

## **Administrator Who Left Wauwatosa Schools For Role In Avid Scandal Hired As Principal In Fond du Lac**

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Kristin Bowers, who was forced to resign as a top administrator in the Wauwatosa School District after she was caught helping steer a major contract to a firm of which her husband is a top executive, has landed a job in the Fond du Lac School District. The FDL School Board Monday night unanimously voted to hire Bowers as the principal of Waters Elementary School.

Bowers left her position in Wauwatosa after an investigation, which led to a criminal probe, focused on her role in urging the district to enter into a major educational services contract with a firm called Avid, of which her husband Brett is a top administrator. The handling of the Avid contract has roiled the Wauwatosa district with some board members alleging brazen favoritism.

Kristin Bowers resigned her position after officials confirmed she played a direct role in pushing the district to contract with Avid. Bowers' husband, Brett, is a top official with Avid and formerly served as an administrator in the Mequon-Thiensville School District. While at Mequon, Brett Bowers reported to Superintendent Demond Means. Means is now the superintendent in Wauwatosa. Means left a school administrator position in Georgia amid controversy over that district's awarding a contract to...you guessed it...Avid.

Means has apologized for the handling of the Avid mess in Wauwatosa and officials have acknowledged Kristin Bowers should not have been involved in awarding a contract to her husband's company. Despite the scandal, Bowers has now been hired in Fond du Lac on the recommendation of Superintendent Jeffrey Fleig.

Fond du Lac recently entered into a contract with....again, you guessed it.....Avid. Fleig has not responded to my questions about the hiring of Bowers and all FDL school board members are also refusing to comment on why they hired an administrator fresh from a massive conflict of interest investigation in Wauwatosa.

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