

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221  
January 20, 2021

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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, January 20, 2021 for a regular meeting.

**A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Reining at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Christy Garnhart, Travis Heinz, Jonathan Schneiderman, and Kyle Zick

**C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda**

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

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

NAY: None

**D. Consent Agenda**

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Curriculum and Policy Meeting of December 9, 2020
  - b. Regular & Closed Meetings of December 9, 2020
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement

3. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
4. Approval of Activity Accounts
5. Approval of Advertisers/Donors
6. Approval of Seniority Lists

**E. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment**

No members of the community wished to address the Board.

**F. Cardinal Strong Spotlight – Mr. Rod Genandt**

The board recognized Mr. Rod Genandt on being nominated and chosen for NPR Teachers' Lounge Podcast and for his years of service.

**G. Superintendent's Report**

1. District Highlights
  - a. Bus Driver Appreciation Week - February 8 - 12, 2021
  - b. Teacher & Learning Highlights
    - i. Curriculum Highlights
    - ii. Elementary Education Pathway HCC / WIU
2. Building Highlights
  - a. 2nd Quarter Discipline Reports
  - b. FJSHS Highlights
  - c. FV Elementary Highlights
3. Facilities Update
4. Community Update
  - a. ISBE 5 Essentials Survey
  - b. Silver Creek Reformed Church Christmas Blessings
  - c. Forreton Journal Articles
5. Staff Communication
6. Notes of Appreciation
7. COVID-19 Updates
  - a. COVID-19 Vaccination Update

**H. District Financial Report – 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Revenue & Expenditure Report**

The board reviewed and discussed the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Revenue & Expenditure Report.

**I. Board Action and Discussion**

1. Approval of 2021-2022 Forreton High School Curriculum Guide – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member DeVries to approve the 2021 – 2022 Forreton High School Curriculum Guide – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of the FHS Health Life Safety Amendment  
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member DeVries to approve the FHS Health Life Safety Amendment as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval to Let for Bids for the FHS Gym HVAC Replacement Project  
A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Let for Bids for the FHS Gym HVAC Replacement Project as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

4. Approval Authorizing Development of FY'22 Budget  
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member DeVries to approve the Authorization of Development of the FY'22 Budget. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

5. Approval of Policy Recommendations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading  
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Policy Recommendations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

**J. Closed Session**

1. A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Ludwig to adjourn to closed session at 7:27 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: Braker, Ludwig, Gallagher, DeVries, Cook, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Moore to return to open session at 8:27 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

**K. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session**

1. Approval of the Personnel Report

A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Cook to approve the Personnel Report as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

The board thanked Ann Guist for her years of service and wished her well in her retirement.

**Certified Personnel**

**Retirement:**

- Approve the retirement of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ann Guist	GVGS Kindergarten Teacher	End of 2020-2021 School Year

**Resignation:**

- Approve the resignation of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Stephanie DeWall	FGS Title 1/Special Education Teacher	End of 2020-2021 School Year

**Educational Support Personnel**

**Resignation:**

- Approve the resignation of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mike Watson	Director of Facilities and Maintenance	December 31, 2020
Mevludije Dervishi	FJSHS Paraprofessional	January 25, 2021

**Employment:**

- Approve the employment of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kirk Janicke	Director of Facilities and Maintenance	February 16, 2021

**L. Calendar Items**

1. January 2021 Calendar
2. February 2021 Calendar

**M. Other Matters to Come to the Attention of the Board**

1. FOIA Requests
2. Board of Education Retreat – February 11, 2021 at Highland Community College

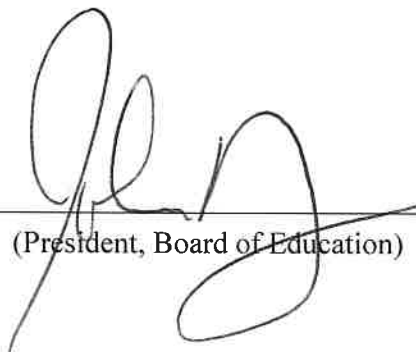
**N. Adjournment**

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

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

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



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(President, Board of Education)



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