

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221  
December 9, 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 Forreton Junior / Senior High School on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 for a regular meeting.

**A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance**

The regular meeting was called to order by President Reining at 6:32 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Christy Garnhart, Travis Heinz, Jonathan Schneiderman

**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. Consent Agenda**

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Regular & Closed Meetings of November 18, 2020
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report – as presented

## Certified Personnel

### Resignations:

- Approve the resignations of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sarah Murdock	GVGS Kindergarten Teacher	End of 2020-21 School Year

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of Activity Accounts
6. Approval of Advertisers/Donors
7. Approval of the Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings through June, 2019
8. Approval to Keep Closed Session Meeting Minutes Closed through November, 2020

### **E. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment**

No members of the community wished to address the Board.

### **F. Superintendent's Report**

1. District Highlights
  - a. Teaching & Learning Highlights
    - 1) Curriculum Highlights
  - b. Building Highlights
    - 1) FJSHS Highlights
      1. FHS Class of 2021 Commencement Ceremony – May 16, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.
      2. Student Services Newsletter
    - 2) FJSHS Activities Update
    - 3) FV Elementary Highlights
  - c. Facilities Update
    - 1) Regional Office of Education Annual Inspection
2. Staff Communication
  - a. December Staff Bulletin
    - 1) Handbook Signature Form
  - b. RIF Joint Committee
3. Notes of Appreciation
4. COVID-19 Updates
5. Business Operations Timeline
6. Board Election Filing Period – December 14 – 21, 2020

### **G. Board Action and Discussion**

1. Approval of 2020 Tax Levy

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

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of the 2021 – 2022 School Calendar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Moore to approve the 2021 – 2022 School Calendar as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Ogle County Health Department

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Ogle County Health Department as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Gallagher

4. Approval of 2021 – 2022 Forreton High School Curriculum Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the 2021 – 2022 Forreton High School Curriculum Guide – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of Insurance Renewals

- a. Commercial Package, Workers' Compensation, Automobile Package, Inland Marine Package, Umbrella Package, School Board Legal Liability, Law Enforcement Package

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Insurance Renewals as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

6. Approval of Policy Recommendations – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Cook to approve the Policy Recommendations with an edit to Policy 6:300 that a student must complete seven full semester to be considered for early graduation. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

**H. Calendar Items**

1. December 2020 Calendar
2. January 2021 Calendar

**I. Closed Session**

1. A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Braker to adjourn to closed session at 7:13 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: Gallagher, Braker, DeVries, Cook, Ludwig, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Ludwig to return to open session at 7:46 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

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

1. Approval of the One Year Professional Agreement Extension with the F.V.E.A. for the 2021 – 2022 School Year.

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to approve the One Year Professional Agreement Extension with the F.V.E.A. for the 2021 – 2022 School Year. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

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

1. FOIA Requests
2. IASB Virtual Summit – November 20, 2020

3. Board of Education Retreat – February 11, 2021 at Highland Community College

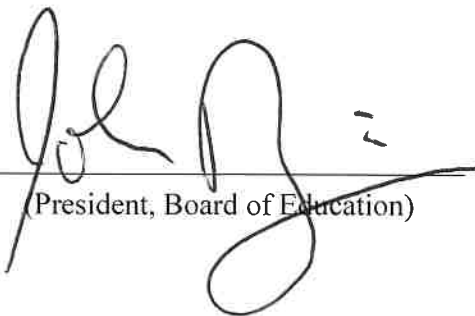
**L. Adjournment**

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

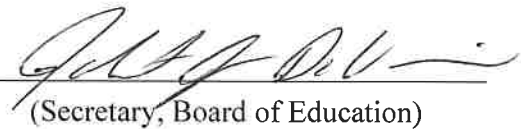
YEA: Gallagher, Cook, Braker, DeVries, Ludwig, Moore, and Reining

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)