

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
MAY 21, 2014**

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Chorus Room at Forreston Junior / Senior High School on May 21, 2014 for a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Ebbesmeyer at 6:30 p.m.

On roll call the following members were present: Don Cook, Robert DeVries, Shaun Gallagher, Jon Ludwig, Denny Osterloo, John Reining, and Dr. Bob Ebbesmeyer. Absent: none. Also in attendance were: Interim Superintendent Dr. Jane Eichman, Travis Heinz and Michael Mandzen.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by DeVries to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Cook. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda was presented:

- ▶ Approval of April 16, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of April 22, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of April 25, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of April 26, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of April 29, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of April 30, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of May 8, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of May 14, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of Monthly Financial Report
- ▶ Approval of Payment of Bills and Claims
- ▶ Approval of Activity Accounts
- ▶ Approval of Second Reading of School Board Policy Amendments
 - a. PRESS Plus Issue 84 – February , 2014
 - 1) Policy 2:30 School District Elections
 - 2) Policy 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
 - 3) Policy 4:30 Revenue and Investments
 - 4) Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - 5) Policy 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
 - 6) Policy 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
 - 7) Policy 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
 - 8) Policy 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
 - 9) Policy 5:190 Teacher Qualifications
 - 10) Policy 5:240 Suspension
 - 11) Policy 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
 - 12) Policy 7:140 Search and Seizure
 - 13) Policy 7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment (Rewritten)
 - 14) Policy 7:190 Student Discipline
 - 15) Policy 8:95 Parental Involvement

A motion was made by Gallagher to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Osterloo. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment: No members of the school community addressed the Board of Education.

The following committee reports were given:

- ▶ **Professional Relations Committee met on April 22, 2014**
- ▶ **Insurance Committee met on May 8, 2014**

The Academic Spotlight highlighted Forrestville Valley District Website

- ▶ **A presentation by Barb Cederholm and Terri Nelson highlighted the following items:**
 - **School District Information**
 - * **District Calendar**
 - * **Contracts over \$25,000**
 - * **Salary and Benefits Report**
 - * **Collective Bargaining Agreement**
 - * **Board of Education Members**
 - * **Meeting Dates and Times**
 - * **School Board Meeting Agendas**
 - * **School Board Meeting Minutes**
 - **School Information**
 - * **Uploading Pictures**
 - * **School Building Links to teachers**
 - * **Student Information**
 - * **Parent Information**
 - * **Parent/Student Handbook**
 - * **Athletic / Extracurricular Handbook**
 - * **Skyward Link to Parent Portal**

Interim Superintendent Eichman presented the following action items:

- ▶ **Approval of Athletic Sharing Agreements between Forrestville Valley Community Unit School District #221 and Polo Community Unit District #222 for the following athletic programs for grades 9-12.**
 - * **Boys' Baseball Program**
 - * **Girls' Softball Program**
 - * **Boys' Track Program**
 - * **Girls' Track Program**
 - * **Wrestling Program**
- ▶ **Approval of IESA Membership Renewal for Forreston Junior High School**

A motion was made by Osterloo to approve the 2-Year (2015-2016) Athletic Sharing Agreements between Forrestville Valley School District and Polo School District. Seconded by Cook. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reining to approve the IESA Membership Renewal for Forreston Junior High School in the amount of \$275. Seconded by Osterloo. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

Interim Superintendent Eichman presented the following information items:

- ▶ Triple I Annual Conference – November 21-23, 2014
- ▶ Vedra Scramble Golf Outing – September 13, 2014 – Lake Carroll
- ▶ 2014-2015 Student Registration Packets
- ▶ 2014-2015 Tentative Budget Update
- ▶ Drivers' Education – Summer 2014
- ▶ FOIA Requests
- ▶ H.L.E.R.K. Monthly Bulletin

Principals reported on Good Things Happening for Kids

Mr. Heinz highlighted the following:

- ▶ Mrs. Mathieu's "Jump Rope for Heart" raised over \$7,000
- ▶ Every grade level went on field trips this year with money used from the fundraiser
- ▶ In achieving AR goals students were able to participate in a day of fun at J&J's and a skating party
- ▶ Forrestville Valley Youth Network had their Mentor Appreciation Dinner on May 14th. Mr. Heinz transported several students every Tuesday and Thursday from Forreston Grade School to German Valley Grade to ensure students could participate in the program
- ▶ Art Show winners: Chloe Reubin and Sydney Badetscher - Principal's Art Award and Montanna Heinz and Dane Setterstrom – Superintendent's Art Award
- ▶ Student's of the Month at FGS: Sophia Lewis, Coehen Kirchner, Logan Runte, Nevaeh Houston, Ian Pannkuk, Daemyn Heslop, Layla Cuthrell, Makayla Cole, Ethan Greenfield, and Mackenzie Engbert
GVGS: Danica Fong, Dane Setterstrom, and Madison Zipse

Mr. Mandzen highlighted the following:

- ▶ Mr. Braker's last concert and reception - several people came from various long distances to show their support
- ▶ Junior High Honor's Breakfast
- ▶ High School Senior Awards Night over \$200,000 in scholarships and awards
- ▶ Graduation
- ▶ New Sound System in the FHS Gym
- ▶ Finals Week May 27, 28, & 29, 2014
- ▶ Junior High 4 X 4 Relay Team placing 1st at State in Peoria
- ▶ Boys' Baseball Regionals
- ▶ Girls' Softball Regionals
- ▶ School Compact - School Improvement Team has worked very hard on this compact and word has gotten out to other districts on this new project and what we hope to accomplish

The following Calendar Items were presented by Interim Superintendent Eichman:

May	26	Monday	No School – Memorial Day Holiday
	27	Tuesday	High School Final Exams
	28	Wednesday	High School Final Exams
	29	Thursday	High School Final Exams
	30	Friday	No School – Teachers' Institute .

June	2	Monday	Last Day for Students Early Dismissal – 12:50 p.m.
	3	Tuesday	Teacher Attendance Day
	4	Wednesday	Last Day for Teachers
	25	Wednesday	School Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Reining to adjourn to a Closed Session at 7:11 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific school district employees. Seconded by Cook. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

Gallagher moved to return to an Open Session at 9:01 p.m. The motion was seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

Action Taken After Closed Session:

A motion was made by Cook for the approval of a three-year employment contract for Sheri Smith as Forrestville Valley District Superintendent (2014-2017). Seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the employment of Anne Magarity as High School English Teacher for the 2014-2015 school year. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cook to approve the employment of B. Tyler Sutton as 6-12 grade Band Teacher/Director for the 2014-2015 school year. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the employment of Michael Harn as Maintenance Coordinator effective June 2, 2014. Seconded by Osterloo. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Osterloo to approve the employment of Travis Ross as High School Boys' Basketball Head Varsity Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. Seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cook to approve the resignation of Jake Groom as Junior High Boys' Basketball Aide. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the resignation of Tim Bukoski as Junior High Girls' Basketball Coach. Seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Osterloo to approve the resignation of Nicole Brinker as High School Softball Assistant Coach for Fresh/Soph. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cook to approve the resignation of Barb Cederholm as District Office Secretary and Board Recording Secretary. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the resignation of Cathy Damptz as High School Secretary. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Osterloo to approve the 2013-2014 Certified Staff Merit Pay. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cook to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

(President, Board of Education)

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