

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

Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, March 19, 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 special meeting dated February 26, 2009. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and unanimously approved by voice vote. Mr. Thomann moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated February 26, 2009. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and unanimously approved by voice vote. Mr. Thomann moved to approve the minutes of the closed session dated February 26, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Chady and unanimously approved by voice vote. Mr. Thomann moved to approve the minutes of the special meetings dated February 27, 2009. Motion seconded by Mr. Chady and unanimously approved by voice vote.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Geography Bee Winners - The Board of Education recognized the following Geography Bee Winners: Zachary Hulstein from Barrie Elementary, Joseph Tumbarello from Luther Elementary, Andrew Michalski from Purdy Elementary, Thomas Anderson from Rockwell Elementary and Valerie Schroedl from the Middle School.

Recognition of National Merit Scholarship Finalist Seth Kleinschmidt - The Board of Education recognized National Merit Scholarship Finalist Seth Kleinschmidt.

Recognition of Presidential Scholars Program Candidate Joseph Loof - The Board of Education recognized Presidential Scholars Program Candidate Joseph Loof.

Recognition of Wrestling Team State Qualifier - The Board of Education recognized Wrestling Team State Qualifier Ryan Smith and Coach Frank Weiss.

Recognition of Boys' Swim Team State Qualifiers - The Board of Education recognized Boys' Swim Team State Qualifiers Joe Athas, Evan Hill, Spencer McCombs, Anthony Nelson, Wyatt Paul and Coach Roger Rumppe.

Recognition of Jessica Krause - The Board of Education recognized Jessica Krause, teacher at the High School. Ms. Krause was the recipient of the Fort Atkinson Rotary Club's Educator-of-the-Month award for March.

Partnership Award - The Board of Education recognized Partnership Award Recipient Stephanie Nischik.

REMARKS FROM SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE – Candidate Scott Johnson made comments regarding his candidacy for the seat on the School Board.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (GIVEN BY FAMS AND FAHS STUDENTS) – Will Cook presented a report on the activities at the Middle School. Student Representatives Joe Loof and Kim LeRoy presented reports on activities in the other buildings.

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

INSTRUCTION

Approval of 2009 Summer School Course Proposals – Summer School Coordinator Julie Kusel presented the 2009 Summer School Program courses. Mr. Chady moved the courses proposed for the 2009 Summer School Program be approved. Motion seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Strategic Plan Update – Barrie Principal Tony Bolz, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education John Peterson, Middle School Principal Rob Abbott, and High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented an update on data utilization at the elementary level (streamline collection of elementary data, increase awareness and usage of available student data and implement an internet-based IEP management system) and differentiation at the secondary level (provide staff development to solidify beliefs regarding need and philosophy of differentiation and equip secondary teachers with working tools for basic differentiation implementation). A copy of the presentation is attached.

Data Points Report – Math Interventions – Director of Instruction Amy Oakley presented a report on math interventions including the two types of remedial math interventions – homework help and targeted interventions and the two types of extension math interventions – classroom differentiation and targeted extensions. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Initial Textbook Adoption – Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Chady, and approved unanimously by voice vote, the textbook *Java Concepts for AP Computer Science, 5th Edition*, written by Horstmann, published by Wiley, copyright 2008, recommended for use in 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 April.

Approval of Requests to Participate in the Youth Options Program – Dr. Zaspel reported on Youth Options Program requests. The Policy Committee will review board policy on the return of books and materials if a student does not complete a course through the Youth Options Program. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, and approved unanimously by roll call, that Fort Atkinson High School students AB, EB, GB, BB, KC, AC, MD, VF, BK, AL, CL, AL, BL, AL, KM, LN, TR, AS, AS, RT, DT, KQ, MZ, JA, RB, DB, JB, IB, JB, LF, CG, CJ, AK, TK, CL, BM, DM, CM, GN, BP, TR, BR, BS, JS, DS, NU, AV, BV, MW, CW, RZ, JA, AB, AF, JG, MM, DT, JA, and HW be permitted during the 2009-10 school year to attend an institution of higher education under the Youth Options Program and payment of

tuition charges and granting high school 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 – Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Thomann, and approved unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education approve 80 students (AM, ES, PS, EJ, SS, MP, TJ, EM, NS, AH, EH, JH, RM, AW, RS, LW, KB, GF, AB, MT, BZ, AB, BJ, JB, JB, JD, PH, AK, AN, MT, CW, KM, SR, MB, JN, CA, JG, AK, AS, CK, CL, JB, CU, SR, AG, MG, JN, JJ, KG, JG, LH, DM, KM, RS, RS, PL, PR, CS, RS, JU, AW, AB, EB, VB, AG, MK, CB, CG, SB, TG, AR, JS, CA, JB, JF, CJ, IO, CM, VG, KL) to attend school in Fort Atkinson as nonresident students under the Open Enrollment Options beginning with the 2009-10 school year and the Board of Education approve open enrollment applications from 32 students (DK, KM, BL, KC, DJ, DB, MR, CS, AW, JO, WC, MH, AZ, LH, PT, MR, PR, SH, SH, DB, VH, DK, AM, FW, FW, MM, MM, LB, AB, EC, JC, EC) to attend nonresident school districts under the Open Enrollment Options beginning with the 2009-10 school year and the Board of Education deny open applications from two students (SS, TT) to attend school in Fort Atkinson as nonresident students under the Open Enrollment Options beginning with the 2009-10 school year.

Board Curriculum Committee Report – No report.

NONINSTRUCTION

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – No report.

Board Finance Committee Report – Mr. Chady stated the committee reviewed fund descriptions, purpose and usage detail, debt service schedule, legislative issues and a refinancing opportunity.

Requests to Transfer Funds – Business Services Director Jason Demerath explained the requests for transfer of funds. The first was for Crossroads to move \$600.00 from Transportation to Vocational Curriculum. All of the funds set aside for field trips were not needed and the funds will be used to purchase supplies and materials for the program. Board Members discussed the spending of funds versus return of monies to fund balance. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, and approved unanimously by roll call, the 2008-2009 General Fund (Fund 10) Expenditure budget be adjusted as follows: Decrease Business Administration by \$600 and increase Vocational Curriculum by \$600. The second request was for Rockwell Elementary to move a total of \$6,500.00 from account numbers within the current Rockwell budget to a single account number designated for the playground equipment. As part of the October adjustments, \$5,000 was set aside from the District budget and \$1,500 was set aside from the Rockwell Elementary budget for the project. These funds in conjunction with an \$18,000 grant from the Community Foundation and several other fundraising efforts will be used to pay for the project. This transfer was to account for the project in an account that will be designated only for this purpose. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Chady, and approved unanimously by roll call the 2008-2009 General Fund (Fund 10) Expenditure budget be adjusted as follows: Decrease Business Administration by \$6,500 and increase Business Administration by \$6,500.

Establish Date for Reorganizational Meeting – Board Members agreed to elect officers on Monday, April 27, 2009, at 7:30 a.m.

Board Communication Committee Report – Mrs. Chisholm indicated several District overview presentations have been given to area service clubs. The committee will discuss sending representatives to discuss the future state budget.

Board Policy Committee Report – Mr. Thomann stated the Policy Committee reviewed the following policies. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 363.2 - Access to and Use of Electronic Communication and the Internet be removed from the table. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 363.2 - Access to and Use of Electronic Communication and the Internet 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 453.1 – Emergency Nursing Services be removed from the table. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Chady, and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 453.1 – Emergency Nursing Services 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 453.4 – Administration of Medication to Students be placed on the table and considered at the April Board Meeting.

Approval of Cooperative Agreement – Dr. Fitzpatrick presented information on the request for the District to join a cooperative agreement to allow a student to play Girls' Hockey. Board Members asked the Communication Committee review possible funding for financially disadvantaged students. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously by voice vote the Board of Education approves the cooperative sponsorship in Girls' Hockey with the school districts of Edgerton, McFarland, Monona Grove, Oregon and Stoughton for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 school years and any costs incurred will be the responsibility of the participant(s) and not the School District of Fort Atkinson.

Receipt of Gift to the School District – Mrs. Chisholm moved, seconded by Mr. Chady, and approved unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education accept the donation of shelving for a classroom at Barrie Elementary School from Pro-Build and the Board of Education thanks Pro-Build for the generous donation.

PERSONNEL

Appointments, Retirements, Resignations and Transfer Requests – Mr. Chady moved, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm, and approved unanimously by roll call, Heidi Kosak-Head be employed in the School District of Fort Atkinson as an Elementary Vocal Music Teacher, effective at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Chady presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and approved unanimously by roll call, District bills be approved for payment as posted up to March 10, 2009, in the amount of \$440,208.74 and the construction bills in the amount of \$10,689.42.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S) – Mr. Koebke stated several members attended a recent WASB seminar and the information will be shared with those not in attendance. Board Members discussed the recent conversation with Representative Jorgensen on the state budget.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – Strategic Plan update on balanced literacy, approval of textbooks, transportation contract approval, school nursing services contract approval and election results

certification. Board Members decided state governmental issues would be discussed in the WASB area of the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kopps
Board Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:

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

04/23/09
Date