

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON
Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 21, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, November 21, 2019. President Mark Chaney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at Luther Administration Center, 201 Park Street, Fort Atkinson, WI, with Vice-President Ben Knowles, Treasurer Adam Paul, Clerk Dick Schultz, and Member Rachel Snethen present. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. President Chaney read the District's Mission Statement.

RECOGNITIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Recognition of Luther Art Gallery Students and Staff - The Board of Education recognized Luther Art Gallery students and staff.

Recognition of Art Educator of the Year Susie Belzer - The Board of Education recognized Wisconsin Art Education Associations's Elementary Art Educator of the Year recipient Susie Belzer.

Recognition of Cross Country State Qualifier - The Board of Education recognized cross country state qualifier Jenna Lovejoy and coaches Chick Westby, Chris Reed, Megan Agnew, and Hayden Hoffmann.

Recognition of Rotary Educator-of-the-Month - The Board of Education recognized Rotary Educator-of-the-Month Emily Bouvier from Luther Elementary.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON AGENDA AND NONAGENDA ITEMS - Mr. Nick Hamele, Mrs. Angie Szabo, and Mr. Hartwick expressed concerns about the proposed post retirement benefits.

CONSENT AGENDA - Mr. Chaney outlined the consent agenda items. Mrs. Snethen moved, seconded by Mr. Schultz moved to remove Item E. Board Personnel Committee Report; Employee Handbook Language Changes: Certified - Section 7. Educator Supervision and Evaluation, 7.01 General Supervision/Evaluation; Administrative - Section 11. Reimbursable Absences, 11.01 Yearly Increments, Limits and Usage; Certified - Section 12. Reimbursable Absences, 12.01 Yearly Increments, Limits and Usage; Support Staff - Section 14. Reimbursable Absence, 12.01 Yearly Increments, Limits and Usage; Support Staff - Section 20. Employee Benefits, 20.06 Health Insurance and to approve the remaining items contained in the consent agenda: Minutes - Regular meeting dated October 28, 2019; Course Proposals - Social Studies 6, Social Studies 7, Chemistry I, Earth Science I, Physics I, Biology I, Genetics, Cell Biology, Chemistry II, Accelerated Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, Astronomy, Geology, Physics II, Conceptual Physics, AP Physics, and Ecology; School Safety Drill Reports; Budget Transfers; Board Finance and Operations Committee Minutes; Gifts to the School District: Monetary donation from Badger Bank to Fort Family Connections - \$1,835.40 and donation of winter coats and snow pants from The Forester Group to Luther Elementary - \$2,000; Resignation of Kelley Dembski; and Payment of District Bills. Motion approved unanimously by roll call. Mrs. Snethen moved, seconded by Mr. Schultz, to consider Item E. Mrs. Snethen indicated that post retirement benefits will be discussed further by the Personnel Committee. Mrs. Snethen moved, seconded by Mr. Paul, to place Employee Handbook Language Changes on table: Certified - Section 7. Educator Supervision and Evaluation, 7.01 General Supervision/Evaluation; Administrative - Section 11. Reimbursable Absences, 11.01 Yearly Increments, Limits and Usage; Certified - Section 12. Reimbursable Absences, 12.01 Yearly Increments, Limits and Usage; Support Staff - Section 14. Reimbursable Absence, 12.01 Yearly Increments, Limits and Usage;

Support Staff - Section 20. Employee Benefits. Motion approved 4-1 by roll call, with Mr. Knowles voting no.

INSTRUCTION

Report on State of Wisconsin Report Cards - Director of Instruction Amy Oakley presented a report on the District report cards from the State of Wisconsin. Mrs. Oakley noted the District falls in the Exceeds Expectations category.

NONINSTRUCTION

Referendum Survey Results - Mr. Joe Donovan, of Donovan Group LLC, presented the results from the referendum survey.

Palmyra-Eagle School District Dissolution - The Board discussed the dissolution of the Palmyra-Eagle School District.

School Mental Health Services Report - Director of Special Education and Pupil Services Lisa Hollenberger presented a report on school mental health services and supports.

Election Timeline - Board Clerk Dick Schultz reviewed the timelines and procedure for filing papers for seeking election to the Board of Education.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Treasurer Adam Paul presented the Treasurer’s Report.

WASB/CESA REPORT(S)/LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY - No report or comments.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS - Strategic Plan update, Focus Group feedback, financial projection, approval of 4K provider contracts, school safety drill reports, audit report approval, and election timeline review.

ADJOURNMENT - At 8:54 p.m., Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Mr. Knowles, and approved unanimously by voice vote, that the Board of Education adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra K. Kopps, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES APPROVED:



Dick Schultz, Clerk
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

December 19, 2019

Date

