

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
March 18, 2020

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 Wednesday, March 18, 2020 for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Pledge of Allegiance

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Don Cook, Robert DeVries, Shaun Gallagher, Chip Braker, Joel Ludwig Dr. April Moore (arrived at 6:57 p.m.), and John Reining

Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith and Shannon Hansen

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

No members of the community wished to address the Board.

E. Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Cook to approve items 1a-b, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the Consent Agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Transportation Committee Meeting of February 19, 2020

b. Regular and Closed Meetings of February 19, 2020

2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
4. Approval of Activity Accounts
5. Approval of Advertisers/Donors

F. “Cardinal Strong” Spotlight

None.

G. Superintendent’s Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. OCEC Special Olympics Basketball Game February 21, 2020
2. Building Highlights
 - a. Freshman Orientation February 26, 2020
 - b. Family Reading Night March 5, 2020
 - c. FHS Scholarship and Career Night March 12, 2020
 - d. 3rd Quarter Discipline Reports
3. Notes of Appreciation
4. Health/Dental Insurance Update
5. Strategic Plan Update
 - a. Instruction
 - b. Facilities
 - 1) FGS Asbestos Abatement Project March 23-24, 2020
 - c. FY20 School Maintenance Project Grant Approval
 - d. Community
 - 1) Senior Interviews 2020
 - 2) Village of Forreston Safe Routes to School
6. Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

H. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of Bus Lease
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Cook to approve the bus lease as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of Resolution to Amend and Restate Forrestville Valley 403(b) Plan
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Resolution to Amend and Restate Forrestville Valley 403(b) Plan as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Catastrophic Insurance Renewal for the 2020-2021 School Year
A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the catastrophic insurance renewal for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of K-5 English Language Arts Curriculum Adoption – 1st Reading
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the first reading of the K-5 English Language Arts curriculum adoption as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of Handbooks & Fees for the 2020-2021 School Year – 1st Reading
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Braker to approve the first reading of the following handbooks and fees for the 2020-2021 school year as presented: Band handbooks, chorus handbooks, extra-curricular handbooks, kindergarten handbook, parent/student handbook, preschool handbook, Student Council handbook, teacher handbook, personnel handbook, and fees. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

I. Closed Session

A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Gallagher to adjourn to 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)(2); and Student disciplinary cases - 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:58 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:06 p.m.

J. Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Approval of Re-Employment of First-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Braker to approve the re-employment of the following first-year, full-time, probationary, certified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year: Christina Bergin, Garrett Roberts and Erica Giedd. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of Re-Employment of Second-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the re-employment of the following second-year, full-time, probationary, certified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year: Kyle Getz, Michael Schneiderman, Travis Cunningham, Kelley Parks and Kara Bruning. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Re-Employment of Third-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member DeVries to approve the re-employment of the following third-year, full-time, probationary, certified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year: Brian Rahn Kim Snider, Erin Kennelly, Sarah Murdock and Stephanie DeWall. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of Re-Employment of Third and Fourth-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel, Placing the Staff on Tenure, for the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Moore to approve the re-employment of the following third and fourth-year, full-time, probationary, certified personnel, placing the staff on tenure, for the 2020-2021 school year: Keynon Janicke, Alayna Meyer, Hanna Kasten and Noelle Yeager. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of Re-Employment of Part-Time, Certified Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the re-employment of the following part-time, certified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year: Joanie Braker, Lisa Kenney, Kim Fricke, Terry Jenkins and Lois Bollman. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Braker

6. Approval of Resignation(s) of Certified Personnel at the end of the 2019-2020 School Year

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Moore to approve the resignation(s) of the following certified personnel at the end of the 2019-2020 school year: Justin Shiltz, Jane Bardelas and Robert Nelson. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

7. Approval of Retirement(s) of Certified Personnel at the end of the 2019-2020 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to approve the retirement(s) of the following certified personnel at the end of the 2019-2020 school year: Michele Edler and Diane Winekauf. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

8. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Non-Re-Employment & Dismissal of Probationary Teacher(s) at the End of the 2019-2020 School Year
None.

9. Approval of Renewal of Tenured Certified Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Cook to approve the renewal of tenured certified personnel for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

10. Approval of Employment of Educational Support Personnel, Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure and Submission of Pre-Employment Requirements.

None.

11. Approval of Transfer in Assignments of Educational Support Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the transfer in assignments of educational support personnel for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

12. Approval of Leaves of Absence for Educational Support Personnel
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the leaves of absence for educational support personnel as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

13. Approval of Salary Increase for Educational Support Personnel for the 2020-2021 School Year
A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the salary increase for educational support personnel for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

14. Approval of Differential Assignments for the 2020-2021 School Year
A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Cook to approve the differential assignments for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

K. Calendar Items

None.

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

1. Statements of Economic Interest – Distributed at Wednesday Evening’s Meeting
2. IASB Spring Dinner Update March 10, 2020
3. IASB Constitution and Position Statements
4. Village of Forreston Annual Meeting of Joint Review Board
5. Xerox Toner

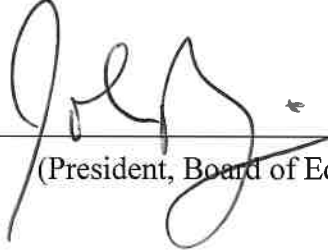
M. Adjournment

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

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

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)