

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
MARCH 19, 2014**

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Gym at Forreton Grade School on March 19, 2014 for a regular meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Ebbesmeyer at 5:30 p.m.

On roll call the following members were present: Don Cook, Robert DeVries, Shaun Gallagher, Jon Ludwig, Denny Osterloo, John Reining, and Dr. Bob Ebbesmeyer. Absent: none. Also in attendance were: Interim Superintendent Dr. Jane Eichman, Travis Heinz, Michael Mandzen, and Jim Kann.

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. A motion was made by DeVries to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Cook. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

The Consent Agenda was presented:

- ▶ Approval of February 19, 2014 Regular Session and Closed Session Minutes
- ▶ Approval of Monthly Financial Report
- ▶ Approval of Payment of Bills and Claims
- ▶ Approval of Activity Accounts
- ▶ Approval of the Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recording for September 19, 2012
- ▶ Approval of First Reading of School Board Policy Amendments
 - PRESS Plus Issue 81 – March, 2013
 1. Policy 4:15 Identity Protection
 2. Policy 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
 3. Policy 4:170 Safety
 4. Policy 5:260 Student Teachers (Rewritten)
 5. Policy 6:170 Title I Programs
 6. Policy 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
 7. Policy 6:220 Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct – New
 8. Policy 6:240 Field Trips
 9. Policy 7:190 Student Discipline
 10. Policy 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
 11. Policy 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities
 12. Policy 8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities (Rewritten)
 - PRESS Plus Issue 82 – July, 2013
 1. Policy 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban (Rewritten)
 2. Policy 2:120 Board Member Development
 3. Policy 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
 4. Policy 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities
 5. Policy 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
 6. Policy 7:340 Student Records
 - PRESS Plus Issue 83 – October, 2013
 1. Policy 3:60 Administrative Responsibilities of the Building Principal
 2. Policy 4:100 Insurance Management

- 3. Policy 5:50 Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition (Renamed and Rewritten)
- 4. Policy 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting (Rewritten)
- 5. Policy 5:100 Staff Development Program (Rewritten)
- 6. Policy 5:120 Ethics and Conduct
- 7. Policy 6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
- 8. Policy 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 9. Policy 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
- 10. Policy 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
- **Additional Amendments – January, 2014**
 - 1. Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - 2. Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
 - 3. Policy 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
 - 4. Policy 6:192 Athletic Eligibility (add to Policy 6:190 as a new sub-heading)
 - 5. Policy 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights
 - 6. Policy 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - 7. Policy 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- **School Board Policies to be Deleted – Deleted from IASB Base**
 - 1. Policy 2:90 Board Self-Evaluation
 - 2. Policy 5:130 Gifts to Staff Members
 - 3. Policy 6:90 Kindergarten
 - 4. Policy 6:200 Instructional Arrangements
 - 5. Policy 6:220 Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption
 - 6. Policy 7:110 Student Transfers
 - 7. Policy 7:350 Access to Student Records
 - 8. Policy 7:360 Directory Information
 - 9. Policy 7:370 Student Record Challenges
 - 10. Policy 8:40 Spectator Conduct at School Events
 - 11. Policy 8:50 Visitors to the Schools
 - 12. Policy 8:60 Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent
- **School Board Policies in Board Policy Manual to Move to Administrative Procedures Manual**
 - 1. Policy 2:250-E2 Exhibit – Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
 - 2. Policy 3:20 Organizational Chart
 - 3. Policy 4:60-E Exhibit – Notice to Contractors
 - 4. Policy 5:125-E Exhibit – Employee Receipt of Board Policy or Personal Technology and Social Media
 - 5. Policy 7:300-E1 Exhibit – Agreement to Participate
- **School Board Policies That Need a Change in Policy Code Number**
 - 1. Policy 7:180 Closed Campus (Change to Policy 7:182)
 - 2. Policy 7:235 Behavioral Intervention (Change to Policy 7:232)

A motion was made by Osterloo to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment: No members of the school community addressed the Board.

The following committee reports were given:

- ▶ **Curriculum Committee – February 19, 2014**
- ▶ **Handbook Committee – March 6, 2014**
- ▶ **Insurance Committee – February 26, 2014**
- ▶ **School Board Policy Committee – March 5, 2014**

The Academic Spotlight highlighted Forreston High School Future Farms of America – Mr. Robert Nelson

- ▶ **A quart of strawberries was presented to each BOE member from the recent fundraiser**
- ▶ **A presentation was shared by Lane Bowman, Beau Bunders, Hannah Hunziker, Haley Cuthrell and Tyler Newcomer**

Interim Superintendent Eichman presented the following action item:

- ▶ **Approval of 2014-2015 School District Calendar**
- ▶ **Approval of 2014-2015 School District Fees**
- ▶ **Approval of District School Improvement Plan**
- ▶ **Approval of 2014-2015 IHSA Membership Renewal**

A motion was made by Cook to approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar as presented. Seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the 2014-2015 School District Fees as presented. Seconded by Ludwig. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the District School Improvement Plan as presented. Seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reining to approve the IHSA Membership Renewal. Seconded by Cook. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

Interim Superintendent Eichman presented the following information items:

- ▶ **School Maintenance Project Grant update – approved for matching funds of \$9,847**
- ▶ **First Reading of 2014-2015 School District Handbooks**
 - **Parent / Student Handbook – after discussion regarding the percentage of credit received for homework from a suspension in the Parent / Student Handbook vs. the Teachers' Handbooks, it was decided to make changes to the Teachers' Handbooks to reflect the same language and percentages as the Parent / Student Handbook.**
 - **Extracurricular Handbook**
 - **Band Handbooks**
 - **Chorus Handbooks**
 - **Student Council Handbook**
 - **F.F.A. Handbook**
 - **Kindergarten Handbook**
 - **Little Cardinals Preschool Handbook**
 - **Teachers' Handbooks**
- ▶ **End-of-the-Year Calendar**
- ▶ **H.L.E.R.K.**

Principals reported on Good Things Happening for Kids.

Mr. Heinz highlighted the following:

- ▶ **2nd Grade Play** performed by Mrs. Bardelas, Ms. Kenney, and Mrs. Michael's students
- ▶ **ISAT Buddies** – Mrs. Bardelas, Ms. Kenney, Mrs. Michael, Mrs. Joy, Mrs. Edler, and Mrs. Grabens' classes wrote "pick-me-up" notes of encouragement to the 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders taking ISAT tests
- ▶ **PTO Fun Fair Friday, April 11th** at FJSHS from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ▶ **Students of the Month at FGS:** Grace Kaiser, Maddie Chesnek, Micah Nelson, Kaeden Motszko, John DeHaven, Chloe Reubin, Holly Plock, Christian Gasmund, Madison Sketo, and Devan Vietmeier
- ▶ **Students of the Month at GVGS:** Kyla Lamm, Mason Dietmeier, and Andrew Wells
- ▶ **2nd grader Cadence Diduch** runner up 2nd place at State in wrestling in her division

Mr. Mandzen highlighted the following:

- ▶ **Principals Advisory Council**
- ▶ **Honor's Program** – presented by Travis Cunningham and Evan Watz to encourage students to take upper level classes to prepare them for the future

The following Calendar Items were presented by Interim Superintendent Eichman:

March	21	Friday	1 – Hour Early Dismissal
	24-28	Mon.-Fri.	No School – Spring Break
	31	Monday	School Resumes
April	5	Saturday	Forrestville's Got Talent – 7:00 p.m. – JH Gym
	16	Wednesday	School Board Meeting
	18	Friday	4th Quarter Progress Reports
			Early Dismissal – 10:50 a.m.
			Curriculum Development – p.m.

A motion was made by Gallagher to adjourn to a Closed Session at 6:12 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific school district employees. Seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

Cook moved to return to an Open Session at 8:20 p.m. The motion was seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

Action Taken After Closed Session:

A motion was made by Gallagher to approve the amendment to resignation agreement and release with Lowell A. Taylor. The motion was seconded by DeVries. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gallagher to approve the 2014-2015 contract renewal for first-year non-tenured teachers. The motion was seconded by Osterloo. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the 2014-2015 contract renewal for second-year non-tenured teachers. The motion was seconded by Cook. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reining to approve the 2014-2015 tenured certified staff members. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by DeVries to approve the 2014-2015 non-certified staff members. The motion was seconded by Gallagher. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Osterloo to approve the 2014-2015 coaching staff assignments for Fall of 2014 and Winter of 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Ludwig. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reining to approve the 2 year contract extension for Principal Travis Heinz for the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. The motion was seconded by Cook. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cook to approve the 1 year contract extension for Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Jim Kann for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion was seconded by Reining. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ludwig to approve the resignation of Jonathan Schneiderman as Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach effective March 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Gallagher. On roll call: Cook abstain, DeVries no, Gallagher yes, Ludwig yes, Osterloo yes, Reining yes, Ebbesmeyer yes. Motion carried.

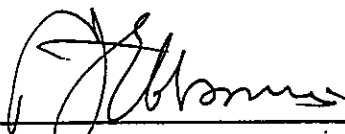
A motion was made by DeVries to approve the employment of Terry Pierce as the 2014 Varsity Girls' Softball Coach effective March 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Cook. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Reining to approve the employment of Kara Hayenga as the 2014 Junior High Track Assistant Coach effective March 19, 2014. The motion was seconded by Osterloo. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

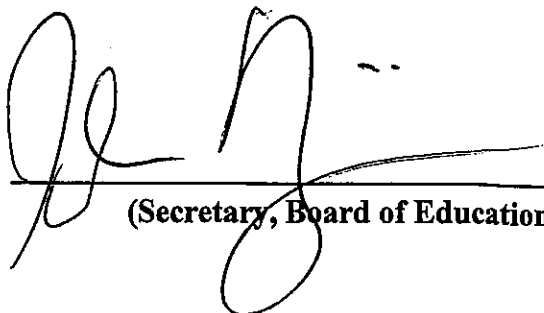
A motion was made by DeVries to approve the employment of the summer work crew. The motion was seconded by Osterloo. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cook to approve the resignation of Lisa Barkalow as Junior High Cheer Coach for the 2014-2015 school year. The motion was seconded by Osterloo. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Seconded by DeVries. On roll call all voted aye. Motion carried.



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