

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
April 17, 2024

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois met in the Chorus Room at Forreton Junior / Senior High School on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting was called to order by President Braker at 6:35 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, Ryan Schrader, and Kyle Zick

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to adopt the agenda with the addition of an Approval of an Honorary Resolution to recognize Superintendent Smith.

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

NAY: None

D. Approval of an Honorary Resolution to Recognize Superintendent Smith

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the Honorary Resolution to recognize Superintendent Smith and her recent appointment to the IASA Board of Directors representing the Northwest Region.

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

NAY: None

The Board temporarily adjourn the meeting to congratulate and recognize Superintendent Smith and her appointment as the IASA Director for the Northwest Region.

The meeting reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

E. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

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

F. Consent Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2024
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report

Certified Personnel

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Madalyn Hicks	Kindergarten Teacher	August 13, 2024

Support Personnel

Retirement:

- Approve the retirement of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Cathy Williams	Transportation Secretary (30 Years)	June 14, 2024

Summer Personnel

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Summer Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Krista Carlson	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2024
Molly Genandt	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2024
Erica Giedd	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2024
Kelli Joy	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2024
Karen Merlak	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2024
Hannah Stevens	Summer School Teacher	Summer 2024
Josie Pals	Summer School Intern	Summer 2024
Erica Alexander	Summer Crew	Summer 2024
Lucas Nelson	Summer Crew	Summer 2024
Patrick Olson	Summer Crew	Summer 2024
Emma Chamberlin	Summer AM Crew	Summer 2024
Ethan Holaday	Summer AM Crew	Summer 2024
Kyla Lamm	Summer AM Crew	Summer 2024
Emilee Bocker	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2024
Hunter DeWall	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2024
Elizabeth Ludwig	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2024

4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of Activity Accounts

6. Approval of Advertisers/Donors

G. Cardinal Strong Spotlight – Illinois State Scholars

Mr. Heinz recognized the four Illinois State Scholars for 2024. Mrs. Smith and the board recognized and congratulated the recipients on this prestigious award.

H. Superintendent’s Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Evidence-Based Funding Enrollment
 - b. 2024-2025 Staffing Assignments
 - c. 2024 Ag Day
2. Building Highlights
 - a. Class of 2024 Events
3. Facilities Highlights
 - a. Summer Projects
4. Community Highlights
 - a. 2024-2025 Registration & Fees Collection
 - 1) Skyward Online System – all registrations
 - 2) Pre-School Screenings & Kindergarten Roundup
5. Foundation Update
 - a. April 3, 2024 Meeting
 - b. Save the Date: Forrester’s Vedra Scramble for Education Golf Outing – September 21, 2024
6. Staff Communication
7. Health Insurance Update

I. District Financial Report

1. 2023-2024 School Year 3rd Quarter Financial Report
2. FY25 Budget Development

J. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of Temporary Construction Easement with Illinois Department of Transportation Parcel #2092014 as presented.

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the temporary construction easement with Illinois Department of Transportation parcel #2092014 as presented. Mrs. Smith informed the board that if approved the district would receive \$300.00. On a roll call vote, the motion passed allowing Mr. Braker the authority to convey and sign on behalf of the school district.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of Temporary Construction Easement with Illinois Department of Transportation Parcel #2092016 as presented.

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Moore to approve the temporary construction easement with Illinois Department of Transportation parcel #2092016 as presented. Mrs. Smith informed the board that if approved the district would receive \$300.00. On a roll call vote, the motion passed allowing Mr. Braker the authority to convey and sign on behalf of the school district.

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

3. Approval of FJSHS Convection Oven

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the purchase of a convection oven for FJSHS as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

4. Approval of John Deere 1025R Sub-Compact Utility Tractor

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Moore to amend the action item to “Approve Superintendent Smith to Purchase Utility Equipment based on the needs of the district in an amount up to \$40,000.” On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

5. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Purchase of District Fleet Equipment

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the Resolution Authorizing Purchase of District Fleet Equipment as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

6. Approval of District Consolidated Plan for Federal Funding

A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Moore to approve the district consolidated plan for federal funding as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

7. Approval of Final 2023-2024 District Calendar

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Moore to approve the final 2023-2024 district calendar as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

8. Approval of Policy Recommendations – PRESS Issue 114 & Other Policies – 1st Reading

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the policy recommendations – PRESS Issue 114 and other policies as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Gallagher

K. Closed Session

1. Closed session was not necessary.

L. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

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

M. Calendar Items

1. April 2024 Calendar
 - a. FFA Banquet – April 15, 2024
 - b. FJSHS Musical – April 27 & 28, 2024
2. May 2024 Calendar
 - a. Fine Arts Week begins the week of May 1st
 - b. Class of 2024 Commencement Ceremony – May 12, 2024

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

1. Statements of Economic Interest
2. IASB Division Meetings
3. Joint Annual Conference – November 22-24, 2024
4. Donation from the family of Marlene Ford - \$1500.00 for the Ag Department

O. Adjournment

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

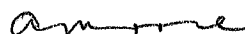
YEA: Pauls, Gallagher, Gronewold, Moore, Cook, and Braker

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)