

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2015

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, February 19, 2015. President Bob Chady called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., at Luther Administration Center, 201 Park Street, Fort Atkinson, WI, with Vice-President Rodger Thomann, Treasurer Scott Johnson, Clerk Victoria Hachtel and Board Member Bill Congdon present. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. President Chady read the District's Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Congdon moved, seconded by Mrs. Hachtel, and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the minutes of the regular meeting dated January 15, 2015, and special meeting dated January 30, 2015, be approved.

STATE BIENNIUM BUDGET UPDATE – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Zaspel and Director of Business Services Mr. Jason Demerath presented information on the effect of the State Biennium Budget.

RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of Geography Bee Winners - The Board of Education recognized Geography Bee Winners Jonas Boshart from Barrie Elementary, Lainie Volquardsen from Luther Elementary, Alexandra Hakenson from Purdy Elementary, Joshua Juarez from Rockwell Elementary and Aston Hansell from Fort Atkinson Middle School.

Recognition of Overture Center Outstanding Tommy Award Nominations - The Board of Education recognized students and staff for several Overture Center Outstanding Tommy Award nominations for the 2014 Fort Atkinson High School musical, "The Addams Family."

Recognition of Rotary Educator of the Month - The Board of Education recognized the Fort Atkinson Rotary Educator of the Month Linda Straub from Fort Atkinson High School.

Recognition of Kohl Teacher Award Nominees - The Board of Education recognized Jeff Agnew, Leanne Bongers and Erin Ehler, three of the eight nominees for the Herb Kohl Fellowship Award, which recognizes excellence and innovation in the classroom.

Spotlight on Technology Integration at Purdy Elementary School - The spotlight highlighted new technology integration in the classroom at Purdy Elementary School including Google Classroom, PebbleGo, and Apple TV.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT - Student Representatives Abe Martinez and MacKenzye Miller presented student representative reports.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA AND NONAGENDA ITEMS – Ms. Denise Engstrom, 612 Chippewa Court, Fort Atkinson, and Mr. Jude Hartwick, 704 North Main Street, Fort Atkinson expressed concerns regarding the addition of a Human Resources Director.

President Bob Chady requested to move NONINSTRUCTION before INSTRUCTION agenda items.

Request to Present on the School Resource Officer Position - City of Fort Atkinson Police Chief Adrian Bump presented and Board Members discussed a draft memo of agreement for the School Resource Officer position. No action was taken at this time.

Approval of Agreement for the Installation and Maintenance of Scoreboards – Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Congdon, and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with the City of Fort Atkinson for the installation and maintenance of scoreboards on the softball diamonds at Luther Elementary.

Board Finance and Operations Committee Report – Mr. Johnson stated the Committee discussed instrument rental fee increase and allocation, police liaison officer request, debt refinancing and the Governor's Budget proposal.

Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Not to Exceed \$7,800,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds – Mr. Brian Brewer, from Baird, outlined the refunding of General Obligation Bonds. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Thomann, that the Board of Education authorize the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$7,800,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Motion approved 4-1 by roll call with Chady voting no. A copy of the resolution and presentation is attached.

INSTRUCTION

Approval of 2015-16 Calendar – Dr. Zaspel outlined the process for developing the school calendar. Mrs. Hachtel moved, seconded by Mr. Congdon, and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 calendar.

NONINSTRUCTION

Report on Buildings and Grounds and Energy Savings – The agenda item was moved to the March Board Meeting.

Request to Transfer Funds – Mr. Demerath explained the request was from the Buildings & Grounds Department to transfer funds from maintenance services to replacement equipment. These funds will go to replacing the lockers in the locker rooms at Fort Atkinson High School. Mr. Chady moved, seconded by Mr. Congdon, and approved unanimously by roll call, that the 2014-2015 General Fund (Fund 10) Expenditure budget be adjusted as follows: Decrease Business Services by \$25,110.00 and increase Business Services by \$25,110.00.

Board Personnel Committee Report – Mr. Chady stated that the Committee discussed staff reporting on snow/cold days and police liaison proposal.

Approval of Handbook Changes – Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously by voice vote, that Part VI, Section 2, 2.07 of the *Employee Handbook*, Substitute Professional Staff Pay Schedule, effective upon approval, be placed on the table and considered at the March Board meeting. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Thomann, and approved unanimously by

voice vote, Part I, Section 11, 11.01 of the *Employee Handbook*, Cafeteria Plan/Flexible Spending Account, effective upon approval, be placed on the table and considered at the March Board meeting. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Hachtel, and approved unanimously by voice vote, that Part I, Section 4, 4.04 of the *Employee Handbook*, Teaching Summer School, effective starting with the 2016 summer school session, be placed on the table and considered at the March Board meeting.

Approval of Board Policy – Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Congdon, and approved unanimously by voice vote, that Board Policy #460 – Student Scholarships be removed from the table. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Hachtel, and approved unanimously by voice vote, that Board Policy #460 – Student Scholarships be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson.

Communication Report – Dr. Zaspel and Mrs. Hachtel reviewed the Superintendent Parent Advisory and Student Advisory topics.

Receipt of Gift to the School District – Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously by voice vote, the Board of Education accept the donation of VEX robotics kit for the after school club at Fort Atkinson Middle School from Gateway Technical College and that the Board of Education thanks Gateway Technical College for the generous donation.

PERSONNEL

Request for Additional Staffing – Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously by roll call, that the Board of Education approves the addition of a 1.0 FTE Human Resources Director.

Appointment, Retirement and Resignation Requests – Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Congdon, and approved unanimously by voice vote, the retirement request of Bill Rowlinson, effective at the end of summer school classes, be accepted and that the Board of Education thanks Bill Rowlinson for his twenty-eight years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson. Mrs. Hachtel moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and approved unanimously by voice vote, the retirement request of John Ottow, effective June 30, 2015, be accepted and that the Board of Education thanks John Ottow for his twenty years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Congdon, and approved unanimously by voice vote, the resignation request from Linda Daane, 1.0 FTE Middle School Business Education Teacher, effective upon a date to be determined within the second semester, be accepted, that section 4.03 Liquidated Damages for Failure to Perform be imposed in the amount of \$2,349.00 and that the Board of Education thanks Linda Daane for her four years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Treasurer Mr. Johnson presented the Treasurer's Report. Mr. Thomann moved, seconded by Mr. Congdon, and approved unanimously by roll call, that District bills be approved for payment as posted up to January 31, 2015, in the amount of \$1,384,049.86.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S) – The District presentation to the state convention was well received and WASB events were discussed.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS - Remarks from School Board Candidates, approval of Summer School courses, Advanced Placement (AP) exam results, Youth Options request approvals and preliminary notices of non-renewal.

ADJOURNMENT – At 10:39 p.m., Mrs. Hachtel moved, seconded by Mr. Congdon and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the Board of Education adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra K. Kopps, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES APPROVED:



Victoria Hachtel, Clerk
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

March 19, 2015

Date