

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
JANUARY 20, 2016**

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Professional Development Room at Forreton Junior / Senior High School on January 20, 2016 for a Regular Meeting.

A. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Osterloo at 6:39 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

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, Kyle Zick (8:15 p.m.) and Christy Garnhart.

C. Review & Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

D. Consent Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular & Closed Meetings of December 16, 2015
 - b. Transportation Committee Meeting of December 16, 2015
 - c. Facilities & Grounds Committee Meeting of December 16, 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> |
|----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • Nona Forster | FHS/JH Spanish Teacher | Beginning January 7, 2016 – TBD |

DIFFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENTS

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Approve the following Differential Assignments for the 2015 – 2016 School Year:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| • Scott Drake | FHS Baseball Volunteer Coach |
| • Jason Hickman | FHS Baseball Volunteer Coach |
| • Alyssa Edler | FHS Softball Aide |
| • Jennifer Nelson | FHS Softball Volunteer Coach |
| • Todd Greenfield | FHS Softball Volunteer Coach |

4. Approval of 2015 – 2016 Seniority Lists
5. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
6. Approval to Activity Accounts

E. Recognition of Visitors & Public Comments

Renna Zumdahl thanked the Board of Education and Administration for the Staff Appreciation Evening held at the Barnacopia.

F. "Cardinal Strong" Spotlight

Principal Heinz and Assistant Principal Garnhart highlighted programs offered at Whiteside Area Career Center and FHS Students Robert DeHaven, Jackson VanBrocklin, and Alex Baumann shared about their experiences at WACC.

G. Superintendent's Report

1. Building Highlights – Good Things are Happening for Kids
2. Notes of Appreciation
3. Bus Driver Appreciation Week – February 8th – 12th
4. Financial Update
5. Staff Communication
6. Status of No Child Left Behind
7. Policies
8. Strategic Plan Update

H. Board Action & Discussion

1. Approval of Health/Life Safety Amendments for FHS/JH Lighting Project & FGS Boiler Replacement

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Reining and seconded by Ludwig to approve the Health/Life Safety Amendments for the FHS/JH Lighting Project and FGS Boiler Replacement Project. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

2. Approval to Let for Bids & Bid Specifications for Summer, 2016 Health/Life Safety Projects

A motion was made by Gallagher to Let for Bids and Bid Specifications for the Summer, 2016 Health/Life Safety Projects – FHS Roofing Project and FHS/JH Parking Lot Paving Project. Seconded by Greenfield. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

3. Approval of Resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$1,600,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

A motion was made by Cook to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$1,600,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

4. Approval Authorizing Development of the FY '17 Budget

A motion was made by Gallagher appointing Superintendent Smith to prepare a tentative budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, which shall be filed with the Secretary of the Board. Seconded by Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

5. Approval of Forreston High School Curriculum Guide – 2nd Reading

Christy Garnhart presented the final draft of the 2016 – 2017 Forreston High School Curriculum Guide. After review and discussion, a motion was made by Reining to approve the 2016 – 2017 Forreston High School Curriculum Guide as 2nd reading. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

6. Approval of Forrestville Valley 2016 – 2017 School Calendar – 2nd Reading

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

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

7. Approval of Bus Lease with Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc.

A motion was made by DeVries and seconded by Cook to approve a 2-year lease with Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. to include: Six 2017 IC/CE 72 Passenger School Buses and One 2017 IC/CE Lift Bus plus 2-4-7 Zeus Digital 2-Camera System. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

I. Other Matters to Come to the Attention of the Board

1. Legal / Legislative Updates
2. Freedom of Information Act Request
3. End-of-the-Year Dates

J. Calendar Items

Upcoming district calendar events were reviewed.

K. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Greenfield to adjourn to an Executive Session at 8:18 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 Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

2. A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Greenfield to return to open session at 8:45 p.m. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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


L. Action Items Resulting from Closed Session

1. No action was taken.

M. Adjournment

A motion was made by Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Seconded by Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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



(President, Board of Education)



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