

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON
Board of Education

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 20, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Fort Atkinson was held Thursday, February 20, 2020. Vice-President Ben Knowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., at Luther Administration Center, 201 Park Street, Fort Atkinson, WI, with Treasurer Adam Paul, Clerk Dick Schultz, and Member Rachel Snethen present. President Mark Chaney was absent. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Vice-President Knowles read the District's Mission Statement.

RECOGNITIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Recognition of Geography Bee Winners - The Board of Education recognized Geography Bee Winners Cole Huber from Barrie Elementary, Anthony Torres from Luther Elementary, Brody Gourley from Purdy Elementary, Jazlyn Garcia from Rockwell Elementary, and Hayden Lund from Fort Atkinson Middle School.

Recognition of Luther Support Staff - The Board of Education recognized Jen Vogel, a member of the Luther Elementary support staff for dedication and commitment.

Recognition of Public Schools Week - The Board of Education acknowledged Wisconsin Public Schools Week, February 24 - 28.

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

CONSENT AGENDA - Dr. Abbott outlined the consent agenda items. Mr. Schultz moved, seconded by Mrs. Snethen, that the following consent agenda items be approved: Minutes - Regular meeting and closed session dated January 16, 2020 and special meeting and closed session dated January 30, 2020; Early College Credit Program Requests, Driver Education Service Agreement; School Nursing Services Contract; Childcare Agreement; Wisconsin OPEB Trust Annual Review and Report; Budget Transfer Requests; Gifts to the School District; Monetary donation from Mobil Gas Station to the High School Science Department - \$500; Monetary donation from Fort Wisconsin Club to the Archery Club - \$750; Resignations - JoEllen Arnett, Rockwell 1.0 FTE School Counselor; Brady Grayvold, High School 1.0 FTE At-Risk Teacher; and, Rose Reible, Purdy 1.0 FTE 5th Grade Teacher; and, Payment of District Bills. Motion passed 4-0 by roll call, with Mr. Chaney absent.

NONINSTRUCTION

Operational Referendum Update - Dr. Abbott presented an update on the April 7, 2020 proposed operational referendum which secures the District's current funding, is a responsible length given the fiscal forecast, keeps strong programming and services and offers stable taxes. Dr. Abbott outlined the communication plan which includes flyers, business cards, print media and community events.

PERSONNEL

Retirement Requests - Mr. Schultz moved, seconded by Mrs. Snethen, that the retirement request from Heidi Kosak, Purdy Elementary 1.0 FTE Vocal Music Teacher; Diane Lonsdale, Middle and High School 1.0 FTE Psychologist; and, Brenda Thayer, 1.0 FTE Middle School Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year, be accepted and the Board of Education thank Heidi Kosak for her 13 years,

Diane Lonsdale for her four years, and Brenda Thayer for her 32 years of service and dedication to the students and community of the School District of Fort Atkinson. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote, with Mr. Chaney absent.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Mr. Paul presented the Treasurer’s report.

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

ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS - Remarks from Board candidates, Summer School course approvals, Start College Now/Early College Credit program approvals, and preliminary notices of nonrenewal.

ADJOURNMENT - At 7:12 p.m., Mr. Paul moved, seconded by Mr. Schultz, that the Board of Education adjourn. Motion passed 4-0 by voice vote, with Mr. Chaney absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra K. Kopps, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES APPROVED:



Dick Schultz, Clerk
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF FORT ATKINSON

March 19, 2020

Date