

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
January 30, 2020**

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in Room H-206 at Highland Community College, Freeport, Illinois on January 30, 2020 for a Board Retreat special meeting.

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Reining at 8:06 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Chip Braker, Don Cook, Robert DeVries, Shaun Gallagher, Joel Ludwig, Dr. April Moore, and John Reining

Also in Attendance: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, Jonathan Schneiderman, Christy Garnhart

C. Approval of Linda Beets, Interim Board Recording Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. Ludwig, seconded by Mr. Braker to approve Linda Beets, Interim Board Recording Secretary. On roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Braker, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Moore, Reining

NAY: None

D. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

YEA: Braker, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Ludwig, Moore, Reining

NAY: None

E. Curriculum and Instruction

Mrs. Garnhart provided the Board with an overview of 2019 Annual Assessment to include KIDS assessment, Illinois Assessment of Readiness, Science Assessment, and PSAT/SAT. Superintendent Smith presented an overview of the 2019 School Report Card and the Illinois metrics system for Forreston Jr/Sr High School and Forreston Grade School. Mrs. Garnhart provided an overview and status of curriculum and program updates to include elementary ELA curriculum review, Project Lead the Way, Evidence Based Reporting, and ongoing projects. Principal Heinz and Principal Schneiderman provided an overview of social emotional learning for all grade levels. Board participated in discussion and questions for each area.

F. Operations and Facilities

The board reviewed the 2012 health life safety survey list to determine remaining projects. Superintendent Smith presented pictures of the cardinal field complex to date.

G. Financial Overview

The board reviewed FY20 projected fund balances, 10 year tax rate history, and most recent annual comments from Moody's Investors Service.

H. Future Strategic Planning

Superintendent Smith presented a new model for strategic planning to include the Forrestville Valley Flywheel. Future programs for instruction as well as facility and operations were reviewed and discussion was held regarding implementation during the 2020-2021 School Year.

I. Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. DeVries and seconded by Mr. Ludwig to adjourn to a closed session 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); Negotiations – 5ILCS 120/2(c); The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body – 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); and Student Disciplinary cases – 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Cook, Braker, DeVries, Ludwig, Moore, Reining
NAY: None

The Board adjourned to a closed session at 1:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Dr. Moore to return to open session. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Cook, Braker, DeVries, Ludwig, Moore, Reining
NAY: None

The Board returned to open session at 2:57 p.m.

J. Possible Action Resulting from Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to approve the amended personal report to include:

- Resignation of Renita Folkers, FJSHS Paraprofessional effective February 10, 2020
- Employment of Angie Christensen, Superintendent's Executive Secretary/Board Recording Secretary effective February 18, 2020

On roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Cook, Braker, DeVries, Ludwig, Moore, Reining
NAY: None

K. Board Meeting Evaluation

All board members participated in a board self-evaluation process.

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

Madrigals Dinner Saturday, February 15, 2020
Board of Education Week Week of February 19-21, 2020

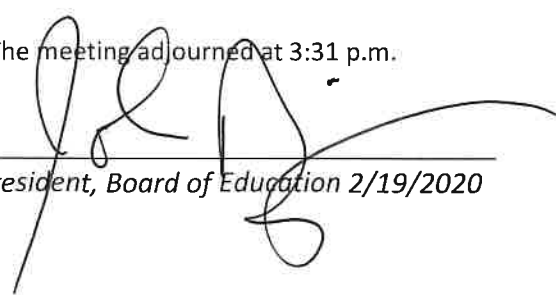
M. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. DeVries and seconded by Mr. Gallagher to adjourn the meeting. On roll call vote, the motion passed.


YEA: Braker, Ludwig, Cook, DeVries, Gallagher, Moore, Reining

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



President, Board of Education 2/19/2020



Secretary, Board of Education 2/19/2020