

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

## Board of Education

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2009

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, October 15, 2009. President Scott Johnson 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 Kent Koebke and Member Rodger Thomann were present. President Johnson 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." The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Thomann moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting dated September 17, 2009. Motion seconded by Koebke and passed unanimously by voice vote. Koebke moved to approve the minutes of the closed session dated September 17, 2009. Motion seconded by Chady and passed unanimously by voice vote.

### RECOGNITIONS

**Recognition of Middle School Students** - The Board of Education recognized Brock Splittgerber and Alexiyah Kohler for being elected to regional and state level student council offices and advisor Martha Firari.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA AND NONAGENDA ITEMS** – Mr. Rodger Thomann, 639 Grove Street, Fort Atkinson, WI, stated it is National School Lunch Week, recognized and thanked the District nutrition staff.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** – Jens Jorgensen presented a report on Fort Atkinson Middle School activities. Ashley Jensen and Jason Straub reported on activities in other buildings.

### INSTRUCTION

**Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Report** - Mrs. Susan Henn, GATE Coordinator, presented a report on the Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) program. Mrs. Henn indicated that over 200 students participated in GATE sponsored programs, all students benefited from classroom differentiation and over 100 students received special programming for their learning needs. A copy of the report is attached.

**Advanced Placement (AP) Test Results** - High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented information on the Advanced Placement (AP) offerings that are college-level courses. Dr. Zaspel stated 262 students are currently enrolled in AP courses over last year's enrollment of 230 and the overall 2009 pass rate by district students was 70% compared to Wisconsin students at 68% and globally at 59%. A copy of the results are attached.

**Requests to Participate in the Postsecondary At-Risk HSED Program** – No requests.

**Requests to Participate in the Youth Options Program** – Dr. Zaspel presented information on Youth Options requests. Thomann moved to amend the resolution, seconded by Chisholm and approved by roll

call to amend the resolution to include as documented in Board materials. Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm and passed unanimously by roll call that twenty-six (26) Fort Atkinson High School students, as documented in Board materials, be permitted during the 2009-10 school year to attend an institution of higher education under the Youth Options Program and the payment of tuition charges and granting of high school credits be based upon successful completion of the courses and upon credit and tuition recommendations for the courses in which the student enroll. A copy of report is attached.

**Board Instruction and Pupil Services Committee Report** – Mr. Thomann stated the committee reviewed the special education self assessment audit and textbook adoption procedures.

**Approval of Education For Employment Plan** - Director of Instruction Amy Oakley and High School Principal Jeff Zaspel presented the District's Education for Employment 5-Year Plan. Koebke moved, seconded by Thomann and passed unanimously by voice vote the Board of Education approve the School District of Fort Atkinson Education for Employment 5-Year Plan for 2009-2014. A copy of the plan is attached.

## **NONINSTRUCTION**

**Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report** – Buildings and Grounds Director Dennis Kuchenmeister presented information on the Fort Atkinson High School land purchase by the state for the Hwy 26 by-pass and renewable energy opportunities. A copy of the renewable energy opportunities is attached.

**Authorization to Dispose of Vehicles No Longer Useful to the District** – Director of Buildings and Grounds Dennis Kuchenmeister indicated the District has two maintenance vehicles that are no longer reliable, are in need of repairs and asked for authorization to dispose of two vehicles. One of these vehicles is a 1981 Ford F350, 1 ton, with Meyer 6' snowplow and Swenson sander installed and the other is a 1989 Chevrolet 2500, ¾ ton with a Western 8'6" snowplow and an Eagle lift gate. Koebke moved, seconded by Chisholm and passed unanimously by voice vote the disposal of two maintenance vehicles, as provided for in Board Policy 690, is hereby approved.

**Enrollment Report** - Dr. Fitzpatrick shared information on enrollment numbers for the 2009-10 school year as this impacts the amount of aide the District receives. Dr. Fitzpatrick indicated the Third Friday Count showed 2,897 students enrolled which includes 197 enrolled in four-year kindergarten compared to last year's enrollment of 2884 with 187 four-year old kindergartners. The 2,897 includes 93 non-resident students attending from other districts through open enrollment.

**Board Policy Committee Report** – Mr. Thomann reported the committee reviewed policies on 4K contracts, student harassment, bullying, cyber-bullying, surveillance cameras, relations with school-community associations, disposal of equipment, furniture and supply items, board members authority, board meetings, regular board meetings and quorums. Chisholm moved, seconded by Koebke and passed unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 171 – Regular Board Meetings be placed on the table and considered at the November Board Meeting. Chisholm moved, seconded by Koebke and passed unanimously by voice vote Board Policy 411.1 – Student Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-Bullying be placed on the table and considered at the November Board Meeting.

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

**Board Communication and Technology Committee Report** – Mrs. Chisholm highlighted the topics at the recent student and superintendent’s advisory meetings.

**PERSONNEL**

**Appointments, Resignations, and/or Retirements** – No requests.

**Approval of Stipend for Board Secretary** - Koebke moved, seconded by Chady and passed unanimously by roll call the annual stipend for Debra Kopps be set at \$2,600.00 for her services as secretary to the Board of Education for the 2009-10 school year.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** - Mr. Chady presented the Treasurer’s Report. Chady moved, seconded by Koebke, and passed unanimously by roll call, District bills be approved for payment as to posted September 30, 2009, in the amount of \$1,476,146.74

**WASB/CESA REPORT(S)** – A recently attended WASB conference was mentioned.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** – Strategic Plan updates, election timeline review, new course proposals, 5-year financial projection and energy savings. A special meeting will be held October 26, 2009, to discuss negotiations at 6:00 p.m. and consider budget adjustments, tax levy, textbook adoptions and new course proposals at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and approved unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kopps  
Board Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED:**

  
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Kent Koebke, Clerk  
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

November 19, 2009  
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Date