

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

**Board of Education**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**August 21, 2008**

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, August 21, 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, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, the minutes of the regular meeting dated July 28, 2008, be approved.

Dr. Fitzpatrick requested "Recognitions" be moved down on the agenda.

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

**INSTRUCTION**

**Report on WKCE Test Results** - Mrs. Naomi Gray, Director of Instructional Services, presented a report on Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam (WKCE) test scores. Mrs. Gray stated District students were above state average in all tested content areas for all grades tested. A copy of Mrs. Gray's report is attached.

**Report on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** – Mr. John Peterson, Director of Pupil Services, and Mrs. Gray presented information on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Mr. Peterson stated AYP is a term that came from the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (also know as "No Child Left Behind" Act); AYP is a target that both schools and districts must meet each year to show they are meeting or exceeding the defined progress; by the year 2014, the AYP target year in which 100% of all students are expected to be proficient in mathematics and reading. If a District or school misses AYP two consecutive years on the same objective (test participation, daily average attendance, graduation rate, reading and mathematics), it could be identified for improvement.

The School District of Fort Atkinson continues to make AYP. Mrs. Gray and Mr. Peterson explained that when cell sizes of different student populations reach a certain number of students, schools and districts must demonstrate that these populations (including Special Education, English Language Learners, and Economically Disadvantaged students) meet the AYP target scores. If these populations do not meet the AYP targets for two years in a row then an entire school, and in some cases a school district, can be sanctioned for not reaching AYP.

It is likely that the Elementary Secondary Education Act will be reauthorized, but many expect there to be modifications and changes due to the unlikelihood of any school or district having 100% of its student's proficient by 2014. A copy of the report is attached.

**RECOGNITIONS** – The Board of Education recognized Crossroads Graduates Jesse Gallegos and Phillip Schultz. Fort Atkinson High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented diplomas to the graduates.

**Report on the Opening of Schools** - Dr. Fitzpatrick indicated final preparations are being made and school buildings will be ready for students and staff for the start of the 2008-09 school year.

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

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

**NONINSTRUCTION**

**Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report** – Mr. Johnson reported on the progress of the geothermal heating and ventilating upgrades at the Middle School, the installation of solar heating of swimming pools and other maintenance projects.

**Adoption of Handbooks** - Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote the general and supplemental Student/Parent Handbooks for Barrie, Luther, Purdy, and Rockwell Elementary Schools, Fort Atkinson Middle School and Fort Atkinson High School; the Fort Atkinson High School Code of Conduct; and the K-12 Special Education Handbook be approved as extensions of Board policy and approved for use in the 2008-09 school year.

**Board Finance Committee Report** – Mr. Chady stated the Finance Committee met August 11 to discuss the Food Service Fund and 403b offering to employees.

**Board Policy Committee Report** – Mr. Thomann reviewed the tabled policies. Thomann moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 225 – Evaluation of Administrators, placed on the table at the July Board Meeting, be removed from the table. Thomann moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 225 – Evaluation of Administrators be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 731.1 – Behavior and Conduct in Areas Where There is an Expectation of Privacy, placed on the table at the July Board Meeting, be removed from the table. Thomann moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 731.1 – Behavior and Conduct in Areas Where There is an Expectation of Privacy be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson.

**Board Communication Committee Report** – Mrs. Chisholm indicated the communication agenda action plans were defined and will be presented to the Board.

**Acknowledgement of Ordinance No. 665** - Clerk Rodger Thomann reported on a notification received from the City of Fort Atkinson that Ordinance No. 665 has been adopted by the Fort Atkinson City Council regarding the annexation of land in the Town of Koshkonong to the City of Fort Atkinson.

**PERSONNEL**

**Appointments, Resignations and/or Retirements** - Chady moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call the resignation request of Anne Seraphine, Kindergarten Teacher at Purdy Elementary, effective at the end of the 2007-08 school year be accepted, section 1.05(6) of the negotiated agreement between the Board of Education and the Fort Atkinson Education Association, Inc., be applied and the Board of Education thank Anne Seraphine for her seven years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson.

Chady moved, seconded by Johnson and approved unanimously by roll call the following educators 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 contracts and upon completion and satisfactory results of the pre-placement health screening and background checks: Rebecca Barnes, 1.0 FTE, Kindergarten, Purdy; Thomas Kohl, .5 FTE, Technology Education, High School; and John Reilly, .6 FTE, French, Middle School.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Treasurer Chady presented the Treasurer's Report. Johnson moved that District bills be approved for payment as posted up to August 13, 2008 in the amount of \$979,209.95 and the construction bills in the amount of \$451,496.39. Chady seconded the motion and approved unanimously by roll call.

**WASB/CESA REPORT(S)** – Mr. Koebke reported on a WASB seminar.


**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** – Summer school report, ACT exam results, data points, future Board Meeting dates and start times, communication agenda action plans, beginning of schools including 4K, and a presentation by Young Auditorium. The School Nutrition Program report will be given in October.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. (Chisholm-Chady). Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kopps  
Board Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
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Rodger Thomann, Clerk  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

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