

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

## Board of Education

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

September 17, 2009

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, September 17, 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** – Koebke moved to approve the minutes of the special meeting dated August 27, 2009. Motion seconded by Chisholm and passed unanimously by voice vote. Koebke moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting dated August 27, 2009. Motion seconded by Chisholm and passed unanimously by voice vote.

### RECOGNITIONS

**Recognition of Graduate(s) from Crossroads** – No graduates.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA AND NONAGENDA ITEMS** – Mr. Randy Rasmussen, President of the Fort Atkinson Education Association (FEA), stated the District has very dedicated teachers who volunteered 3,867 hours before the start of school to set up their classrooms, work on lesson plans, etc. Mr. Rasmussen stated these caring teachers donated one Food Pantry Item for every two of these hours. Members of FEA presented the Board with the 2,400 items that will be taken the Fort Food Pantry. The Board thanked FEA members for their dedication and efforts.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** - Ashley Jensen and Jason Straub will serve as student representatives to the Board of Education for the 2009-10 school year. Ashley Jensen reported on building activities. Jens Jorgensen presented a report on Fort Atkinson Middle School activities.

### INSTRUCTION

**Report on the 2009 Summer School Program** - Mrs. Julie Kusel, Summer School Director, reported on the 2009 Summer School Program. Mrs. Kusel stated 1,380 students attended 81 enrichment classes, 30 developmental and 21 High School make-up classes; presented the highlights, future improvements and possible changes for next year. Mrs. Kusel will research the number of free and reduced students who participate in Summer School. A copy of the report is attached.

**Report on ACT Results** - Dr. Jeff Zaspel, Principal at the Fort Atkinson High School, presented ACT college entrance exam results. Dr. Zaspel stated 114 students took the ACT exam, the composite score was 23.1% which exceeds the state (22.3%) and the national (21.1%) composites. A copy of the report is attached.

**Requests for Early Graduation Option from Fort Atkinson High School** – Chady moved, seconded by Thomann, and passed unanimously by voice vote that two (2) current Fort Atkinson High School seniors 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 2009-10 school year provided they have met the requirements for graduation as set forth in Board Policy 345.6.

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

**Board Instruction and Pupil Services Committee Report** – No report.

**NONINSTRUCTION**

**Board Buildings and Grounds Committee Report** – Director of Buildings and Grounds Dennis Kuchenmeister indicated the solar hot water monitoring system has been installed, wind generation application has been approved by WE Energies, and the applications for the solar photovoltaic projects have also been approved by Focus on Energy.

**Board Finance Committee Report** – Mr. Chady stated the Committee reviewed the progress of Skyward, the new Business Services program, refinancing of Wisconsin Retirement obligations and the newly created Tax Increment District #8.

**Board Communication and Technology Committee Report** – Mrs. Chisholm and Dr. Fitzpatrick met with Mrs. Cassandra Jacobs and Mr. Brian Yearling to discuss students editing testimonials and also the unveiling of the website.

**Board Policy Committee Report** – Mr. Thomann stated the Policy Committee reviewed upcoming meetings and topics, discussed social networking and bullying policies and the administrative rule for surveillance cameras.

**Acknowledgement of Ordinance #677** - Clerk Kent Koebke reported on a notification received from the City of Fort Atkinson that Ordinance No. 677 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.

**Receipt of Gifts to the School District** – Thomann moved, seconded by Chisholm, and passed unanimously by voice vote the Board of Education accept the monetary donation to sponsor first semester mini grants from the Koebke/Hoffman family in memory of their mother and wall climbing rocks from Mark Sykes for Rockwell Elementary and the Board of Education thanks the Koebke/Hoffman family in memory of their mother and Mark Sykes for the generous donations.

**PERSONNEL**

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Mr. Chady presented the Treasurer's Report. Koebke moved, seconded by Chady, and passed unanimously by roll call, District bills be approved for payment as to posted August 31, 2009 in the amount \$742,329.43

**WASB/CESA REPORT(S)** – Board Members discussed WASB conferences.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS** – The Board/Administration Joint Meeting will meet on Friday, January 8, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. to review the progress of the Strategic Plan. Future agenda items

include Advanced Placement results, Youth Options request(s) and reports on GATE, enrollment and photo voltaic. A special meeting will be held October 26, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. to consider budget adjustments and tax levy.

**CLOSED SESSION** – At 8:21 p.m., Koebke moved, seconded by Thomann and passed unanimously by roll call, to convene in closed session as authorized under ss. 19.82(1) and 19.85(1) and 19.85(1)(c) of Wisconsin Statutes to discuss negotiations and personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Kopps  
Board Secretary

**MINUTES APPROVED:**



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Kent Koebke, Clerk  
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October 15, 2009

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Date