

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
April 28, 2021

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois met in the Library at Forreton Junior / Senior High School on Wednesday, April 28, 2021 for a Special Board Meeting.

A. Call to Order

The Special Meeting was called to order by President Reining at 6:15 p.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Chip Braker, Don Cook, Shaun Gallagher, Joel Ludwig, Dr. April Moore, and John Reining

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Ludwig to adopt the Board of Education agenda with changes to the wording of Item H to include the review of student disciplinary cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Braker, Ludwig, Cook, Gallagher, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

D. Reorganization of the Board of Education

A motion was made by Member Cook to appoint Superintendent Smith to serve as President Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Member Ludwig. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Ludwig, Braker, Gallagher, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

The President Pro-Tem opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education. Chip Braker nominated John Reining for President. No other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. John Reining was declared the President of the Board of Education until April, 2023 and took over chairing the meeting.

President Reining opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. Don Cook nominated Shaun Gallagher for Vice

President. No other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. Shaun Gallagher was declared the Vice President of the Board of Education until April, 2023.

President Reining opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education. Joel Ludwig nominated Chip Braker for Secretary. No other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. Chip Braker was declared the Secretary of the Board of Education until April, 2023.

E. Appointment of Ogle County Educational Cooperative Governing Board Representative

The board reviewed and discussed a representative for the Ogle County Educational Cooperative Governing Board. Member Ludwig volunteered to serve as the Forrestville Valley Representative to the Ogle County Educational Cooperative Governing Board.

F. Appointment of District Treasurer and Board Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Member Braker to appoint Lorene Stamm as District Treasurer and Angie Christensen as the Board Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Member Ludwig. On a roll call vote the motion passed.

YEA: Braker, Ludwig, Moore, Gallagher, Cook, and Reining

NAY: None

G. Approval of Regular Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Member Gallagher to approve the schedule for regular Board of Education meeting dates and times (typically, the third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise specified) as follows for the remainder of the fiscal year: May 19, 2021 and June 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Moore. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Moore, Cook, Ludwig, Braker, and Reining

NAY: None

H. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Braker to adjourn to closed session at 6:26 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); interview Board of Education member candidate(s) – 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) and Student disciplinary cases - 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Ludwig, Braker, Gallagher, Cook, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Moore to return to open session at 6:57 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

YEA: Ludwig, Moore, Cook, Braker, Gallagher, and Reining

NAY: None

I. Approval of Appointment of New Board Member

Member Gallagher made a motion to approve Dr. Craig Pauls as a member of the Forrestville Valley Board of Education. The motion was seconded by Member Cook. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Cook, Moore, Ludwig, Braker, and Reining

NAY: None

J. Seating & Oath of Office for New Board of Education Member

Dr. Craig Pauls was seated as a member of the Forrestville Valley Board of Education. President Reining administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board of Education member.

K. Adjournment

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

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

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.


(President, Board of Education)


(Secretary, Board of Education)