

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
March 17, 2021

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, March 17, 2021 for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting was called to order by President Reining at 6:31 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, and Kyle Zick

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

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Cook, Ludwig

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Finance and Facilities Meeting of February 17, 2021

b. Regular & Closed Meetings of February 17, 2021

2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement

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

F. Superintendent's Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Teacher & Learning Highlights
 - i. Curriculum Highlights
 - ii. Assessment Update
 - iii. AP Course Overview
2. Building Highlights
 - a. 3rd Quarter Discipline Reports
 - b. FJSHS Highlights
 - i. Freshman Orientation – February 23, 2021
 - ii. PLTW Informational Meeting for incoming freshman – February 23, 2021
 - iii. Scholarship / Career Night
 - c. FV Elementary Highlights
3. Staff Communication
4. Notes of Appreciation
5. COVID-19 Updates

G. District Financial Report

1. Financial Advisory Agreement with PMA Securities
The board reviewed and discussed the Financial Advisory Agreement with PMA Securities.

H. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of Bus Lease & Purchase
A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the Bus Lease and Purchase as presented to include the purchase of (4) 2020 preowned buses and (3) 2022 5-year lease buses from Central States Bus Sales. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of Catastrophic Insurance Renewal for the 2021-2022 School Year
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Catastrophic Insurance Renewal for the 2021-2022 School Year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.
YEA: Cook, Braker, DeVries, Moore, Ludwig, Gallagher, and Reining
NAY: None

3. Approval of Handbooks & Fees for the 2021-2022 School Year – 1st Reading
A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the Handbooks & Fees for the 2021-2022 School Year – 1st Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Forreton & Forreton Police Department
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Braker to table the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Forreton & Forreton Police Department. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of Health Life Safety Amendments
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Health Life Safety Amendments as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

6. Approval of FHS Gym Lighting Project
A motion was made by Member Braker and seconded by Member Cook to approve the FHS Gym Lighting Project as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Gallagher

7. Approval of Resolution Declaring the Intention to Issue \$500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and Directing that Notice of Such Intention Be Published in the Manner Provided By Law
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Resolution Declaring the Intention to Issue \$500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of the District for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and Directing that Notice of Such Intention Be Published in the Manner Provided By Law. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

8. Approval of Resolution Calling a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education of the District to Sell \$2,500,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds for the Purpose of Conforming its Existing Facilities that House Students to the Building Code Promulgated By the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, By Altering, Reconstructing and Repairing Said Facilities and Having Equipment Purchased and Installed Therein and \$500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the Resolution Calling a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent of the Board of Education of the District to Sell \$2,500,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds for the Purpose of Conforming its Existing Facilities that House Students to the Building Code Promulgated By the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, By Altering, Reconstructing and Repairing Said Facilities and Having Equipment Purchased and Installed Therein and \$500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

9. Approval of Swimming Cooperative with Byron School District
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Cook to approve the Swimming Cooperative with Byron School District as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

I. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Ludwig to adjourn to closed session at 7:21 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)(2) and Student disciplinary cases - 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Ludwig to return to open session at 8:05 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

J. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Approval of Re-Employment of First-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year

A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Re-Employment of First-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Current School Assignment</u>
Scott Drake	Physical Education & Health Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Marissa McShane	Business & Computers Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Joel Tuten	Social Studies Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Hillary Hoffman	4 th Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Mackenzie Shipman	1 st Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School
Jonathan Stauffer	Science Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Maria Tuten	Elementary Social Worker	FV Elementary Schools

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of Re-Employment of Second-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to approve the Re-Employment of Second-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Current School Assignment</u>
Christina Bergin	School Counselor	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Garrett Roberts	Special Education Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Erica Giedd	2 nd Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Re-Employment of Third-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year

A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Cook to approve the Re-Employment of Third-Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Current School Assignment</u>
Kyle Getz	Social Studies Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Travis Cunningham	FJSHS Band/FGS 4-5 Music Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School Forreston Grade School

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

- Approval of Re-Employment of Third and Fourth Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year, Placing the Staff on Tenure for the 2021-2022 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Re-Employment of Third and Fourth Year, Full-Time, Probationary, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year, Placing the Staff on Tenure for the 2021-2022 School Year, to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Current School Assignment</u>
Kara Bruning	Speech/Language Pathologist	All Schools
Kelley Parks	Agriculture Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Brian Rahn	Mathematics Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Kim Snider	English/Language Arts Teacher	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Erin Kennelly	4 th Grade Teacher	Forreston Grade School

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

- Approval of Re-Employment of Part-Time, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Re-Employment of Part-Time, Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Current Position</u>	<u>Current Assignment</u>
Lisa Kenney	Title I Reading Staff	Elementary
Kim Fricke	Title I Reading Staff	Elementary
Terry Jenkins	Driver Education	Forreston Junior/Senior High School
Lois Bollman	College and Career Readiness Coach	Forreston Junior/Senior High School

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

6. Approval of Resignation(s) of Certified Personnel at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year

This item was addressed with no action necessary.

7. Approval of Retirement of Certified Personnel at the end of the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Retirement of Certified Personnel at the end of the 2020-2021 School Year to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Joanie Braker	FGS Title I Reading Staff	End of the 2020-2021 School Year

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Braker

8. Approval of Employment of Certified Personnel, Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure, and Submissions of Pre-Employment Requirements for the 2021-2022 School Year

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Employment of Certified Personnel, Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure, and Submissions of Pre-Employment Requirements for the 2021-2022 School Year to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Michele Edler	FGS Title I Reading Staff	Beginning of 2021-2022 School Year
Daniel Rosenstiel	FGS 3 rd Grade Teacher	Beginning of 2021-2022 School Year
Carl Setterstrom	FJSHS Science Teacher	Beginning of 2021-2022 School Year
Shelby Skiles	GVGS Kindergarten Teacher	Beginning of 2021-2022 School Year
Morgan Thomson	FGS Special Education/Title I Teacher	Beginning of 2021-2022 School Year

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

9. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Non-Re-Employment & Dismissal of Probationary Teacher(s) at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year

This item was addressed with no action necessary.

10. Approval of Renewal of Tenured Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Renewal of Tenured Certified Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

11. Approval of Transfer of Non-Certified Personnel

A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Transfer of Non-Certified Personnel to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>From Position</u>	<u>To Position</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Melvin Milnes	GVGS Custodian (Full-Time)	GVGS Custodian (Part-Time)	March 05, 2021

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

12. Approval of Renewal of Educational Support Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Braker to approve the Renewal of Educational Support Personnel for the 2021-2022 School Year. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

13. Approval of Employment of Differential Assignments, Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure, and Submissions of Pre-Employment Requirements for the 2020-2021 School Year

A motion was made by Member DeVries and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Employment of Differential Assignments, Pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure, and Submissions of Pre-Employment Requirements for the 2020-2021 School Year to include:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>
Alexandria Vant	FHS Volleyball Aide
Jake Groom	FJH 7 th Grade Head Volleyball Coach
Keynon Janicke	FJH Track Assistant Coach
Anthony Hardin	FHS Boys' Head Track Coach

On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

K. Calendar Items

1. March 2021 Calendar
2. April 2021 Calendar

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

1. FOIA Requests
2. Statements of Economic Interest
3. IASB Constitution, Position Statements & Belief Statements
4. Annual Trust Distribution Payment

Mr. Braker brought HS7 regarding District Consolidation to the attention of the Board.

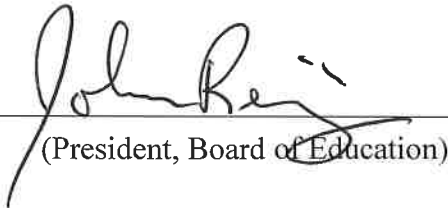
M. Adjournment

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

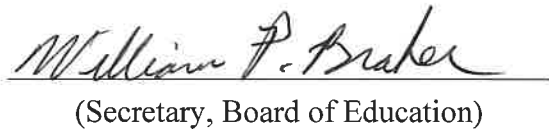
YEA: DeVries, Gallagher, Braker, Ludwig, Moore, Cook, and Reining

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)