

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Monday, July 27, 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, Clerk Kent Koebke and Member Rodger Thomann were present. Treasurer Bob Chady was absent. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. 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."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Koebke moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated June 18, 2009. Motion seconded by Thomann and passed 4-0-1 with Chady absent. Koebke moved to approve the minutes of the closed session dated June 18, 2009. Motion seconded by Thomann and passed 4-0-1 with Chady absent. Koebke moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting dated June 25, 2009. Motion seconded by Thomann and passed 4-0-1 with Chady absent. Koebke moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting dated July 22, 2009. Motion seconded by Thomann and passed 4-0-1 with Chady absent.

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

INSTRUCTION

Treasurer Bob Chady arrived at 7:05 p.m.

Length of School Day for 2009-10 School Year - Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm, and passed unanimously by voice vote that the length of the normal school day for the 2009-10 school year be established as follows: The school day for AM 4K students in session Monday through Friday will begin at 8 AM and end at 10:30 AM.; the school day for PM 4K students in session Monday through Friday will begin at 12:25 PM and end at 3:00 PM.; the school day for AM 4K students in session Monday through Thursday will begin at 8 AM and end at 11:10 AM.; the school day for PM 4K students in session Monday through Thursday will begin at 11:50 AM and end at 3:00 PM.; the school day for AM early childhood students will begin at 8:00 AM and end at 10:50 AM.; the school day for PM early childhood students will begin at 12:10 PM and end at 3:00 PM.; the school day for students in kindergarten through grade five will begin at 8:00 AM and end at 3:00 PM.; the school day for students in grades six through eight will begin at 8:00 AM and end at 3:10 PM.; and the school day for students in grades nine through twelve will begin at 7:50 AM and end at 3:00 PM.

Board Instruction and Pupil Services Committee Report – No report.

NONINSTRUCTION

Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report – No report.

Board Finance Committee Report – Mr. Chady stated the Finance Committee discussed the state budget, state trust fund loan approval process, implementation of the Skyward financial software and reviewed the District budget for annual meeting.

Appointment to Joint Review Board - Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm, the Director of Business Services be appointed to represent the School District of Fort Atkinson on the City of Fort Atkinson Joint Review Board for the creation of Tax Increment District (TID) #8. Chisholm moved, seconded by Koebke and approved unanimously by voice vote, to amend the resolution to approve Rodger Thomann as the alternate representative. The amended resolution was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Designation of Fund Balances - Chady moved, seconded by Koebke and passed unanimously by roll call, that as of June 30, 2009: \$121,723.00 of the General Fund Balance be "Reserved for Next Year's Budget," \$1,148,228.00 be "Reserved From the April 2006 Referendum," and the remaining balance (\$6,612,513.76) be "Designated for Cash Flow Use;" and the entire balance (\$899,337.01) in Fund 39 be "Reserved for Debt Retirement;" and the entire balance (\$88,210.72) in Fund 50 be "Designated for Cash Flow Use."

Authorization of State Trust Fund Loan Borrowing - Chady moved, seconded by Thomann and passed unanimously by roll call, the members of the School Board of the School District of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, duly assembled in meeting according to law this 27th day of July, 2009 approve and authorize that application be made by the President and Clerk of the School Board to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands for a State Trust Fund loan in the amount of Three Million Four Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,400,000.00) for the purpose of refinancing the outstanding unfunded prior service liability; and to levy all the taxable property of the school district a direct, irrevocable annual tax for the purpose of paying and sufficient to pay the interest on the loan as it falls due, and also to pay and discharge the principal thereof within 20 years in making the loan. Payments shall be made in annual installments with interest at the rate of 6.25 percent per annum; and this resolution is made contingent upon the vote of the electors of the School District of Fort Atkinson at the annual school district meeting which will be held on the 27th day of July, 2009.

Board Policy Committee Report – Thomann moved, seconded by Chady and passed unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 443.4 – Controlled Substance Abuse be removed from the table. Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm and passed unanimously by voice vote, Board Policy 443.4 – Controlled Substance Abuse be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson

Receipt of Gift to the School District - Chisholm moved, seconded by Koebke and passed unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education accept the donation of two Thinkpads to Rockwell Elementary School from the IBM Corporation made possible due to the volunteer hours from Patricia Congdon and the Board of Education thank the IBM Corporation and Patricia Congdon for the generous donation.

Board Communication and Technology Committee Report – Mrs. Chisholm stated the Committee met but will report out at a future meeting.

PERSONNEL

Appointments, Resignations and/or Retirements - Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and passed unanimously by roll call, the following educators be employed in the School District of Fort Atkinson effective at the beginning of the 2009-10 school year, contingent upon release from current teaching contracts

contracts when applicable and upon completion and satisfactory results of the pre-placement health screening and background checks: Thomas Jonas, 1.0 FTE, English Teacher at the Fort Atkinson High School (one-year appointment) and Erin Martini, 1.0 FTE Cross Categorical Special Education Teacher at Barrie and Purdy Elementary Schools (two-year appointment using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds). Koebke moved, seconded by Thomann and passed unanimously by roll call the Board of Education approve the increase of contract from .80 FTE to 1.0 FTE for Katherine Wixom for 2009-10 and 2010-11 using ESEA Title I grant money and per memo of understanding. Chady moved, seconded by Chisholm and passed unanimously by voice vote the resignation requests of Jessica Krause, High School English Language Learner Teacher; Kathleen Pavin, District Reading Specialist; and Laura Witte, Luther Elementary Second Grade Teacher, effective immediately, be accepted, that 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 Jessica Krause for her four years; Kathleen Paving for her six years and Laura Witte for her two years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Mr. Chady presented the Treasurer’s Report. Chady moved, seconded by Thomann and approved unanimously by roll call, District bills be approved for payment as posted up to July 2, 2009, in the amount of \$410,194.65 and the construction bills in the amount of \$28,411.90.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S) – An upcoming WASB conference was mentioned.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – Dr. Fitzpatrick indicated the August Board Meeting will be held on August 27, 2009, and will include reports on the opening of school, stimulus money, WKCE results and adoption of handbooks.

ADJOURNMENT – Chisholm moved, seconded by Chady and approved unanimously by voice vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kopps
Board Secretary

MINUTES APPROVED:



Kent Koebke, Clerk
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

August 27, 2009

Date