

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
February 21, 2024

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, February 21, 2024, for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

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 Ludwig and seconded by Member Gronewold to adopt the Board of Education agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

Mr. Randy Schneiderman addressed the board in regard to past and future decisions to be made by the board, specifically referring to supporting home school students or students who do not attend school every hour being allowed to participate in school activities.

E. Consent Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Handbook & Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
 - b. Regular Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2024
 - c. Special & Closed Meeting Minutes of February 1, 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>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
McKenna Christianson	4 th Grade Teacher	Start of 2024-2025 School Year

Retirement:

- Approve the retirement of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kelli Joy	1 st Grade Teacher	End of 2025-2026 School Year

Support Personnel

Resignation:

- Approve the resignation of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sara Taylor	FGS Cook	February 9, 2024

Transfer:

- Approve the transfer of the following Support Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Wanda Stocker	FJSHS Cook (5hrs/day)	FGS Cook (6.5hrs/day)	February 22, 2024
Lisa Smith	FJSHS Cook (3.5hrs/day)	FJSHS Cook (5hrs/day)	February 22, 2024

Differential Assignment

Differential:

- Approve the transfer of the following Differentials:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Anthony Christensen	FHS Boys' Assistant Track Coach	FHS Boys' Volunteer Track Coach	2023-24 Season

- Approve the assignment of the following Differentials:

<u>Name</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jake Groom	FHS Boys' Assistant Track Coach	2023-2024 Season
Meredith Gelandner	FHS Girls' Volunteer Track Coach	2023-2024 Season
Annika Groom	FHS Softball Aide	2023-2024 Season
Kolten Dorty	FJSHS Volunteer Baseball Coach	2023-2024 Season
Alex Milnes	FJSHS Volunteer Baseball Coach	2023-2024 Season

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

Mr. Braker and the board acknowledged and thanked Ms. Joy for her 33 years of service with the district.

F. Superintendent's Report

1. Building Highlights
 - a. College & Career Day – March 6, 2024 9:00am – 12:00pm
 - b. Freshman Orientation & PLTW Introduction Night – February 22, 2024
2. Facilities Highlights
3. Community Highlights
 - a. ISBE 5Essentials Survey
 - b. Forreston Hall of Fame
 - c. FV Elementary All School Read
 - d. Intergovernmental Co-Op with Stephenson County Sheriff Office
4. Staff Communication
 - a. February Staff Bulletin
5. Notes of Appreciation
6. Summer Planning
7. 2024-2025 School Year Planning
 - a. Staffing
 - b. Health Insurance Renewal Options
 - c. Registration & Fees Collection

G. District Financial Report

1. Property Tax Relief Grant Update
2. District Maintenance Project Grant Update
3. Marilyn J. Ludwig Trust

H. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of Natural Gas Contract with Constellation
A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Natural Gas Contract with Constellation as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of FGS & GVGS Summer Roofing Project with Freeport Industrial
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to approve the FGS & GVGS Summer Roofing Project with Freeport Industrial as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval of Summer HVAC Project with Complete Mechanical
A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Summer HVAC Project with Complete Mechanical as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

4. Approval of Handbooks & Fees – 1st Reading

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Handbooks & Fees – 1st Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

- a. Band
- b. Chorus
- c. FFA
- d. Extra-Curricular
- e. Kindergarten
- f. Parent/Student
- g. Preschool
- h. Student Council
- i. Teacher
- j. Educational Support Personnel Employee
- k. Fees

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

I. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to adjourn to closed session at 7:06 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); the purchase of lease or real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired – 5ILCS120/2(c)(5); and Student disciplinary cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gronewold to return to open session at 8:36 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

Mr. Kyle Zick joined the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

J. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Approval of Educational Support Personnel Annual Increase for FY25

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to approve the educational support personnel annual increase for FY25 as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of Administrative Contract for H. Politsch for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 School Years

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the administrative contract for H. Politsch for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval of Administrative Contract for R. Schrader for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 School Years

A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Moore to approve the administrative contract for R. Schrader for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

4. Approval of Administrative Contract for K. Zick for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 School Years

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Gallagher to approve the administrative contract for K. Zick for the 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 school years as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

K. Calendar Items

1. February 2024 Calendar
 - a. FHS Boys' Basketball Regional Brackets
2. March 2024 Calendar
 - a. Mrs. Smith reviewed the spring trip planned by the FHS Baseball team to Memphis, Tennessee.

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

1. Statements of Economic Interest

- a. Will be receiving from County Clerk – Return to District Office
- b. Northwest Division Meeting – March 6, 2024
- c. IASB Constitution and Position Statements
- d. Mrs. Smith offered building visits to any interested board member during the spring months.

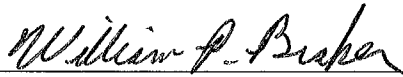
M. Adjournment

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

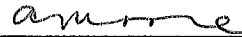
YEA: Gallagher, Pauls, Moore, Gronewold, Ludwig, Cook, and Braker

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)