Forrestville Valley C.U.S.D. #221 Board of Education Handbook & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes January 15, 2025

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 Library on January 15, 2025, for a Handbook and Transportation 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. Shaun Gallagher, Shawnda Ludwig, Dr. April Moore, and Mr. Chip Braker

Members Absent: Mr. Bob Gronewold, Dr. Craig Pauls

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

B. Parent Student Handbook Updates

Mr. Heinz presented on the 2024-2025 Parent Student Handbook and proposed changes to the handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. The change with the greatest impact includes review of student use of cell phones and other personal technology devices during the school day. Handbook committee asked questions and provided input for changes. The 1st reading will be presented to the board in February.

Mr. Gronewold joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

Dr. Craig Pauls joined the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

C. Extra-Curricular Handbook

Mr. Heinz presented on the 2024-2025 Extra-Curricular Handbook and proposed changes to the handbook for the upcoming school year. Handbook committee asked questions and provided input for changes. The 1st reading will be presented to the board in February.

D. Transportation Fleet Needs for FY26

Mrs. Smith reviewed transportation fleet needs for FY26 and discussion was held regarding leasing equipment versus purchasing equipment.

E. 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.

F. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

William P. Braker

(Secretary, Board of Education)