

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

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois met in the Library at Forreston Junior / Senior High School on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

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

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

Matthew Gors addressed the board regarding the districts interest in purchasing investment property where he currently resides.

E. Consent Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Committee Minutes of July 19, 2023

b. Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2023

c. Special & Closed Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2023

2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement

3. Approval of Personnel Report

Support Personnel

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Bailee Fyock	District Substitute	August 21, 2023
Michael Kortemeier	Van Driver	August 21, 2023
Rachelle Powell	GVGS Paraprofessional	August 21, 2023
Kelda Wagner	FJSHS Cook	August 21, 2023
Ashley Williamson	FGS Paraprofessional	August 21, 2023

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims

5. Approval of Activity Accounts

F. Superintendent's Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Back to School
 - 1) New Teacher Orientation
 - 2) District Institute Days
 - 3) 2023-2024 Staffing
 - 4) 2023-2024 Registration
 - 5) Free & Reduced Priced Lunch Guidelines
2. Teaching & Learning Highlights
 - a. Assessment Testing Calendar
3. Building Highlights
 - a. FJSHS Highlights
 - b. FGS Highlights
 - c. GVGS Highlights
4. Athletic Highlights
 - a. Cardinal Youth Volleyball
 - b. Fall Sports Preview
5. Facilities Highlights
 - a. Renovations Update
6. Community Highlights
 - a. 27th Annual Vedra Scramble for Education Golf Outing – September 16, 2023
 - b. Blessings Alamode
7. Staff Communication
 - a. August Staff Bulletin
8. Notes of Appreciation
9. Annual Reporting
 - a. EIS Administrator & Teacher Salary & Benefits Report 2022-2023

G. District Financial Report

1. FY22 District Audit – August 14 – 18, 2023

H. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval to Let for Bids Snow Removal

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Pauls to approve to let for bids for snow removal as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Moore, Pauls, Cook, Ludwig, Gronewold, and Braker

NAY: Gallagher

2. Approval of Policy 5:320 Evaluation – 1st Reading

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to approve Policy 5:320 Evaluations – 1st Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Policy Recommendations – PRESS Issue 112, Sections 1, 2, & 3, & Other Policies – 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Moore to approve Policy Recommendations – PRESS Issue 112, Sections 1, 2, & 3, & Other Policies – 2nd Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

I. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Gronewold to adjourn to closed session at 7:11 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); Negotiations – 5ILCS120/2(c)(2); the purchase of lease or real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired – 5ILCS120/2(c)(5). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Pauls to return to open session at 8:14 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

J. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Approval to Authorize Superintendent Smith to Negotiate Property Purchase Agreement

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the authorization of Superintendent Smith to negotiate the purchase of property as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion failed.

YEA: Gallagher, Gronewold, Braker

NAY: Cook, Ludwig, Moore, and Pauls

K. Calendar Items

1. August 2023 Calendar
2. September 2023 Calendar

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

1. 2023-2024 Forrestville Valley Behavior Threat Assessment Submission – August 1, 2023
2. IASB Northwest Division Hybrid Meeting – “The Art of School Boarding” – October 4, 2023 – Zoom or In-Person

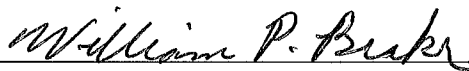
M. Adjournment

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

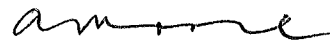
YEA: Gallagher, Pauls, Cook, Gronewold, Ludwig, Moore, and Braker

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)