



Fort Atkinson School District

Second Interview Schedule

Monday, March 4, 2013 – Mr. James “Jamie” Benson

7:00 – 7:30 Meet with Superintendent – Jim Fitzpatrick

7:30 – 8:15 Luther Elementary School Visit – Dave Geiger

John Peterson 8:25 – 9:10 Purdy Elementary/EC Visit – Rick Brietzke

9:20 – 10:05 4K Tour – Brent Torrenga

10:15 – 11:00 Barrie Elementary School Visit – Brent Torrenga

Jason Demerath 11:10 – 11:55 Rockwell Elementary School Visit – Vicki Wright

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch with Jason Demerath, Amy Oakley and John Peterson

1:10 – 1:55 Middle School Visit – Rob Abbott

Amy Oakley 2:05 – 2:50 High School Visit – Jeff Zaspel / Associate

3:00 – 3:30 Meet with Dennis Kuchenmeister, John Ottow, Barb Waara (High School Conference Room)

Amy, Jason & John 4:00 – 5:00 Casual “Meet and Greet” at Fort Atkinson High School IMC for staff and community (4:50 – Comments by candidate)

6:00 – 7:30 Casual Dinner with Board of Education (Capn’s Roadhouse)

7:40 Interview with Board of Education (Fort Atkinson High School Conference Room)

JAMES A. BENSON

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

Lead with honor and distinction as the District Administrator for the Fort Atkinson School District, and to be a difference-maker and be part of a team that is a dream-maker for students.

EDUCATION

UW-Madison Wisconsin - Specialist Degree in Educational Administration (Superintendent Certification/Licensure)	May 2000
UW-Madison Wisconsin - Masters Degree in Educational Administration (Principal Certification/Licensure)	May 1993
UW-Whitewater Wisconsin - Elementary Education (Grades 1 – 8) (Teacher Certification/Licensure)	May 1985

LICENSURE

Superintendent (Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction)	2000-current
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ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Superintendent at River Valley School District – Spring Green, WI	1998-present
Assistant Superintendent at River Valley School District – Spring Green, WI	1996-98
Middle School Principal at River Valley School District – Spring Green WI	1993-96
Assistant K-8 Principal at Marshall, WI	1991-93

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seventh and eighth grade math teacher in Marshall, WI	1985-93
Summer school teacher for grades 1 - 8 teacher in Marshall, WI	1991-93

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA)	1989 - present
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)	1989 - present
American Association of School Administrators (AASA)	1989 - present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

WASDA President 1 ½ years	2010 – 2012
WASDA Board of Directors	2007 – 2013
Member of State Superintendents Collaborative Council	2010 – 2012
WASDA, WEAC, WASB (W3) initiative to promote/support public education	2010 – 2011
Presenter WASDA Spring Conference (Successful Superintendents forum)	2011
Presenter State Education Conference (Creativity and Innovation)	2010
Presenter Wisconsin Rural Schools Conference (Innovation in Schools)	2009
Various DPI committees/action teams	2006 – 2011
SAA Legislative Representative for CESA#3	2006 – 07
SAA Health Insurance Project Team	2004

Academic Success and Community Support:

*National Blue Ribbon School – Arena Elementary	2012
*Wisconsin School of Recognition Award – Lone Rock Elem.	2011
*Successful referendum – \$1.2M annual recurring	2010
*Middle School Exemplary Recognition Award	2008
*Successful referendum – \$6.0 five year referendum	2005
*Successful referendum -- \$7M high school construction	1999

Annual Leadership and Management Responsibilities:

- *District Strategic Plan Coordination and Annual Goals Process
- *Referendum planning and Implementation Coordinator
- *Curriculum/Staff Development Coordination
- *Technology Plan and Implementation Coordination
- *Facilities Consolidation Study Committee
- *Budget/Maintenance/Transportation/Policy/Food Service Director
- *Policy Governance with School Board
- *Common Core Curriculum Standards Adoption
- *RtI Coordination – closing achievement gaps
- *Professional Learning Communities – Staff Development
- *Grant writing and administration
- *Alternative Ed./At-Risk/GED02 program

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP and INVOLVEMENT

Spring Green Art Fair – volunteer	2000-present
Member of Spring Green Lions Club	2010-present
Member and volunteer at St. Johns Catholic Church (Spring Green, WI)	1993-present
Volunteer coach for summer youth baseball, basketball, and softball	2000-09
Volunteer for summer Swim Team – timer, concessions, etc.	2000-09
Volunteer with PTO and Athletic Booster Club	1998-present
Volunteer and coordinator with local flood recovery efforts	2008