

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

Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2008

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, September 18, 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 – Mrs. Chisholm moved, seconded by Mr. Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote, the minutes of the regular meeting dated August 21, 2008, be approved.

RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Seth Kleinschmidt - The Board of Education recognized Seth Kleinschmidt for winning first place in the international individual competition for Future Problem Solving. Approximately 1,500 students out of 50,000 students worldwide earned their way to the international competition.

Recognition of Joe Loof - The Board of Education recognized Joe Loof for achieving the highest possible score of 36 on the ACT National Test. Joe was one of 11 college-bound students in Wisconsin and one of 172 in the United States to achieve a perfect score.

Dr. Fitzpatrick requested the recognition of Crossroads Graduate(s) be moved down on the agenda.

Partnership Award - The Board of Education presented the Partnership Award to Mrs. Verna Kriedeman for her volunteer efforts in preparing envelopes for the monthly parent newsletter mailings.

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Kim LeRoy and Joe Loof will serve as student representatives to the Board of Education for the 2008-09 school year. They presented a report on activities in the buildings. Will Cook presented a report on activities at the Middle School.

INSTRUCTION

Presentation from Young Auditorium - Ms. Shannon Dozoryst presented information on programs at Young Auditorium in Whitewater and the importance of arts education. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Report on the 2008 Summer School Program - Mrs. Connie Swantz, Summer School Director, reported on the 2008 Summer School Program. A copy of the information is attached.

Report on ACT Results - Dr. Jeff Zaspel, Principal at the Fort High School, presented ACT College Entrance Exam results. District students exceeded all other composite scores earned since the ACT became

the most prominent college entrance exam. District students scored 23.1% compared with the state average of 22.3% and the national average is 21.1%.

Data Point Reports – Dr. Fitzpatrick indicated the Board would be receiving information on data points. The purpose of data points is to assist the Board in monitoring student performance at the District level, comparing student performance nationally, statewide or with other districts, and for measuring success and effectiveness of local interventions.

Recognition of Crossroads Graduate(s) - The Board of Education recognized Crossroads graduate Greg Humbach. Fort Atkinson High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented a diploma to the graduate.

Strategic Plan Report - Superintendent Dr. Fitzpatrick outlined the progress made on the Strategic Plan Diversity Goal action plans. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Report on the Start of School - Dr. Fitzpatrick and Barrie Principal Tony Bolz reported on the start of the 2008-09 school year, including the new 4K Program.

Requests for Early Graduation Option from Fort Atkinson High School – Mrs. Chisholm moved, seconded by Mr. Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote that current Fort Atkinson High School senior AK who made application for early graduation in writing to the high school principal be permitted to graduate at the end of the first semester of the 2008-09 school year provided they have met the requirements for graduation as set forth in Board Policy 345.6. Mr. Chady requested the Board Policy and Curriculum Committees review this policy and procedures.

Approval of Postsecondary At-Risk HSED Requests – No requests.

Board Curriculum Committee Report – Mr. Thomann indicated the Board Curriculum Committee discussed incorporating Wisconsin Green and Healthy Schools Program into the curriculum; reviewed summer curriculum work and considered future topics. Director of Instruction Naomi Gray summarized the summer curriculum work. Mrs. Chisholm expressed an interest in tracking the Middle School students who participated in the full-year foreign language and math offerings. A copy of the information is attached.

NONINSTRUCTION

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – Mr. Johnson reported on the progress of the geothermal and solar hot water installations and the wind energy assessment.

Board Finance Committee Report – Mr. Chady indicated the consultant provided feedback on the Nutrition Program and information will be presented at the October Board Meeting.

Board Communication Committee Report – Mrs. Chisholm reported on the Strategic Plan Communication Agenda goals for the next year and recent communications including Dr. Fitzpatrick's monthly podcasts and Channel 3's report on the District's energy savings.

Board Policy Committee Report – No report.

Board Meeting Dates and Start Time - The Board discussed the regular Board Meeting start time. It was agreed to hold regular Board Meetings on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., with these exceptions: October 23, 2008; February 26, 2009; and April 23, 2009.

Receipt of Gifts to the School District – Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education accept the donation of gift certificates from Nasco International Inc., for new teachers and concrete tables and benches to Rockwell Elementary from DAnn Koebke; and the Board of Education thanks Nasco International Inc., and DAnn Koebke for the generous donations.

PERSONNEL

Appointments, Resignations and/or Retirements – Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote, the resignation request of Gary Olson, Agriculture Teacher at the High School, effective October 31, 2008, 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 Gary Olson for his eight years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Treasurer Chady presented the Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Chady and approved unanimously by roll call that District bills be approved for payment as posted up to September 10, 2008 in the amount \$140,681.47 and the construction bills in the amount of \$896,441.79.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S) – Upcoming WASB seminars and the election of a Region 12 director was discussed.


ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – The Board/Administration Joint Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. to review the progress of the Strategic Plan, GATE Report, report on enrollment, Youth Options request(s), October adjustments/tax levy, 403B options, School Nutrition Program Report, Carl Perkins Consortium approval, data points, and information on the Field of Dreams.

ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Chisholm moved, seconded by Mr. Thomann and approved unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kopps
Board Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:



Rodger Thomann, Clerk
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

10/23/08

Date