

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221  
DECEMBER 16, 2015**

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The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Library at German Valley Grade School on December 16, 2015 for a Public Hearing.

**A. Call to Order**

The Bonding Public Hearing was called to order by President Osterloo at 6:35 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Members Present: Don Cook, Robert DeVries, Shaun Gallagher, Jeff Greenfield, Jon Ludwig, John Reining, and Dennis Osterloo.

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, Jonathan Schneiderman, and Christy Garnhart.

**C. Public Hearing**

Board President Osterloo stated that a hearing was being held to receive comments regarding the District's plans to sell working cash bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's working cash fund. He asked the Board for any further comments about the bond sale. None were shared. President Osterloo asked the public for any written or oral testimony about the bond sale. No members of the school community addressed the Board of Education.

**D. Close Bonding Public Hearing**

A motion was made by Ludwig to close the Bonding Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Ludwig, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Greenfield, Reining, Osterloo

NAY: None

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Library at German Valley Grade School on December 16, 2015 for a Public Hearing.

**E. Call to Order**

The Truth in Taxation Public Hearing was called to order by President Osterloo at 6:38 p.m.

**F. Roll Call**

Members Present: Don Cook, Robert DeVries, Shaun Gallagher, Jeff Greenfield, Jon Ludwig, John Reining, and Dennis Osterloo.

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, Jonathan Schneiderman, and Christy Garnhart.

**G. Public Hearing**

Board President Osterloo stated that a hearing was being held to receive comments regarding the 2015 Tax Levy. He asked the Board for any further comments. None were shared. President Osterloo asked the public if they had any comments. No members of the school community addressed the Board of Education.

**H. Close Truth in Taxation Public Hearing**

A motion was made by Reining to close the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 6:39 p.m. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Reining, DeVries, Cook, Gallagher, Greenfield, Ludwig, Osterloo

NAY: None

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Library at German Valley Grade School on December 16, 2015 for a Regular Meeting.

**I. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Osterloo at 6:40 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**J. Roll Call**

Members Present: Don Cook, Robert DeVries, Shaun Gallagher, Jeff Greenfield, Jon Ludwig, John Reining, and Dennis Osterloo.

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, Jonathan Schneiderman, and Christy Garnhart.

**K. Review & Adoption of Board of Education Agenda**

A motion was made by Gallagher to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Greenfield. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Gallagher, Greenfield, Cook, DeVries, Ludwig, Reining, Osterloo

NAY: None

**L. Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: DeVries, Gallagher, Cook, Greenfield, Ludwig, Reining, Osterloo

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular Meeting of November 18, 2015
  - b. Special & Closed Meetings of December 3, 2015
  - c. Curriculum Committee Meeting of November 18, 2015
  - d. Policy Committee Meeting of November 18, 2015
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

Approve a leave of absence for the following personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
• Kara Rowe	FGS 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	Approximately March 22, 2016 – May 13, 2016

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of the Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings through June, 2014
6. Approval to Keep Closed Session Meeting Minutes Closed through November, 2015
7. Approval of Activity Accounts

**M. Recognition of Visitors & Public Comments**

No members of the school community addressed the Board of Education.

**N. “Cardinal Strong” Spotlight**

Jonathan Schneiderman and Mary Hill shared highlights from German Valley Grade School, including the Kindergarten Extension Program.

**O. Superintendent’s Report**

1. Building Highlights – Good Things are Happening for Kids
2. Ogle County Educational Cooperative Funding Program
3. Legislative Meeting – Representative Brian Stewart
4. Notes of Appreciation
5. Summer Reading Program
6. Strategic Plan Update

**P. Board Action & Discussion**

1. Approval of 2015 Levy

After review and discussion, a motion was made by DeVries and seconded by Ludwig to approve the 2015 Levy as presented. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: DeVries, Ludwig, Cook, Gallagher, Greenfield, Reining, Osterloo

NAY: None

2. Approval of Insurance Renewals

A motion was made by Cook to approve the insurance renewals for Commercial Package, Workers' Compensation Package, Automobile Package, Umbrella Package, School Board Legal Liability, and Law Enforcement Package as presented. Seconded by Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Cook, Reining, DeVries, Gallagher, Greenfield, Ludwig, Osterloo  
NAY: None

3. Approval of PMA Financial Advisory Agreement

A motion was made by Reining to approve the PMA Financial Advisory Agreement. The motion was seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Reining, DeVries, Cook, Gallagher, Greenfield, Ludwig, Osterloo  
NAY: None

4. Approval of Audit Services for FY '16 – FY '19

After discussion, a motion was made by DeVries to hire Wipfli, LLP for auditing services for FY '16 through FY '19. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: DeVries, Ludwig, Cook, Greenfield, Reining, Osterloo  
NAY: Gallagher

5. Approval of Policy Recommendations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

After review, a motion was made by Greenfield to approve the following Board Policies as 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: PRESS ISSUE – October, 2015 – Policy 2.150, 2.200, 4.170, 5.90, 5.100, 6.15, 6.50, 6.60, 6.320, 7.50, 7.100, 7.130, 7.140, 7.290, 7.300, 7.305, 7.340, 8.30; SECTION #5 & #6 & OTHER POLICIES – Policy 5.300, 6.130, 6.185, 6.300, 6.310. The motion was seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Greenfield, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Reining, Osterloo  
NAY: None

6. Approval of Curriculum / Program Changes for 2016 – 2017 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

A motion was made by Gallagher and seconded by Reining to approve Curriculum / Program Changes for 2016 – 2017 as 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, including: Highland Community College *CollegeNOW* Program, Illinois Virtual School Online Learning, and Matrix of Alternative Courses & Programs. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Gallagher, Reining, Cook, DeVries, Greenfield, Ludwig, Osterloo  
NAY: None

7. Approval of Forreston High School Curriculum Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Christy Garnhart presented the first draft of the 2016 – 2017 Forreston High School Curriculum Guide. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Gallagher to approve the 2016 – 2017 Forreston High School Curriculum Guide as 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Gallagher, Cook, DeVries, Greenfield, Ludwig, Reining, Osterloo  
NAY: None

8. Approval of Forrestville Valley 2016 – 2017 School Calendar – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A motion was made by Reining to approve the 2016 – 2017 School Calendar as presented. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Reining, Ludwig, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Greenfield, Osterloo  
NAY: None

9. Approval of Advertisers on Forreston High School Score Table

A motion was made by Gallagher and seconded by Greenfield to approve the following advertisers: Heslop & Sons Excavating, Barkau & Sons, NFHS Network. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Gallagher, Greenfield, Cook, DeVries, Ludwig, Reining, Osterloo  
NAY: None

10. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Ogle County Health Department

After review, a motion was made by Cook to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ogle County Health Department. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Greenfield, Ludwig, Reining, Osterloo  
NAY: None

**Q. Other Matters to Come to the Attention of the Board**

1. Legal / Legislative Updates
2. Forreston Holiday Tournament Brackets
3. Village of German Valley recent approved a water project and may be requesting an easement from the Board of Education.

**R. Calendar Items**

Upcoming district calendar events were reviewed.

**S. Closed Session**

1. A motion was made by Reining to adjourn to an Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body for the public body - 5ILCS120/2(c)(1); and student disciplinary cases - 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). Seconded by Greenfield. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Reining, Greenfield, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Osterloo  
NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Reining to return to open session at 9:04 p.m. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Cook, Reining, DeVries, Gallagher, Greenfield, Ludwig, Osterloo  
NAY: None

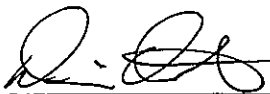
**T. Action Items Resulting from Closed Session**

1. No action was taken.

**U. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Greenfield. On roll call vote, motion carried.

YEA: Gallagher, Greenfield, Cook, DeVries, Ludwig, Reining, Osterloo  
NAY: Cook



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)