

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

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The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Professional Development Room at Forreston Junior / Senior High School on February 17, 2016 for a Regular Meeting.

**A. Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by President Osterloo at 6:34 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, Christy Garnhart and Kyle Zick.

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

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

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

NAY: None

**D. Consent Agenda**

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular & Closed Meetings of January 20, 2016
  - b. Facilities & Grounds Committee Meeting of January 20, 2016
  - c. Special & Closed Meetings of January 27, 2016
  - d. Handbook Committee Meeting of February 1, 2016
  - e. Board Retreat of February 5, 2016
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

**RESIGNATION:**

Approve the resignation of the following certified personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
• Joanie Braker	FGS 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher	Retire at End of 2015 – 2016 School Year

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Approve employment of the following certified personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
• Brittany Groenhagen	Speech/Language Pathologist	2016 – 2017 School Year

**NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Approve the resignations of the following non-certified personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
• Keith Reemtsma	Bus Driver	January 26, 2016
• Chaos Ailey	FHS Locker Room Supervisor	February 1, 2016
• Mike Medler	FGS Custodian	February 16, 2016
• Mary Briggs	GV Aide	Retire at End of 2015 – 2016 School Year

**TRANSFER:**

Approve the transfer of assignment for the following non-certified personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>New Assignment</u>
• Janice Howe	FHS/JH Evening Custodian	FGS Custodian Effective 02/26/2016

## DIFFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENTS

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
• Larry Ingram	FHS Softball Assistant Coach
• Scott Drake	FHS Baseball Assistant Coach (Change from Volunteer Coach)

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of Activity Accounts

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

No comments were made by the school community.

**F. “Cardinal Strong” Spotlight**

Jonathan Schneiderman and Gail Grabins highlighted the Elementary Reading Program.

**G. Superintendent’s Report**

1. Building Highlights – Good Things are Happening for Kids
2. Notes of Appreciation
3. Staff Communication
4. I.A.S.B. Northwest Division Spring Dinner Meeting
5. Statements of Economic Interest
6. District Financial Profile
7. Policies
8. 2016 – 2017 Registration & Fees Collection Update
9. I.S.B.E. Revolving Technology Loan Approved
10. Strategic Plan Update

**H. Board Action & Discussion**

1. Approval of Bid for Summer, 2016 Roofing Project at Forreston High School

After review and discussion of the bids received, a motion was made by DeVries and seconded by Reining to approve the Bid from McDermid Roofing for the reroofing work at Forreston High School during summer, 2016. Seconded by Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

2. Approval of Bid for Summer, 2016 Parking Lot Paving & Lighting Project at Forreston Junior/ Senior High School

After review and discussion of the bids received, a motion was made by Gallagher to approve the Base Bid, Alternate Bid #1, Alternate Bid #2, and Alternate Bid #3 from Martin and Company for the pavement replacement and lighting project at Forreston Junior / Senior High School during summer, 2016. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

3. Approval of Resolution abating the working cash fund of the District and abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2015 to pay debt service on Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, of the District

After consensus of setting aside \$160,000 for future projects, a motion was made by Cook and seconded by Ludwig to approve the Resolution abating the working cash fund of Community Unit School District Number 221, Ogle and Stephenson Counties, Illinois, and abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2015 to pay debt service on Taxable General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2016, of said School District. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

4. Approval of CollegeNOW Terms of Agreement with Highland Community College for 2016 – 2017 School Year

A motion was made by Reining to approve the Agreement with Highland Community College regarding CollegeNOW for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

5. Approval of Strategic Planning Implementation for the 2016 – 2017 School Year

After discussion, a motion was made by Gallagher and seconded by Reining to approve the Strategic Planning Implementation for the 2016 – 2017 school year. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

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

1. Legal / Legislative Updates

**J. Calendar Items**

Upcoming district calendar events were reviewed.

**K. Closed Session**

1. A motion was made by Reining to adjourn to an Executive Session at 7:34 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 Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

2. A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Reining to return to open session at 9:14 p.m. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

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

1. A motion was made by Gallagher and seconded by Cook to approve a contract for Travis Heinz as Secondary Principal through the 2018 – 2019 school year. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

2. A motion was made by Reining and seconded by Greenfield to approve a contract for Jonathan Schneiderman as Elementary Principal through the 2018 – 2019 school year. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

3. A motion was made by Cook and seconded by Ludwig to approve a contract for Christy Garnhart as Assistant Principal of Student Services through the 2017 – 2018 school year. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

4. A motion was made by Reining and seconded by DeVries to approve a contract for Kyle Zick as Dean of Students / Athletic Director through the 2016 – 2017 school year. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

**M. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Seconded by Greenfield. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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