

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
November 20, 2024

The Board of Education of the Forrestville Valley Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Forreston Junior Senior High School Chorus Room on November 20, 2024, for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting was called to order by President Braker at 6:34 p.m. All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Shawnda Ludwig

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

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

Mr. Sam Watts addressed the board requesting a review of the policy allowing homeschool students to participate in extracurricular activities. Mr. Watts also recognized and congratulated a current homeschool student on their athletic accomplishments.

Mr. Michael Schneiderman addressed the board requesting a review of the policy allowing homeschool students to participate in extracurricular activities.

E. Consent Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2024

b. Special & Closed Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2024

2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement

3. Approval of Personnel Report

Certified Personnel

Resignation:

- Approve the resignation of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lois Bollman	College & Career Readiness Coach	October 28, 2024

Support Personnel

Resignation:

- Approve the resignation of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Angela Christensen	Executive Admin. Asst/ Board Recording Secretary	December 12, 2024
Amber Frye	FJSHS Transportation Secretary	October 17, 2024

Differential Assignment

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Differential Assignment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Robert "Butch" DeVries	FJH Girls' Volunteer Basketball Coach	January 06, 2025

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of Activity Accounts
6. Approval of CollegeNOW Agreement with Highland Community College

F. Cardinal Strong Spotlight – Recognition of Service – Mr. Cook

Mrs. Smith and the board recognized and thanked Mr. Don Cook for twenty-one years of service on the Forrestville Valley Board of Education.

G. Superintendent's Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Illinois School Report Card
2. Building Highlights
 - a. National Honor Society Induction – November 13, 2024
 - b. GVGS Behavioral Supports Collaborative – November 21, 2024
 - c. Fall Activity Highlights
 - d. Staff Evaluations – 1st Cycle

Mr. Zick joined the meeting at 7:11 p.m.
3. Facilities Highlights
 - a. FY25 Maintenance Grant Approval
 - b. Summer 2025 Projects
4. Community Highlights
 - a. Veteran's Day Breakfast – November 11, 2024
 - b. School Messenger – Text Messages
 - c. Road Commissioner Inclement Weather Communication
5. Staff Communications
6. Notes of Appreciation

7. Insurance Renewals
 - a. Commercial Package, Workers Compensation Package, Automobile Package, Umbrella Package, School Board Legal Liability, and Law Enforcement Packages
 - b. Staff Vision Insurance

H. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of 2024 Estimated Tax Levy

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Moore to approve the 2024 Estimated Tax Levy as presented. After discussion, on a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of 2025-2026 School Calendar – 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar – 2nd reading as presented. After discussion, on a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Financial Resolution to Close Bank Accounts

A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the financial resolution to close bank accounts: 2016 working cash proceeds sub account and 2021 working cash proceeds sub account as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of HS Track Cooperative Agreement for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the HS track cooperative agreement for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of HS Cross Country Cooperative Agreement for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the HS cross county cooperative agreement for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Gronewold, Moore, Gallagher, Pauls, and Braker
NAY: None

6. Approval of JH Cross County Cooperative Agreement for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Years

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the JH cross country cooperative agreement for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Gallagher, Gronewold, Pauls, Moore, and Braker
NAY: None

7. Approval of HS Bass Fishing Team for the 2025-2026 School Year

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the HS bass fishing team for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Cook, Gallagher, Moore, Gronewold, Pauls, and Braker
NAY: None

8. Approval of 6th Grade Volleyball, Basketball, and Cheer for the 2025-2026 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Cook to approve the 6th grade volleyball, basketball, and cheer for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Cook, Gallagher, Pauls, Moore, and Braker
NAY: None

I. **Closed Session**

- a. A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Moore to adjourn to closed session at 7:25 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 – 5ILCS120/2(c)(11); and Student disciplinary cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Moore, Cook, Gronewold, Gallagher, and Braker
NAY: None

Mr. Zick left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

- b. A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Gallagher to return to open session at 8:08 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Gallagher, Pauls, Moore, Cook, and Braker
NAY: None

J. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Approval of 3 Year Professional Agreement with the FVEA for 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 School Years

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Moore to approve the 3-year professional agreement with the FVEA for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 school years as presented. After discussion, on a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

K. Calendar Items

1. November 2024 Calendar
 - a. FHS Girls' Thanksgiving Basketball Tournament
2. December 2024 Calendar

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

1. FOIA Request
2. 2024 IASB Resolutions Committee Report
3. Board of Education Retreat – February 6, 2025, at Highland Community College
4. Policy 6:190 and 7:40
5. FJH PA System


M. Adjournment

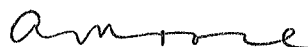
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.


(President, Board of Education)


(Secretary, Board of Education)