Forrestville Valley C.U.S.D. #221 Board of Education Curriculum & Policy Committee Meeting Minutes December 11, 2024

The Forrestville Valley Board of Education of the Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Forreston Junior Senior High School Chorus Room on December 11, 2024, for a Curriculum and Policy Committee meeting.

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Braker at 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Members Present: Mr. Bob Gronewold, Mr. Shaun Gallagher, Shawnda Ludwig, Dr. Craig Pauls, and Mr. Chip Braker

Members Absent: Dr. April Moore

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

Dr. April Moore joined the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

B. Curriculum Updates

Mr. Heinz and Mrs. Christina Bergin shared the proposed 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide. Proposed changes include a new Work-Based Learning Program. Mrs. Kelley Parks reviewed the Work-Based Learning Guide with the board highlighting the proposed program and benefits for students. The Board asked questions regarding this program implementation and received clarification regarding job placement. The Board and administration thanked Mrs. Parks for her initiative in designing a program to meet the unique needs of students.

C. Policy Updates

Mrs. Smith reviewed PRESS Issue 117 and proposed updates with the board. At the request of the Board, Mrs. Smith reviewed policies: 6:190 and 7:40 to include possible changes in participation of nonpublic and home-schooled students in extracurricular activities. Administrative procedures were presented to align with possible policy changes in part-time enrollment and extra-curricular enrollment. Mrs. Smith also reviewed Policy 6:310 to align with the proposed Work-Based Learning Program.

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

This item was addressed with no other matters to come to the attention of the board.

E. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

William P. Breken

(President, Board of Education)

(Secretary, Board of Education)