

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
MARCH 18, 2015**

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Gymnasium at Forreton Grade School on March 18, 2015 for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Don Cook, Robert DeVries, Shaun Gallagher, Jon Ludwig, Denny Osterloo, John Reining, and Dr. Bob Ebbesmeyer

Members Absent: None

Also in Attendance: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, and Michael Mandzen

C. Review & Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

D. 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, Ludwig, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular & Closed Meetings of February 18, 2015
- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 18, 2015
- c. Approval of 2015 – 16 Calendar – 2nd Reading
- d. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement

2. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims

3. Approval of Activity Accounts

E. Recognition of Visitors & Public Comments

Scott Ralston and Jeremy Cheezum addressed the Board regarding the Choir Program.

F. "Cardinal Strong" Spotlight

1. The Forreton High School Boys' Basketball Team and Coaches were honored on their great season – placing 4th at the IHSA State Tournament.

2. Rod Genandt, Ann Guist, Amanda Ingram and Kara Rowe highlighted support of the Elementary Mentor Program.

G. Superintendent's Report

1. Building Highlights

- o Good Things are Happening for Kids
- o 3rd Quarter Discipline Reports

2. Special Board Meeting / Reorganizational Meeting – April 29, 2015

3. Statements of Economic Interest

4. Health Letters to Parents

5. Partnership with German Valley Lions Club

6. Staff Computer Purchase Plan

H. Board Action & Discussion

1. Approval of Strategic Planning Implementation for the 2015 – 16 School Year

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Cook and seconded by Reining to approve implementation of the Strategic Plan for the 2015 – 16 school year, including a commitment to smaller elementary class sizes, commitment to operations of all three school facilities, commitment to additional opportunities for kindergarten students, and commitment to fiscal responsibility.

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

2. Approval of Policy 7.180 "Prevention of & Response to Bullying, Intimidation & Harassment" – 2nd Reading

A motion was made by DeVries to approve Policy 7.180 "Prevention of & Response to Bullying, Intimidation & Harassment" as second reading. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

3. Approval of Resolution Calling a Public Hearing

A motion was made by Osterloo to approve a Resolution calling a public hearing concerning the intent of the District to sell \$3,915,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

4. Approval of Fees & Handbooks for 2015 – 16 School Year – 1st Reading

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Reining to approve the following fees and handbooks as first reading: Parent/Student Handbook, Extra-Curricular Handbook, Band Handbooks, Chorus Handbooks, Student Council Handbooks, FFA Handbook, Kindergarten Handbook, Little Cardinals Preschool Handbook, and Teachers' Handbooks. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

5. Approval of IHSA & IESA Membership Renewals for 2015 – 16 School Year

A motion was made by Reining to approve IHSA & IESA Membership Renewals for the 2015 – 16 school year. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

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

1. Legal Insights
2. HLERK Monthly Bulletin

J. Calendar Items

Upcoming District calendar events were reviewed.

K. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Gallagher to adjourn to an Executive Session at 7:32 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); and Student disciplinary cases – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Seconded by Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

2. A motion was made by Reining to return to Open Session at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

L. Action Items Resulting from Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Gallagher to approve the Re-Employment of the following First-Year Full-Time Non-Tenured Certified Staff for the 2015 – 16 school year: Anne Magarity, B. Tyler Sutton, Andrew Donaldson, Molly Genandt. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Gallagher, DeVries, Cook, Ludwig, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
2. A motion was made by Reining to approve the Re-Employment of the following Second-Year Full-Time Non-Tenured Certified Staff for the 2015 – 16 school year: Jim Kann, Kara Rowe. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Reining, Cook, Gallagher, Ludwig, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
3. A motion was made by DeVries to approve the Re-Employment of the following Third Year Full-Time Non-Tenured Certified Staff for the 2015 – 16 school year: Michael McClellan, Matt Hanley, Tim Bukoski. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: DeVries, Ludwig, Cook, Gallagher, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
4. A motion was made by Ludwig to approve a Resolution authorizing Non-Remployment of First-Year Probationary Certified Staff at the end of the 2014 – 15 school year: Kristina Hayenga. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Ludwig, DeVries, Cook, Gallagher, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
5. A motion was made by Gallagher to approve a Resolution authorizing Non-Reemployment of Second-Year Probationary Certified Staff at the end of the 2014 – 15 school year: Samuel (Tom) Miller. Seconded by Osterloo. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Gallagher, Osterloo, Cook, DeVries, Ludwig, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
6. A motion was made by Osterloo to approve a Resolution authorizing Honorable Reduction in Hours of Full-Time First-Year Probationary Certified Staff at the end of the 2014 – 15 school year: Carolyn Sutton. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Osterloo, Ludwig, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
7. A motion was made by Gallagher to hire the following Educational Support Staff:

• Mike Watson	Director of Operations & Maintenance	April 6, 2015
• Brent Smith	FHS Softball Volunteer Coach	Spring, 2015 Season
• Mary Hill	Summer Crew Director	Summer, 2015
• Morgan Heinz	Summer Crew	Summer, 2015
• Cole Strehlow	Summer Crew	Summer, 2015
• Max Barkalow	Summer Crew	Summer, 2015
• MacKenzie Heinz	Summer Crew	Summer, 2015
• Sam Barkalow	Summer Crew	Summer, 2015

Seconded by Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Gallagher, Reining, Cook, DeVries, Ludwig, Osterloo, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
8. A motion was made by Reining to approve the Retirement of the following Certified Staff effective the end of the 2014 – 15 school year: Lori Wellington, Jane Bardelas. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Reining, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Osterloo, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
9. A motion was made by Gallagher to approve the Resignation of the following Certified Staff at the end of the 2014 – 15 school year: Susan Winter. Seconded by Osterloo. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Gallagher, Osterloo, Cook, DeVries, Ludwig, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
10. A motion was made by DeVries to accept the resignation of Mike Harn upon completion of 599 hours. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: DeVries, Ludwig, Cook, Gallagher, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None

11. A motion was made by Cook to approve the Transfer of the following Educational Support Staff: Randy Anderson from FHS/JH Custodian to Head Custodian Effective March 12, 2015. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
12. A motion was made by Reining that all Faculty, except those specifically named in other personnel action, be reemployed for an assignment to be determined by the administration for the 2015 - 16 school year. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Reining, Gallagher, Cook, DeVries, Ludwig, Osterloo, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
13. A motion was made by Cook that all Educational Support Staff, except those specifically named in other personnel action, be reemployed for an assignment to be determined by the administration for the 2015 - 16 school year. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
14. A motion was made by Gallagher that all Educational Support Staff receive a 1% salary increase for the 2015 - 16 school year. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Gallagher, Ludwig, Cook, DeVries, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
15. A motion was made by Cook to approve a Separation Agreement and General Release. Seconded by Osterloo. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Cook, Osterloo, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None

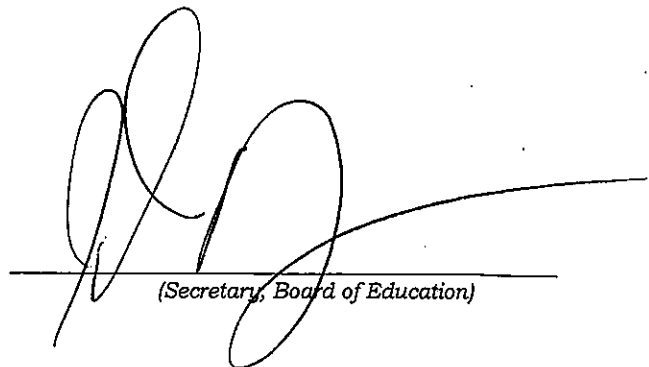
M. Adjournment

A motion was made by Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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



(President, Board of Education)



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