

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

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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, November 18, 2020 for a regular meeting. Due to COVID-19 guidelines and recommendations from Governor Pritzker and the Ogle County Health Department, members of the public that wanted to participate in the meeting accessed the meeting via phone.

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

Absent: None

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

**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. 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 Cook and seconded by Member DeVries to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular & Closed Meetings of October 21, 2020
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report – as presented

**Certified Personnel**

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Certified Personnel:
 

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kim Fox	Substitute Teacher – FJSHS Art	November 30, 2020

**Non-Certified Personnel**

Resignation:

- Approve the resignation of the following Non-Certified Personnel:
 

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Tommie Healy	FGS Custodian	November 6, 2020

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Non-Certified Personnel:
 

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brandi Brown	FGS Custodian	November 30, 2020

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of Activity Accounts
6. Approval of Advertisers/Donors
7. Approval of the Highland Community College – College Now Program

**F. Superintendent’s Report**

1. District Highlights
  - a. Teaching & Learning Highlights
    - 1) Curriculum Highlights
    - 2) 2020 State Report Cards
  - b. Building Highlights
    - 1) FJSHS Highlights
    - 2) FV Elementary Highlights
    - 3) 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Discipline Reports
    - 4) Staff Evaluations – 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle
  - c. Facilities Update
2. Community Updates
  - a. ISBE – 5 Essentials

3. Staff Communication
  - a. Staff Bulletin
    - 1) November 2020 Staff Bulletin
4. Notes of Appreciation
5. Insurance Renewals
  - a. Commercial Package, Workers Compensation Package, Automobile Package, Umbrella Package, School Board Legal Liability & Law Enforcement Packages
  - b. Staff Vision Insurance
6. COVID-19 Updates
  - a. FV District Metrics
  - b. Consideration of Expanded Adapted Pause
    - 1) November 30, 2020 – January 18, 2021
  - c. Communication with Families

**G. Board Action and Discussion**

1. Approval of 2020 Estimated Tax Levy  
 A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Braker to approve the 2020 Estimated Tax Levy as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of the Implementation of the IDPH All Sports Policy  
 A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Implementation of the IDPH All Sports Policy as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval of 2021 – 2022 School Calendar – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading  
 A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the 2021 – 2022 School Calendar – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

**H. Calendar Items**

1. November Calendar

2. December Calendar

**I. Closed Session**

1. A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Cook to adjourn to closed session at 7:39 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); Negotiations – 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2); and Student disciplinary cases - 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member DeVries to return to open session at 8:20 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

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

1. No action items resulted from closed session.

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

1. FOIA Requests
2. IASB Virtual Summit – November 20, 2020
3. Board Retreat – February 11, 2021

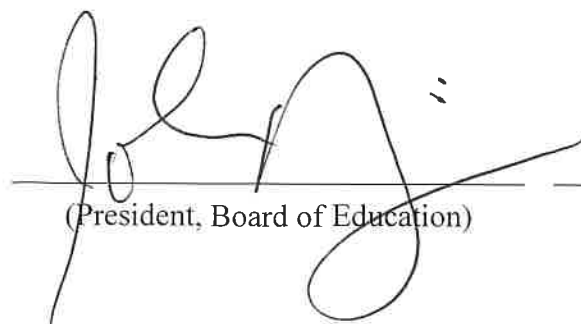
**L. Adjournment**

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, Cook, Ludwig, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)