

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
March 20, 2024

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois met in the Chorus Room at Forreton Junior Senior High School on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting was called to order by President Braker at 6:30 p.m.

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Chip Braker, Don Cook, Shaun Gallagher, Bob Gronewold, Shawnda Ludwig, Dr. April Moore, and Dr. Craig Pauls

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, Heather Politsch, Ryan Schrader, and Kyle Zick

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Gronewold to adopt the Board of Education agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Ludwig, Gronewold, Pauls, Moore, Cook, Gallagher, and Braker

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

This item was addressed with no members of the community addressing the board.

E. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Moore, Ludwig, Gallagher, Pauls, Gronewold, Cook, and Braker

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Facility Committee & Town Hall Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2024
 - b. Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes of February 21, 2024
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
4. Approval of Activity Accounts

F. Cardinal Strong Spotlight – FFA

Mrs. Parks and the current officers of the FFA presented on the FFA program. Superintendent Smith and the Board of Education thanked Mrs. Parks and the students for presenting and all they do to promote this important program.

G. Superintendent’s Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Assessment Update
2. Building Highlights
 - a. Winter Athletics and Activities Recap
 - b. 3rd Quarter Discipline
3. Facilities Highlights
4. Community Highlights
5. Staff Communication
6. Notes of Appreciation

The Board of Education thanked Mr. Heinz and the Forreton Junior Senior High School staff for holding an exceptional College and Career Day for all FJSHS students.

H. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of Catastrophic Insurance Renewal for the 2024-2025 School Year
A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the Catastrophic Insurance Renewal for the 2024-2025 School Year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Pauls, Moore, Ludwig, Gallagher, Cook, and Braker
NAY: None

2. Approval of IHSA / IESA Memberships
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the IHSA / IESA Memberships as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Ludwig, Gallagher, Pauls, Gronewold, Moore, and Braker
NAY: None

3. Approval of GVGS Fencing Proposal with Dach Fencing
A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the GVGS Fencing Proposal with Dach Fencing as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Moore, Gronewold, Ludwig, Cook, Gallagher, Pauls, and Braker
NAY: None

4. Approval of Cardinal Field Pavement Project with Helm Civil
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Cardinal Field Pavement Project with Helm Civil as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Ludwig, Moore, Gronewold, Pauls and Braker
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Gallagher

5. Approval of Cardinal University Grow Your Own Program
A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Cardinal University Grow Your Own Program as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Moore, Cook, Ludwig, Gallagher, Gronewold, and Braker
NAY: None

6. Approval of Handbooks for the 2024-2025 School Year & Fees – 2nd Reading
A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Handbooks for the 2024-2025 School Year & Fees – 2nd Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

- a. Band Handbook
- b. Chorus Handbook
- c. FFA Handbook
- d. Extra-Curricular Handbook
- e. Kindergarten Handbook
- f. Parent/Student Handbook
- g. Preschool Handbook
- h. Student Council Handbook
- i. Teacher Handbook
- j. Educational Support Personnel Employee Handbook
- k. Fees

YEA: Moore, Ludwig, Gallagher, Cook, Gronewold, Pauls and Braker
NAY: None

I. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Gallagher to adjourn to closed session at 7:10 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); Litigation – 5ILCS120/2(c)(11); the purchase of lease or real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired – 5ILCS120/2(c)(5); and Student disciplinary cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Gallagher, Ludwig, Cook, Pauls, Moore, and Braker
NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gronewold to return to open session at 7:56 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Gronewold, Pauls, Moore, Gallagher, Ludwig, and Braker
 NAY: None

J. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Approval of Resolution to Accept Donation of Property

A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Cook to approve the resolution to accept donation of property as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Cook, Pauls, Gallagher, Ludwig, Moore, and Braker
 NAY: None

Superintendent Smith and each member of the Board of Education thanked Eileen Anderson and the Anderson family for the generous donation to the school district.

2. Approval of Re-Employment of First-Year, Full Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to approve the re-employment of first-year, full time, probationary, certified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Cook, Gronewold, Moore, Pauls, Ludwig, and Braker
 NAY: None

Staff Member	Current Position	Current School Assignment
Alexis Dublo	5 th Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Sarah Folkers	Science Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Amanda Korf	Early Childhood Education	German Valley Grade School
Ashley Krusey	2 nd Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Zoie Sellers	ELA Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Jonathan Schneiderman	4 th Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Hannah Stevens	2 nd Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Alexia Ulses	Kindergarten Teacher	German Valley Grade School

3. Approval of Re-Employment of Second-Year, Full Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the re-employment of second-year, full time, probationary, certified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Moore, Gronewold, Gallagher, Cook, Pauls, Ludwig, and Braker
 NAY: None

Staff Member	Current Position	Current School Assignment
Alana Hill	Spanish Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Elizabeth Krumm	1 st Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Kristen Priewe	Title I Reading Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Jessica Witherspoon	Art Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School

4. Approval of Re-Employment of Third-Year, Full Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Moore to approve the re-employment of third-year, full time, probationary, certified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Ludwig, Moore, Gallagher, Cook, Gronewold, Pauls, and Braker

NAY: None

Staff Member	Current Position	Current School Assignment
Karen Merlak	3 rd Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Erin Schmidt	5 th Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Morgan Thomson	Special Education/Title 1 Teacher	Forreston Grade School

5. Approval of Re-Employment of Third and Fourth-Year, Full Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel, Placing the Staff on Tenure for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the re-employment of third and fourth-year, full time, probationary, certified personnel, placing the staff on tenure for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Pauls, Gronewold, Moore, Cook, Ludwig, and Braker

NAY: None

Staff Member	Current Position	Current School Assignment
Scott Drake (Yr. 4)	Physical Education, Health & Driver's Education Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Hillary Hoffman (Yr. 4)	4 th Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Marissa McShane (Yr. 4)	Business & Computers Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Lorie Parker-Weinrich (Yr. 3)	School Counselor	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Carl Setterstrom (Yr. 3)	Science Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Jonathan Stauffer (Yr. 4)	Science / PLTW Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Joel Tuten (Yr. 4)	Social Studies Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Maria Tuten (Yr. 4)	Elementary Social Worker	Forreston Grade School

6. Approval of Re-Employment of Part Time, Certified Personnel for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Cook to approve the re-employment of part time, certified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Cook, Gallagher, Moore, Pauls, Ludwig, and Braker

NAY: None

Staff Member	Current Position	Current Assignment
Lois Bollman	College and Career Readiness Coach	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Kim Fricke	Title I Reading Staff / Special Education	Elementary
Terry Jenkins	Driver Education	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Terri Nelson	Teacher Mentor	District Schools

7. Approval of Resignation(s) of Certified Personnel at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the resignation(s) of certified personnel at the end of the 2023-2024 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Ludwig, Gronewold, Moore, Pauls, Cook, and Braker

NAY: None

Staff Member	Current Position	Current Assignment
Stephanie Sebok	Special Education	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Deborah Widner	Kindergarten Teacher	German Valley Grade School

8. Approval of Retirement of Certified Personnel at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year

This item was addressed with no action being taken.

9. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Non-Re-Employment & Dismissal of Probationary Teacher(s) at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year

This item was addressed with no action being taken.

10. Approval of Employment of Certified Personnel, Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure, and Submissions of Pre-Employment Requirements for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the employment of certified personnel, pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submissions of pre-employment requirements for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Moore, Pauls, Gallagher, Cook, Gronewold, Ludwig, and Braker

NAY: None

Staff Member	Position	Effective
Tylor Behrends	FJSHS Special Education Teacher	August 13, 2024

11. Approval of Renewal of Tenured Certified Personnel for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the renewal of tenured certified personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Ludwig, Pauls, Gallagher, Cook, Gronewold, Moore, and Braker
NAY: None

12. Approval of Resignation(s) of Educational Support Personnel

A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the resignation(s) of educational support personnel as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Ludwig, Gallagher, Cook, Gronewold, Moore, and Braker
NAY: None

Staff Member	Current Position	Effective
Jake McClellan	FJSHS Paraprofessional	March 22, 2024

13. Approval of Retirement(s) of Educational Support Personnel at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year

This item was addressed with no action being taken.

14. Approval of Employment of Educational Support Personnel Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure & Submission of Pre-Employment Requirements for the 2024-2025 School Year

This item was addressed with no action being taken.

15. Approval of Renewal of Educational Support Personnel for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the renewal of educational support personnel for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Ludwig, Gronewold, Moore, Pauls, Cook, and Braker
NAY: None

16. Approval of Employment of Differential Assignments, Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks and Submission of Pre-Employment Requirements for the 2024-2025 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the employment of differential assignments, pending successful criminal background checks and submission of pre-employment requirements for the 2024-2025 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Pauls, Gallagher, Cook, Moore, Ludwig, and Braker
NAY: None

**FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221
2024-25 DIFFERENTIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

SCHOOL	POSITION	2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR	DATE ASSIGNED
FHS	FOOTBALL - Head Varsity Coach	Keynon Janicke	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Assistant Coach	Parker Woodall	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Assistant Coach (Fresh-Soph)	Hunter Hake	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Assistant Coach	Michael McClellan	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Volunteer	Eric Bergin	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Volunteer	Cole Strehlow	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Volunteer	Nick Gill	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Volunteer	Scott Timm	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Volunteer	Tevan Hartman Kirk Janicke	3/20/2024
FHS	VOLLEYBALL - Head Varsity Coach	Shannon Williams	3/20/2024
	VOLLEYBALL - Assistant Coach	Maggie Curry	3/20/2024
	VOLLEYBALL - Assistant Coach	Morgan Thomson	3/20/2024
	VOLLEYBALL - Aide	Allison Bondele	3/20/2024
FHS	GOLF BOYS & GIRLS - Head Varsity Coach	Matt Hanley	3/20/2024
	GOLF BOYS & GIRLS - Volunteer	OPEN	
FHS	CROSS COUNTRY BOYS & GIRLS - Head Varsity Coach	Tony Hardin	3/20/2024
FHS	BASKETBALL BOYS - Head Varsity Coach	Jake Groom	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL BOYS - Assistant Coach (.5 FTE)	Michael McClellan	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL BOYS - Assistant Coach (.5 FTE)	Jason Fyock	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL BOYS - Assistant Coach (Fresh-Soph)	Braedon Fyock	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL BOYS - Aide	OPEN	
FHS	BASKETBALL BOYS - Volunteer Coach	Garrett Roberts	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL GIRLS - Head Varsity Coach	Kyle Getz	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL GIRLS - Assistant Coach	Joel Tuten	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL GIRLS - Assistant Coach (Fresh-Soph)	Tyler Vogt	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL GIRLS - Aide	Annika Groom	3/20/2024
FHS	BASKETBALL GIRLS - Volunteer Coach	OPEN	
	WRESTLING	POLO COOP	

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SCHOOL	POSITION	2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR	DATE ASSIGNED
FHS	COLOR GUARD	Donna Gronewold	3/20/2024
FHS	CHEERLEADING ADVISOR - FALL (3%)	Alexia Uises	3/20/2024
FHS	CHEERLEADING ADVISOR - WINTER (3%)	Alexia Uises	3/20/2024
FHS	DANCE ADVISOR	Hanna Kasten	3/20/2024
FHS	SCHOLASTIC BOWL ADVISOR	Jonathan Stauffer	3/20/2024
FHS	SCHOLASTIC BOWL - Assistant Advisor	Donna Gronewold	3/20/2024
FHS	NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY	Anne Magarity	3/20/2024
FHS	YEARBOOK ADVISOR	Keynon Janicke	3/20/2024
FHS	CLASS ADVISOR - FRESHMEN	Jake Groom	3/20/2024
	CLASS ADVISOR - FRESHMEN	Lynnette Frederick	3/20/2024
	CLASS ADVISOR - SOPHOMORE	Jonathan Stauffer	3/20/2024
	CLASS ADVISOR - SOPHOMORE	Carl Setterstrom	3/20/2024
	CLASS ADVISOR - JUNIOR	Joel Tuten	3/20/2024
	CLASS ADVISOR - JUNIOR	Kyle Getz	3/20/2024
	CLASS ADVISOR - SENIOR	Keynon Janicke	3/20/2024
	CLASS ADVISOR - SENIOR	Anne Magarity	3/20/2024
FHS	STUDENT COUNCIL	Anne Magarity	3/20/2024
FHS	FFA ADVISOR	Kelley Parks	3/20/2024
FHS	ART DIRECTOR	Jessica Witherspoon	3/20/2024
FHS	BAND DIRECTOR	Travis Cunningham	3/20/2024
FHS	CHORUS DIRECTOR	Kristin Crase	3/20/2024
FHS	MADRIGAL DRAMA DIRECTOR	Hanna Kasten	3/20/2024
FHS	MUSICAL / VARIETY SHOW DRAMA DIRECTOR	Kristen Crase & Hanna Kasten	3/20/2024
	MUSICAL / VARIETY SHOW SCENERY / SETS	Jessica Witherspoon	3/20/2024
	MUSICAL / VARIETY SHOW COSTUMES / MAKEUP	Lynne Meyer	3/20/2024
FHS	SERVANT LEADERS VOLUNTEER ADVISOR	Heather Politsch	3/20/2024
	INSTRUCTIONAL COACH	Anne Magarity	3/20/2024
	INSTRUCTIONAL COACH	Lynnette Frederick	3/20/2024
	INSTRUCTIONAL COACH	Krista Carlson	3/20/2024
	INSTRUCTIONAL COACH	Heather Schiesher	3/20/2024
FJH	FOOTBALL - Head Coach	Lane Schurr	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Assistant Coach	Chet Strehlow	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Assistant Coach	Mark Kuelling	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Assistant Coach	Garrett Roberts	3/20/2024
	FOOTBALL - Volunteer Coach	Carl Setterstrom	3/20/2024
FJH	VOLLEYBALL - Head Coach	Zoie Sellers	3/20/2024
	VOLLEYBALL - Head Coach	Brynn Mathieu	3/20/2024
	VOLLEYBALL - Assistant Coach	Arynn Mathieu	3/20/2024
FJH	BASKETBALL BOYS - Head Coach	Lane Schurr	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL BOYS - Head Coach	Brian Rahn	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL BOYS - Assistant Coach	Jonathan Schneiderman	3/20/2024
FJH	BASKETBALL GIRLS - Head Coach	Lynnette Frederick	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL GIRLS - Head Coach	Scott Drake	3/20/2024
	BASKETBALL GIRLS - Assistant Coach	Jonathan Schneiderman	3/20/2024
FJH	WRESTLING	POLO COOP	3/20/2024
FJH	CHEERLEADING ADVISOR	Tiffany Probst	3/20/2024
FJH	ACADEMIC BOWL ADVISOR	Kelly Leddy	3/20/2024
FJH	STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR - 6th Grade	Darlene Griseta	3/20/2024
	STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR - 7th Grade	Kelly Leddy	3/20/2024

**FORRESTVILLE VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #221
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SCHOOL	POSITION	2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR	DATE ASSIGNED
	STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR - 8th Grade	Sarah Zelhart	3/20/2024
FJH	CHORUS DIRECTOR	Kristin Crase	3/20/2024
FJH	BAND DIRECTOR	Travis Cunningham	3/20/2024
	MENTOR COORDINATOR	Darlene Griseta	3/20/2024
	MENTOR COORDINATOR	Kelly Leddy	3/20/2024
	MENTOR COORDINATOR - GV	Amanda Korf	3/20/2024
	MENTOR COORDINATOR - FGS	Kelli Joy	3/20/2024
	MENTOR COORDINATOR - FGS	Kristina Genandt	3/20/2024
	MENTOR COORDINATOR - LR Library	Krista Carlson	3/20/2024

17. Approval of Employment of Differential Assignments, Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks and Submission of Pre-Employment Requirements for the 2023-2024 School Year

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Moore to approve the employment of differential assignments, pending successful criminal background checks and submission of pre-employment requirements for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Ludwig, Moore, Gronewold, Pauls, Gallagher, Cook, and Braker

NAY: None

Differential Assignment

Differential:

- Approve the employment of the following Differentials:

<u>Name</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mathew Cheeseman	FHS Boys' Volunteer Track Coach	2023-24 Season

K. Calendar Items

1. March 2024 Calendar
2. April 2024 Calendar

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

1. Statements of Economic Interest
2. Trauma Informed Practices Training
3. IASA – Board of Directors
 - a. Mrs. Smith informed the board that she will be the new Northwest Division IASA Board of Directors representative and the IASB Liaison beginning July 1, 2024.
4. Handle With Care

Mrs. Smith provided an update to the Board regarding the “Handle With Care” program initiated through the Ogle County Sheriff’s Office.


M. Adjournment

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

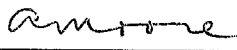
YEA: Gallagher, Pauls, Moore, Gronewold, Ludwig, Cook, and Braker

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)