

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
APRIL 15, 2015**

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 April 15, 2015 for a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting.

A. Public Hearing

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

Members Absent: None

The Public Hearing was called to order by the Board President at 6:30 p.m. President Ebbesmeyer announced that a Public Hearing was being held to receive comments on the proposal to sell \$3,915,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds for the purpose of conforming the existing facilities of the District that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering and reconstructing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto. The floor was open for discussion and comments. No comments were shared during the Public Hearing. A motion was made by Gallagher to close the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. Seconded by Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

NAY: None

B. Regular Meeting Call to Order & Roll Call

The regular meeting was called to order by President Ebbesmeyer at 6:34 p.m.

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. Pledge of Allegiance

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Review & Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

E. Consent Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular & Closed Meetings of March 18, 2015

b. Curriculum Committee Meeting of March 18, 2015

2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement

3. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims

4. Approval of Activity Accounts

F. Recognition of Visitors & Public Comments

Molly Krecklow shared that the Music Department is raffling tickets for a grill and that almost all of the tickets have been sold.

G. "Cardinal Strong" Spotlight

Lynnette Frederick and Kelley Heinz were in attendance to highlight the activities and support of the Servant Leadership Program at Forreston High School. They were assisted by FHS Seniors: Jessica Anderson, MacKenzie Heinz, Ellie Lenkaitis, Josie Pasch, August Ratledge; and FHS Juniors: Mitchell Bratina, Naeva Gronewold, Cassidy Mahan, Courtney Wolf.

H. Superintendent's Report

1. Building Highlights
 - o Good Things are Happening for Kids
2. Update on Implementation of the Strategic Plan
3. 2015 – 16 Student Registration
4. Financial Update
5. Health Insurance Committee
6. German Valley Ball Diamond Update
7. Facilities Projects Update
8. Special Board Meetings – Wednesday, April 29th

I. Board Action & Discussion

1. Approval of FY16 Technology Implementation Plan

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Osterloo and seconded by Reining to approve the Technology Implementation Plan for FY16 as presented – which includes:

- Continuing iPad technology for students in grades K – 8 as well as the Senior Class for FY16.
- Purchasing Chromebooks for students in grades 9 – 11 for FY16.
- Purchasing Chromebooks for entering ninth graders for FY17.

On roll call vote, all voted aye.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of PMA Financial Advisory Agreement

A motion was made by Cook to approve the PMA Financial Advisory Agreement. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Bonding Structure – Level Debt Service

After review, a motion was made by Reining to approve the level debt service bonding structure. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of Policies Recommended at Policy Committee Meeting – 1st Reading

After discussion, a motion was made by DeVries to approve the recommended policies as 1st reading. Seconded by Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of Fees & Handbooks for 2015 – 16 School Year

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Cook to approve the fees schedule and the following handbooks for the 2015 – 16 school year: Parent / Student Handbook, Extra-Curricular, Band Handbooks, Student Council Handbooks, FFA Handbook, Kindergarten Handbook, Little Cardinals Preschool Handbook, and Teachers' Handbooks. Seconded by Osterloo. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

NAY: None

6. Approval of Final 2014 – 15 School Calendar

A motion was made by Reining to approve the Final 2014 – 15 School Calendar as presented. Seconded by Gallagher. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

NAY: None

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

1. HLERK Monthly Bulletin
2. Acknowledgement of Donations
3. Dr. Bob Ebbesmeyer was honored for retiring from the Board of Education in April, 2015. Recognition was provided by: FVEA Co-President Jonathan Schneiderman, Superintendent Sheri Smith, and Board Vice President Denny Osterloo. Dr. Ebbesmeyer was presented with a clock for his many years of service on the Board, and cake was shared with all in attendance.

K. Calendar Items

Upcoming District calendar events were reviewed.

L. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Reining to adjourn to an Executive Session at 7:54 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 Cook. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Reining, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Osterloo, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None
2. A motion was made by Cook to return to Open Session at 9:03 p.m. Seconded by Reining. On roll call vote, motion carried.
YEA: Cook, Reining, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Osterloo, Ebbesmeyer
NAY: None

M. Action Items Resulting from Closed Session

1. Approval to Hire Certified Personnel for the 2015 – 16 School Year

A motion was made by DeVries and seconded by Gallagher to approve hiring the following Certified Personnel for the 2015 – 16 school year. On roll call vote, motion carried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
• Christy Peters-Garnhart	Assistant Principal of Student Services	FHS/JH
• Amanda Kaney	2 nd Grade Teacher	FGS
• Jake Groom	3 rd Grade Teacher	FGS

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

2. Approval of Staffing Assignments for 2015 – 16

A motion was made by Osterloo and seconded by DeVries to approve the Staffing Assignments for the 2015 – 16 school year as presented. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

3. Approval of Administrative Assignments for 2015 – 16

A motion was made by Osterloo and seconded by Ludwig to approve the following Administrative Assignments for the 2015 – 16 school year. On roll call vote, motion carried.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
• Michael Mandzen	GV Principal & District Coordinator for Curriculum & Assessments
• Jonathan Schneiderman	FGS Dean of Students & FHS Business Teacher
• Travis Heinz	FHS/JH Principal
• Christy Peters-Garnhart	FHS/JH Assistant Principal of Student Services
• Jim Kann	FHS/JH Athletic Director & Dean of Students

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

4. Approval of Differential Assignments for 2015 – 16

A motion was made by Cook and seconded by DeVries to approve the following Differential Assignments for the 2015 – 16 school year. On roll call vote, motion carried.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>
FHS Football Head Varsity Coach	Denny Diduch
FHS Football Assistant Coach	Kyle Zick
FHS Football Assistant Coach	Greg Burckhardt
FHS Football Assistant Coach	Mike McClellan
FHS Football Volunteer Coach	Mike Scott
FHS Football Volunteer Coach	Scott Timm
FHS Football Volunteer Coach	Adam Schelling
FHS Football Volunteer Coach	Nick Gill
FHS Volleyball Assistant Coach	Diane Winekauf
FHS Volleyball Assistant Coach	Nicole Brinker
FHS Volleyball Aide	Jim Kann
FHS Golf Head Varsity Coach	Matt Hanley
FHS Boys' Basketball Head Varsity Coach	Travis Ross
FHS Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach	Mike McClellan
FHS Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach	Troy Stocker
FHS Girls' Basketball Head Varsity Coach	Tim Bukoski
FHS Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach	Jake Groom
FHS Girls' Basketball Assistant Coach	Andy Donaldson
FHS Cheerleading Advisor	Lucia Heitter
FHS Scholastic Bowl Advisor	Donna Gronewold
FHS National Honor Society	Anne Magarity
FHS Yearbook Advisor	Kathie Conerton
FHS Class Advisor – Freshman	Tyler Sutton
FHS Class Advisor – Freshman	Lynnette Frederick
FHS Class Advisor – Sophomore	Nona Forster
FHS Class Advisor – Sophomore	Ashley Hammil
FHS Class Advisor – Junior	Donna Gronewold
FHS Class Advisor – Senior	Jessie Diduch
FHS Class Advisor – Senior	Nicole Brinker
FHS Student Council Co-Advisors	Jessie Diduch
FHS Student Council Co-Advisors	Nicole Brinker
FHS FFA Advisor	Bob Nelson
FHS Art Director	Lea Bierman
FHS Band Director	Tyler Sutton
FHS Music/Variety Show Scenery/Sets	Lea Bierman
FHS Servant Leaders	Lynnette Frederick
FJH Football Head Coach	Lane Schurr
FJH Football Assistant Coach	Chet Strehlow
FJH Football Assistant Coach	Mark Kuelling
FJH Football Assistant Coach	Lyle Wilken
FJH Volleyball Head Coach	Brynn Mathieu
FJH Volleyball Head Coach	Renna Zumdahl
FJH Volleyball Assistant Coach	Amy Busch
FJH Boys' Basketball Head Coach	Lane Schurr
FJH Girls' Basketball Head Coach	Jake Groom
FJH Girls' Basketball Head Coach	Diane Winekauf
FJH Cheerleading Advisor	Molly Genandt
FJH Student Council Advisor – 7 th Grade	Jamie Daub
FJH Band Director	Tyler Sutton
GV Mentor Coordinator	Kelli Joy
GV Mentor Coordinator	Amanda Ingram
FGS Mentor Coordinator	Ann Guist
FGS Mentor Coordinator	Rod Genandt
LR Mentor Co-Coordinator	Kara Rowe
LR Mentor Co-Coordinator	Jan Myers
YEA:	Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Osterloo, Reining, Ebbesmeyer
NAY:	None

N. Adjournment

A motion was made by Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 p.m. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call vote, motion carried.

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



(President, Board of Education)



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