

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
October 18, 2023

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, October 18, 2023, for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Chip Braker, Don Cook, Shaun Gallagher, Bob Gronewold, Shawnda Ludwig, and Dr. Craig Pauls

Members Absent: Dr. April Moore

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, Heather Politsch, Ryan Schrader, and Kyle Zick

Mr. Gronewold was appointed as board secretary for the duration of the meeting.

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

YEA: Ludwig, Pauls, Gronewold, Gallagher, Cook, and Braker

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

This item was addressed with no members of the public wishing to address the board.

E. Consent Agenda

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

YEA: Gronewold, Ludwig, Gallagher, Cook, Pauls, and Braker

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Committee Minutes of September 20, 2023

b. Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2023

2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report

Differential Assignments

Resignation:

- Approve the resignation of the following Differential Assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Allison Bondele	FHS Girls' Basketball Aide	October 19, 2023

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Differential Assignments:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Annika Groom	FHS Girls' Basketball Aide	Start of 2023-24 Season
Alexia Ulse	FHS Cheer Winter Advisor	Start of 2023-24 Season

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

F. FY23 Financial Report - WIPFLI

Mr. Jerry Funk presented the FY23 Audit and the board had the opportunity to ask questions.

G. Superintendent's Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Parent / Teacher Conferences
 - b. School Report Cards
 - c. LEA Determination
 - d. Inclement Weather
2. Building Highlights
 - a. FJSHS Highlights
 - b. FGS Highlights
 - c. GVGS Highlights
3. Facilities Highlights
4. Community Highlights
 - a. Support Organization Meeting – November 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
 - b. Road Commissioner's Meeting – November 1, 2023
 - c. Illinois SMILE Program
5. Foundation Update
 - a. Foundation Board Meeting Agenda – October 4, 2023
 - b. Forreston's Vedra Scramble for Education Update
 - c. Retiring Members / New Members – Press Release
6. Staff Communication
 - a. October Staff Bulletin
 - b. Influenza Vaccination Clinic – October 18, 2023
 - c. District Financial Overview – October 18, 2023
7. Notes of Appreciation

H. District Financial Report

1. 1st Quarter Revenue & Expenditure Report
2. 2023 Tax Levy Timeline

I. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of FY23 Audit – Financial Report

A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the FY23 Audit as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Gronewold, Gallagher, Cook, Ludwig, and Braker

NAY: None

2. Approval of FY23 Single Audit – Annual Federal Financial Compliance Report

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the FY23 Single Audit – Annual Federal Financial Compliance Report as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Ludwig, Pauls, Gronewold, Cook, Gallagher, and Braker

NAY: None

3. Approval of Resolution to Increase Imprest Fund

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to approve the resolution to increase the Imprest Fund as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Cook, Pauls, Ludwig, Gronewold, and Braker

NAY: None

4. Approval of FHS Dominican Republic Service Trip

A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the FHS Dominican Republic Service Trip as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Gallagher, Cook, Ludwig, Gronewold and Braker

NAY: None

5. Approval of 2024-2025 School Calendar – 1st Reading

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar – 1st Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Ludwig, Gronewold, Pauls, Cook, and Braker

NAY: Gallagher

6. Approval of Life Safety Amendment, FJSHS Backflow Preventer Replacement
A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Life Safety Amendment for the FJSHS backflow preventer replacement as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Ludwig, Gallagher, and Braker

NAY: Gronewold

ABSTAIN: Cook

7. Approval of Communications Site Lease Agreement with JCWiFi
A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Communications Site Lease Agreement with JCWiFi as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Ludwig, Gallagher, Cook, Gronewold, and Braker

NAY: None

8. Approval of Policy 7:180: Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the policy:7180: Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Gronewold, Cook, Gallagher, Ludwig, and Braker

NAY: None

J. Closed Session

1. Closed session was not necessary.

K. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Closed session was not necessary, therefore no action.

L. Calendar Items

1. October 2023 Calendar
 - a. Forrester Area Business Association – October 28, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Township Building
2. November 2023 Calendar
 - a. FFA Test Plot Dinner – November 7, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

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

1. Board Retreat – February 1, 2024, Highland Community College
2. Teacher Shortage Article

3. The board discussed recent communications regarding Freeport Career Tech and Wake-Up Ogle County.

N. Adjournment

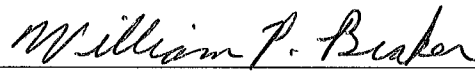
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Pauls, Gronewold, Ludwig, Cook, and Braker

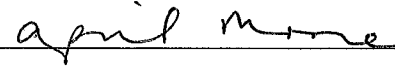
NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Board of Education members had an opportunity to tour FHS locker rooms following the meeting.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)