

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221  
April 21, 2021

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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 21, 2021 for a Regular Meeting and Bond Hearing.

**A. Call to Order**

The Bond Hearing was called to order by President Reining at 6:31 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Robert DeVries, Joel Ludwig

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Christy Garnhart, Travis Heinz, Jonathan Schneiderman, and Kyle Zick

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Cook to appoint Member Chip Braker as Board Secretary for the April 21, 2021 Bond Hearing and Regular Board Meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

**C. Bond Hearing**

1. A public hearing was held concerning the intent of the Board to sell \$2,500,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein and \$500,000 Working Cash Bonds for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District
  - a. John Reining, Board President, opened the floor to receive comments regarding the District's plans to sell \$2,500,000 of bonds to conform its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein and bonds in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.
  - b. No members of the Board or the public had any written or oral testimony regarding the bond sale.

**D. BOND HEARING ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Gallagher to adjourn the bond hearing at 6:34 p.m. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

**E. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Reining at 6:35 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**F. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Robert DeVries and Joel Ludwig

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Christy Garnhart, Travis Heinz, Jonathan Schneiderman, and Kyle Zick

**G. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda**

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

YEA: Cook, Gallagher, Moore, Braker and Reining

NAY: None

**H. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment**

No members of the community wished to address the Board.

**I. Consent Agenda**

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Transportation and Facilities Meeting of March 17, 2021
  - b. Regular & Closed Meetings of March 17, 2021
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 Date</u>
Mary Hill	Little Cardinal Pre-School Teacher	June 3, 2021

**Leave of Absence:**

- Approve the leave of absence of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kara Bruning	Speech/Language Pathologist	Sept. 2021-Jan. 2022

**Educational Support Personnel**

**Transfer:**

- Approve the transfer of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Braden Brace	FJSHS Custodian	FGS Custodian	May 3, 2021

**Employment:**

- Approve the employment of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bridgette Falk	FJSHS Custodian	May 3, 2021

**Summer Personnel**

**Employment:**

- Approve the employment of the following Summer Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Krista Carlson	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2021
Molly Genandt	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2021
Erica Giedd	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2021
Amanda Ingram	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2021
Erin Kennelly	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2021
Daniel Rosenstiel	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2021
Shelby Skiles	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2021
Jakob Boomgarden	Summer Student Intern	Summer 2021
Alayna Crase	Summer Student Intern	Summer 2021
Alexia Derrer	Summer Student Intern	Summer 2021
Kolten Dorty	Summer Student Intern	Summer 2021
Kaitlyn Harson	Summer Student Intern	Summer 2021
Josie Pals	Summer Student Intern	Summer 2021
Bobbi Bull	Summer School Secretary	Summer 2021
Paityn Broshous	Summer Crew	Summer 2021
Montana Heinz	Summer Crew	Summer 2021
Autumn McGlynn	Summer Crew	Summer 2021

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Madison Sketo	Summer Crew	Summer 2021
Breanna Kloster	AM Summer Crew	Summer 2021
Cora Krigbaum	AM Summer Crew	Summer 2021
Braden Politsch	AM Summer Crew	Summer 2021
Payton Encheff	PM Summer Crew	Summer 2021
Mason Fox	PM Summer Crew	Summer 2021
Alexander Milnes	PM Summer Crew	Summer 2021

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of Activity Accounts
6. Approval of Advertisers/Donors

**J. Cardinal Strong Spotlight – IPA Principal of the Year Award**

Ms. Kelly Virgil, IPA Region Director and representative was present and shared words regarding Mr. Heinz receiving the IPA Principal of the Year Award and her time working with him. Mrs. Smith showed a video presentation of the awards ceremony for Mr. Heinz and presentations given by others during the ceremony. Mrs. Smith and the Board of Education all shared words regarding Mr. Heinz and thanked him for his service.

**K. Superintendent’s Report**

1. District Highlights
  - a. 2021-2022 School Year Staffing Assignments
  - b. Teacher & Learning Highlights
    - i. Spring Assessment Updates
2. Building Highlights
  - a. FJSHS Highlights
    - i. Class of 2021 Events
  - b. FV Elementary Highlights
3. Facilities Highlights
  - a. Cardinal Field Complex Baseball Field Dedication Ceremony – April 27, 2021 at 4:20 p.m.
4. Community Highlights
  - a. 2021-2022 Registration & Fees Collection
    - i. Skyward Online System – all registrations
    - ii. PreSchool Screenings & Kindergarten Roundup
  - b. Foundation Update
    - i. April 7, 2021 Meeting
    - ii. Save the Date: Vedra Scramble for Education Golf Outing – September 18, 2021
5. Staff Communication
6. Notes of Appreciation

7. COVID-19 Updates
8. Health Insurance Update

**L. District Financial Report**

1. 2020-2021 School Year 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report  
The board reviewed and discussed the 2020-2021 School Year 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report.
2. Budget Development for 2021-2022
  - a. ESSER Grants  
The board reviewed and discussed Budget Development for the 2021-2022 School Year as well as ESSER Grants awarded to the district.

**M. Board Action and Discussion**

1. Approval of 2021-2022 Strategic Plan  
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to approve the 2021-2022 Strategic Plan as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of HVAC Control Update with Alpha Controls & Services  
A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Moore to approve the HVAC Control Update with Alpha Controls & Services as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Braker, Moore, Cook, and Reining

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Gallagher

3. Approval of Amendments to FHS Curriculum Guide  
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to approve the Amendments to FHS Curriculum Guide as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of Handbooks & Fees for the 2021-2022 School Year – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Handbooks & Fees for the 2021-2022 School Year – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading as presented.

a. Band

b. Chorus

c. FFA

- d.Extra-Curricular
- e.Kindergarten
- f.Parent/Student
- g.Preschool
- h.Student Council
- i. Teacher
- j. Educational Support Personnel
- k.Fees

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of Final 2020-2021 FV Calendar  
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Final 2020-2021 FV Calendar as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Braker, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Gallagher

6. Approval of Polo Wrestling Cooperative for 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Years  
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Polo Wrestling Cooperative for 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Years as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

7. Approval of Revisions to Byron Swim Cooperative for 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Years  
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Revisions to Byron Swim Cooperative for 2021-22 and 2022-23 School Years. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

8. Approval of IHSA and IESA Memberships for 2021-2022 School Year  
A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Moore to approve the IHSA and IESA Memberships for 2021-2022 School Year. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Braker, Moore, Gallagher, and Reining  
NAY: None  
ABSTAIN: Cook

**N. Closed Session**

1. A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Gallagher to adjourn to closed session at 7:43 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); Negotiations – 5ILCS120/2(c)(2) and Student disciplinary cases - 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Braker, Gallagher, Cook, Moore, and Reining  
NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to return to open session at 8:19 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Braker, Moore, Gallagher, and Reining  
NAY: None

**O. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session**

1. Approval of Contract Addendum for Director of Teaching, Learning, & Assessment

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the Contract Addendum for Director of Teaching, Learning, & Assessment as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Gallagher, Moore, Braker, and Reining  
NAY: None

**P. Calendar Items**

1. April 2021 Calendar
2. May 2021 Calendar

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

1. FOIA Requests
2. April 28, 2021 – Special Board Meeting (for Current Members)
  - a. 6:00 p.m. – Accept Canvassed Election Votes
  - b. Reorganizational Board Meeting Process
    - i. Board Vacancy Appointment

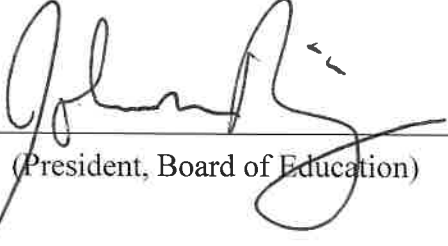
**R. Adjournment**

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


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

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)