

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 18, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, August 18, 2016. President Rodger Thomann called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at Luther Administration Center, 201 Park Street, Fort Atkinson, WI, with Vice-President Victoria Hachtel, and Member Mark Chaney present. Treasurer Kim Patrick and Clerk Sue Hall was absent. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. President Thomann read the District's Mission Statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Mr. Chaney moved and seconded by Mrs. Hachtel that the minutes of the regular meeting dated July 26, 2016, and special meeting dated August 1, 2016, be approved. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent.

RECOGNITIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Recognition of Advanced Placement Computer Science Students - The Board recognized Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science students who passed the exam and received a \$1,000.00 scholarship. It was noted that at a contest at Marquette University, District AP students placed 1st out of 28 teams, placed 2nd out of 28 teams at Milwaukee School of Engineering, had award winner from National Center for Women & Information Technology, developed apps that have had 15,000 downloads in 123 different countries, marketed original apps, and have 12 students employed as java software developers.

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

INSTRUCTION

Report on the Opening of Schools - Dr. Zaspel reported on the opening of schools for the 2016-17 school year.

Board Curriculum Committee Report – Mr. Chaney stated the committee discussed elementary school redistricting.

Consider Adoption of Academic Standards and Parent Notification - Mrs. Hachtel moved and seconded by Mr. Chaney that pursuant to section 120.12(13)(b) of the State statutes, the following academic standards shall be in effect in the School District of Fort Atkinson for the 2016-2017 school year: Mathematics: Wisconsin State Standards for Mathematics (Common Core); Science: Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards for Science; Reading and Writing: Wisconsin State Standards for English Language Arts (Common Core); Geography and History: Wisconsin's Model Academic Standards for Social Studies; and, that said academic standards shall constitute the Board-adopted standards that are required under section 118.30(1g)(a) of the State statutes; and, that the administration provides parents and guardians of District students with notice of the Board-adopted student academic standards that are in effect for

the 2016-2017 school year in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of section 120.12(13) of the State statutes. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent.

Consider Approval of High School Textbook Adoption – Mr. Chaney moved and seconded by Mrs. Hachtel that the textbook *Modern Cabinetmaking*, authored by William D. Umstattd, Charles W. Davis, Patrick A. Molzahn, published by Goodheart-Willcox, 2014, and for use in Advanced Cabinetmaking Dual Credit Course, be removed from the table. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent. Mr. Chaney moved and seconded by Mrs. Hachtel that the textbook *Modern Cabinetmaking*, authored by William D. Umstattd, Charles W. Davis, Patrick A. Molzahn, published by Goodheart-Willcox, 2014, and be approved for use in Advanced Cabinetmaking Dual Credit Course in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Motion approved 3-2 by roll call with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent.

NONINSTRUCTION

Receive Referendum Update – Superintendent Jeff Zaspel reviewed the feedback from the referendum focus groups. Prevalent themes were the District should pursue an operational referendum, the District should not make additional cuts, there was speculation among participants about whether the referendum amount was enough, the projected mill rate presented in the referendum questions was not considered to be a barrier (slight or no tax increase), and participants were divided on the question regarding recurring or non-recurring. The Board agreed to conduct a stakeholder survey and reviewed a timeline. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Board Personnel Committee Report – Mr. Thomann indicated the committee reviewed employee handbook compensation system language.

Board Policy Committee Report and Consider Approval of Board Policy – Mr. Thomann moved and seconded by Mrs. Hachtel that Board Policy #171.2 – Agenda Preparation, #363.2 – Access to and Use of Electronic Communication and the Internet, and #443.5 – Electronic Devices/Electronic Communication Devices (renamed Electronic Communication Devices) be removed from the table. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent. Mr. Thomann moved and seconded by Mrs. Hachtel that Board Policy #171.2 – Agenda Preparation, #363.2 – Access to and Use of Electronic Communication and the Internet, and #445.5 – Electronic Devices/Electronic Communication Devices (renamed Electronic Communication Devices) be adopted for use in the School District of Fort Atkinson. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent. Mr. Thomann moved and seconded by Mr. Chaney that Board Policy #165.1 – Board Member Conflict of Interest be placed on the table and considered at the September Board Meeting. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent.

Receipt of Gifts to the School District – Mrs. Hachtel moved and seconded by Mr. Chaney that the Board of Education accept the donation of school supplies from Grace United Church to Luther Elementary and backpacks and school supplies from American Association of University Women (AAUW) and that the Board of Education thanks United Church and AAUW for the generous donations. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent.

PERSONNEL

Appointment, Resignation, Retirement, and/or Transfer Requests – Mrs. Hachtel moved and seconded by Mr. Chaney that the Board of Education approve the resignation request from Rebecca Schleppenbach, 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at Rockwell Elementary school, effective immediately, that section 4.03 Liquidated Damages for Failure to Perform be imposed in the amount of \$1,000.00; and, the Board of Education thanks Rebecca Schleppenbach for her one year of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent. Mr. Chaney moved and seconded by Mrs. Hachtel that the following transfer request be approved effective with the 2016-17 school year: Candace Sayre from 1.0 FTE Literacy Coach to 1.0 FTE Literacy Coach/Coordinator and Stacy Hartin from 1.0 FTE Elementary Special Education Teacher to 1.0 FTE High School Special Education Teacher. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent. Mrs. Hachtel moved and seconded by Mr. Chaney that the additional contract request be approved, effective with the 2016-17 school year: Elizabeth Colver from 0.7 FTE High School Phy. Ed/Health to 1.0 FTE High School Phy. Ed./Health. Motion approved 3-2 by roll call with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent. Mr. Chaney moved and seconded by Mrs. Hachtel that the following individuals be employed in the School District of Fort Atkinson effective at the beginning of the 2016-17 school year, contingent upon release from current contracts and upon completion and satisfactory results of the pre-placement health screenings and background checks as applicable: Stephanie Belzer, 1.0 FTE Behavior Interventionist; Nikki Dingman, 1.0 FTE Luther Special Education Teacher; EmmaLee Kantner, 1.0 FTE Middle School Language Arts Teacher; Carissa Koehler, 1.0 FTE Barrie Grade 1 Teacher and Diane Lonsdale, 1.0 FTE Middle and High Schools Psychologist. Motion approved 3-2 by roll call with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Demerath presented the Treasurer's Report. Mrs. Hachtel moved and seconded by Mr. Chaney that District bills be approved for payment as posted up to July 31, 2016 in the amount of \$780,638.87. Motion approved 3-2 by roll call with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S) AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY – No reports.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS – Referendum update, summer school report, health services report, and summer maintenance projects.

ADJOURNMENT – At 8:04 p.m., Mrs. Hachtel moved and seconded by Mr. Chaney to adjourn. Motion approved 3-2 by voice vote with Ms. Hall and Mrs. Patrick absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra K. Kopps, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES APPROVED:



Sue Hall, Clerk
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

September 15, 2016

Date