

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
February 15, 2023

The Board of Education of the Forrestville Valley Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met at the Forreton Junior Senior High School Library on February 15, 2023, for a public hearing.

A. Public Hearing – ISBE Waiver Modification of School Tuition for Non-Resident Children of Forrestville Valley Employees

A Public Hearing regarding the ISBE Waiver Modification of School Tuition for Non-Resident Children of Forrestville Valley Employees was called to order by President Reining at 6:33 p.m.

President Reining stated that a hearing was being held to receive comments on the ISBE Waiver Modification of School Tuition for Non-Resident Children of Forrestville Valley Employees.

President Reining asked if anyone from the public had comments regarding the waiver.

Mr. Sam Watts gave testimony in support of the tuition waiver for non- resident staff members. He further commented his desire to see home-school students who are residents of the district be extended the opportunity to participate in extra-curricular activities regardless of public-school attendance.

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

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

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, February 15, 2023, for a regular meeting.

B. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting was called to order by President Reining at 6:35 p.m. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

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

D. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

E. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

1. Mr. Steve Herkert recognized and congratulated Kyle Zick on being named the 2022-2023 Northwest Illinois Assistant Principal of the year. The board recognized and congratulated Mr. Zick on this achievement.
2. Mr. Olaf Watts addressed the board regarding his support of a change to Board Policy to allow homeschool students to participate in extra-curricular activities through Forrestville Valley School District.
3. Mrs. Brittany Watts addressed the board requesting a change to Board Policy to allow homeschool students to participate in extra-curricular activities through Forrestville Valley School District.
4. Ms. Emily Gillingham addressed the board regarding homeschool children and requesting a change to Board Policy to allow homeschool students to participate in extra-curricular activities through Forrestville Valley School District.
5. Ms. Tiffany Bowers addressed the board requesting a change to Board Policy to allow homeschool students to participate in extra-curricular activities through Forrestville Valley School District.

F. 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, Pauls, Ludwig, Gallagher, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Handbook Committee Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023
 - b. Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2023
 - c. Special & Closed Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2023
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report

Retirements

Retirements:

- Approve the retirement of the following Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mary Toms	FGS Cook	June 1, 2023

Certified Personnel

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sarah Zelhart	FJH Science Teacher	August 21, 2023

Support Personnel

Resignation:

- Approve the resignation of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Emily Metzger	FJSHS Cook	January 26, 2023

Differential

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Differential:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sarah Zelhart	FJH Student Council	Start of the 2023-2024 School Year

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of Activity Accounts

G. Cardinal Strong Spotlight – 2022-2023 NFF National High School Academic Excellence Awards

Mr. Zick presented the 2022-2023 NFF National High School Academic Excellence Awards, the selection process, and the highlights of the 2022 Varsity Football team.

H. Superintendent's Report

1. Building Highlights
 - a. FJSHS Highlights
 - i. College & Career Night – March 2, 2023
 - ii. Freshman Orientation & PLTW Introduction Night – March 8, 2023
 - b. FV Elementary Highlights
2. Facility Highlights
3. Community Updates
 - a. ISBE 5Essentials Survey
 - b. FV Elementary All School Read
4. Staff Communication
 - a. TRS Retirement Planning Meeting – March 1, 2023
 - b. February Staff Bulletin

5. Notes of Appreciation
6. Summer Planning
 - a. Summer School Program
 - b. Summer Crew
 - c. Summer Drivers
7. 2023-2024 School Year Planning
 - a. Staffing
 - b. Health Insurance Renewal Options
 - c. Registration & Fees Collection

I. District Financial Report

1. Property Tax Relief Grant Update
 Superintendent Smith informed the Board that Forrestville Valley did not receive the Property Tax Relief Grant.

J. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of ISBE Waiver Modification of School Tuition for Non-Resident Children of Forrestville Valley Employees
 A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Braker to approve the ISBE Waiver Modification of School Tuition for Non-Resident Children of Forrestville Valley Employees as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of District Strategic Plan for 2024, 2025, & 2026
 A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the District Strategic Plan for 2024, 2025, & 2026 as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval of Handbooks & Fees for the 2023-2024 School Year – 1st Reading
 A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the handbooks and fees for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

4. Approval of Policy Recommendations – Review of Sections 6, 7, & 8 & Other Policies – 1st Reading

A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Policy Recommendations – Review of Sections 6, 7, & 8 & Other Policies – 1st Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

K. Closed Session

- a. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to adjourn to closed session at 7:21 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 – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

- b. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Pauls to return to open session at 8:17 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

L. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Approval of Educational Support Personnel Annual Increase for FY24
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the educational support personnel annual increase for FY24 as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of Administrative Contract for K. Zick for the 2023-2024 School Year
A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Cook to approve the administrative contract for K. Zick for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval of Administrative Contract for H. Politsch for the 2023-2024 School Year

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the administrative contract for H. Politsch for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

M. Calendar Items

1. February 2023 Calendar
 - a. Basketball Regional Brackets
2. March 2023 Calendar

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

1. FOIA Request
2. Statements of Economic Interest
 - a. Will be receiving from County Clerk – Return to District Office
3. Northwest Division Hybrid Meeting – March 1, 2023

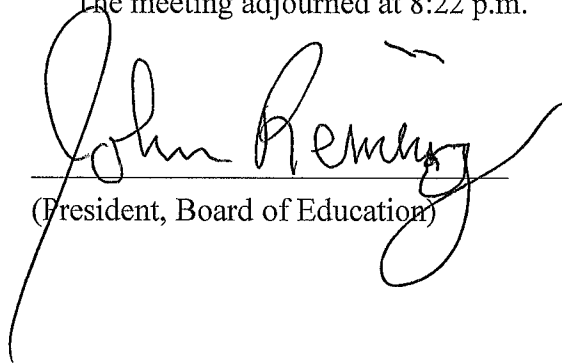
O. Adjournment

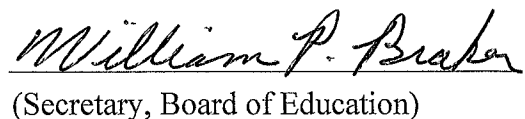
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.


(President, Board of Education)


(Secretary, Board of Education)