

Forrestville Valley C.U.S.D. #221  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2019

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The Board of Education of the Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Library at Forreston Junior/Senior High School on September 18, 2019 for a public hearing.

**A. Budget Hearing – FY20 Budget**

A Public Hearing regarding the FY20 Budget was called to order by President Reining at 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: None

President Reining stated that the Tentative Budget for FY20 has been on display since the June 26, 2019 board meeting and asked for public comments to be shared. No members of the school community addressed the Board of Education regarding the FY20 Budget.

A motion was made by Mr. Braker to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:32 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Cook. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

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**B. Administrative Cost Waiver Hearing**

A Public Hearing regarding waiving the Limitation of Administrative Costs was called to order by President Reining at 6:32 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: None

President Reining stated that the district is over the Limitation of Administrative Costs and asked for public comments to be shared. No members of the school community addressed the Board of Education regarding waiving the Limitation of Administrative Costs.

A motion was made by Mr. Cook to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:33 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Gallagher. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

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

The regular meeting was called to order by President Reining at 6:33 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Roll Call**

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

Members Absent: None

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

**E. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda**

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

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

NAY: None

**F. Consent Agenda**

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Committee Meeting of August 14, 2019
  - b. Regular Meeting of August 14, 2019
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report

**Educational Support Personnel**

**Employment:**

- Approve the employment of the following Educational Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kerrie Peterson	FGS Paraprofessional	09/23/2019

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

**G. Financial Report**

1. FY19 Audit Presentation by Auditor Jerry Funk
2. FY19 Budget Recap

**H. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment**

1. No one wished to address the Board of Education.

**I. “Cardinal Strong” Spotlight**

The Board of Education congratulated Kelley Koester for being one of four of the IAA Foundation Agriculture Teacher Grant Recipients.

Shaun Gallagher exited the meeting at 6:54 pm.

**J. Superintendent’s Report**

1. District Highlights
  - a. Free & Reduced Priced Lunch & Breakfast Update
  - b. 6th Day Enrollment
2. Building Highlights
  - a. Financial Aid Night - September 25, 2019
  - b. Schedule for Sports
3. Foundation Update
  - a. Vedra Scramble Golf Outing - September 21, 2019
  - b. Upcoming Foundation Board Meeting - October 02, 2019
  - c. Educational Grants
4. Staff Communication
  - a. Staff Bulletin
  - b. Teacher Mentor Program
5. Notes of Appreciation
6. Strategic Plan Update
  - a. Instruction
    - 1) District Leadership Team
  - b. Facilities
    - 1) Cardinal Field Complex Update
    - 2) ALICE Training
  - c. Community
    - 1) Believe in the Children
    - 2) Donation of tree for Mr. McMorris – Class of 1981, Joanne Keppen

**K. IASA/IPA Leadership**

**L. Board Action and Discussion**

1. Approval of FY19 Audit

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. DeVries and seconded by Mr. Ludwig to approve the FY19 Audit as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of FY20 Final Budget

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. DeVries and seconded by Mr. Braker to approve the FY20 Final Budget as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Resolution to Waive Limitation of Administrative Costs

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Dr. Moore to approve the Resolution to Waive Limitation of Administrative Costs as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Abatement of Working Cash Fund

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. DeVries and seconded by Mr. Braker to approve the Resolution Authorizing Abatement of Working Cash Fund as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of Annual 4th Grade Field Trip to Springfield

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Ludwig to approve the Annual 4th Grade Field Trip to Springfield as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

6. Approval of Snow Removal Bid for 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 with Heslop Excavating

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. DeVries to approve the Snow Removal Bid for 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021 with Heslop Excavating as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

7. Approval of Safe Routes to School Planning & Design

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Braker and seconded by Dr. Moore to table the Safe Routes to School Planning & Design. On a roll call vote, the motion was tabled.

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

NAY: None

8. Approval of Policy Recommendations (PRESS Issue 101, Review of Sections 5 & 6, Other Policies) – 2nd Reading

After review and discussion, a motion was made by Mr. DeVries and seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the Policy Recommendations (PRESS Issue 101, Review of Sections 5 & 6, Other Policies) – 2nd Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

**M. Closed Session**

1. A motion was made by Mr. Ludwig and seconded by Mr. DeVries to adjourn to closed session at 7:40 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); the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body - 5ILCS120/2(c)(5); litigation - 5ILCS120/2(c)(11); and student disciplinary cases - 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. A motion was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Ludwig to return to open session at 7:58 p.m. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

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

NAY: None

**N. Possible Action Items Resulting from Closed Session**

1. No action was taken.

**O. Calendar Items**

1. September, 2019
2. October, 2019

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

1. FOIA Requests
2. Aurora University
3. IASA Annual Superintendents' Conference - September 25 - 27, 2019
4. October Board Meeting - October 16, 2019 at GVGS
5. Illinois Association of School Boards
  - a. IASB Northwest Division Dinner Meeting at Winnebago on October 30, 2019 at 6:00 pm

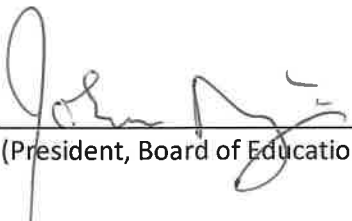
**Q. Adjournment**

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

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

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
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(President, Board of Education) 10/16/2019

  
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(Secretary, Board of Education) 10/16/2019