and additions to the policies.

Receipt of Gifts to the School District – Mr. Chady moved, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote the Board of Education accept the donation of school supplies and furniture from Nasco to Purdy Elementary and a monetary donation to Purdy Elementary's Pacer Recess Run/Walk Club from Physician's Plus Insurance Corporation and the Board of Education thanks Nasco and Physician's Plus Insurance Corporation for their generous donations.

Board Communication Committee Report – Mrs. Chisholm stated the Committee published a Letter-to-the-Editor in the Daily Union thanking adult crossing guards and indicated a letter will be published thanking the community for its support.

Update Regarding School Board Election - Clerk Rodger Thomann indicated the deadline for filing papers for the School Board was January 6 and incumbent Scott Johnson filed for candidacy. The election will be held April 7, 2009 and Mr. Thomann encouraged all citizens to vote.

PERSONNEL

Preliminary Notices of Nonrenewal – Dr. Fitzpatrick indicated one-year contracts were issued last year to three employees, it is now necessary to issue preliminary notices of nonrenewal and stated these notices are not being issued for lack of performance. Mr. Chady moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote a “Preliminary Notice of Nonrenewal” be issued to Ryan Gerber, Heidi Kosak-Head and John Reilly.

Appointment – Mrs. Chisholm moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by roll call Steven Leurquin be employed as a Special Education Teacher at the High School, effective and contingent upon release from current contract and upon completion and satisfactory results of the pre-placement health screening and background check.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mr. Chady presented the Treasurer’s Report. Board Members agreed to the importance of preparing a 5-10 year projection to calculate fund balance and capital improvements. Mr. Chady moved, seconded by Mr. Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call District bills be approved for payment as posted up to January 6, 2009, in the amount of \$299,126.83 and the construction bills in the amount of \$109,206.72.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S) – Board Members discussed the upcoming state convention and WASB resolutions.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – Board Members were reminded the probationary teacher review will be held at 5:30 p.m. on February 26 and the State Convention is January 21-23. Future agenda items: 5- and 10-year Buildings and Grounds and Youth Options student progress reports and issuance of final nonrenewal notices.

CLOSED SESSION – At 8:38 p.m., Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. 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

02/26/09

Rodger Thomann, Clerk
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

Date