

Forrestville Valley C.U.S.D. #221

Board of Education

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2025

Forrestville Valley Board of Education of the Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Forreton Junior Senior High School Chorus Room on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, for a regular board meeting.

A. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The regular meeting was called to order by President Braker at 6:30 p.m.
All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Chip Braker, Shaun Gallagher, Bob Gronewold, Shawnda Ludwig, Sarah Lott, and Dr. Craig Pauls.

Members Absent: Dr. April Moore

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, Ryan Schrader, Heather Politsch

C. Review and Adoption of the Board of Education Agenda

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

YEA: Gallagher, Ludwig, Gronewold, Pauls, Lott, and Braker

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comments

This item was addressed with no members of the public addressing the board.

E. Consent Agenda

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

YEA: Gronewold, Lott, Gallagher, Ludwig, Pauls, and Braker

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Regular and Closed Session Minutes of March 19, 2025

b. Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2025

2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement

3. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims

4. Approval of Activity Accounts

5. Approval of Donor/Donations

F. Cardinal Spotlight

Mr. Heinz recognized the five Illinois State Scholars for 2025. Mrs. Smith and the board recognized and congratulated the recipients on this prestigious award.

G. Superintendent's Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Evidence Based Funding
2. Building Highlights
 - a. FJSHS
 - i. Class of 2025 events
 - ii. FJSHS Musical April 5th and 6th
 - b. FGS
 - c. GVGS
3. Athletic Updates
4. Facilities Highlights
 - a. Summer Projects
 - b. The Board Members discussed the timeline of the District Bus Garage project to include the following modifications
 - i. Approve project design May 2025
 - ii. Approve let for bid June or July 2025
5. Community Highlights
 - a. 2025-2026 Registration & Fees Collection
 - i. Skyward Online System- All Registrations
 - ii. Pre-School Screenings & Kindergarten Roundup
 - b. Foundation Update
 - i. April 2, 2025 Meeting
 - ii. Save the Date: Vendra Scramble for Education Golf Outing- September 20, 2025
6. Staff Communications
 - a. April Staff Bulletin
7. Notes of Appreciation

H. District Financial Report

1. 2024-2025 School Year 3rd Quarter Financial Report
2. FY25 Budget Amendment Process
3. FY26 Budget Development

I. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of Wrestling Coop with Polo 2025-2026 and 2026-2027

A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Lott to approve the Wrestling Coop with Polo for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 School Year as presented. On a roll call, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Lott, Gallagher, Ludwig, Pauls, and Braker
NAY: None

2. Approval of Final 2024-2025 District Calendar

A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Final 2024-2025 District Calendar, as presented, which includes May 28, 2025 as the last day of students and staff. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gronewold, Ludwig, Gallagher, Pauls, Lott and Braker
NAY: None

3. Approval of Staff Health/Dental/Life Insurance Packages for the 2025-2026 School Year

A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Staff Health/Dental/Life Insurance packages for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Ludwig, Gronewold, Gallagher, Lott, and Braker
NAY: None

4. Approval of Purchase of Lawn Care Equipment

A motion was made by Member Lott and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the purchase of a John Deere Z997R Diesel Lawn Mower from Sloan Equipment as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Lott, Ludwig, Gronewold, Gallagher, Pauls, and Braker
NAY: None

5. Approval of Strategic Planning Implementation for the 2025-2026 School Year

This item was addressed with no action being taken.

6. Approval of District Investment Plan

A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the District Investment Plan of investing up to \$2 million in CD's if it serves the best interest of FVSD and with prior notification to the board. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Gallagher, Pauls, Gronewold, Ludwig, Lott, and Braker
NAY: None

J. Closed Session

A motion was made by Member Lott and seconded by Member Pauls to adjourn to closed session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body for the public body- 5ILS120/2(c)(1); Litigation – 5ILCS120/2(c)(11); and Student Disciplinary Cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Lott, Pauls, Gronewold, Gallagher, Ludwig, and Braker
NAY: None

A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Gronewold to return to open session at 8:12 p.m. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Gronewold, Gallagher, Ludwig, Lott and Braker
NAY: None

K. Possible Action Items Resulting from Closed Session

1. Approval of Personnel Report

A motion was made by Member Lott and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Personnel Report as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Lott, Ludwig, Gronewold, Gallagher, Pauls, and Braker

NAY: None

Forrestville Valley School District #221

PERSONNEL REPORT

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Approve the following personnel, pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure, and submission of Pre-Employment Requirements

Certified Personnel

Employment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kelly Scudder	JII Social Studies	8/12/2025
Caleb Skoog	FJSHS Math	8/12/2025

Educational Support Personnel

Resignation:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Melvin Milnes	Custodian	4/10/2025
Brenda Koeller	Cook	4/14/2025

Employment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Elisa Temes	PT FGS Custodian	4/21/2025
Misty Lindstrom	Secretary FJSHS	7/22/2025

Summer Personnel

Employment:

Approve the employment of the following Summer Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brandi Brown	Summer Crew	Summer 2025
Caroline Bawinkel	Summer AM Crew	Summer 2025
Emma Chamberlin	Summer AM Crew	Summer 2025
Ethan Holaday	Summer AM Crew	Summer 2025
Rebecca Luther	Summer AM Crew	Summer 2025
Emilee Bocker	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2025
Hunter Dewart	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2025
Carter Fox	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2025
Kayden Loomis	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2025
Jonathan Milnes	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2025
Jillian Moore	Summer PM Crew	Summer 2025

2. Approval of Differential Report for the 2025-2026 School Year

A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Lott to approve the Differential Report for the 2025-2026 School Year. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

YEA: Pauls, Lott, Gronewold, Gallagher, Ludwig, and Braker

NAY: None

FHS Football	Head Varsity Coach	Keynon Janicke	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Mike McClellan	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Hunter Hake	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Parker Woodall (split stipend)	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Brayden Politsch (split stipend)	4/16/2025
	Volunteer Coach	Eric Bergin	4/16/2025
	Volunteer Coach	Cole Strehlow	4/16/2025
	Volunteer Coach	Nick Gill	4/16/2025
	Volunteer Coach	Scott Timm	4/16/2025
	Volunteer Coach	Tevan Hartman	4/16/2025
FHS Volleyball	Head Varsity Coach	Shannon Williams	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Tyler Fuchs	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	TBD	4/16/2025
	Alde	Allison Bondele	4/16/2025
	Volunteer Coach	Marissa McShane	4/16/2025
FHS Cross Country	Head Varsity Coach	Tony Hardin	4/16/2025
FHS Golf	Head Varsity Coach	Matt Hanley	4/16/2025
FHS Boys' Basketball	Head Varsity Coach	Robert DeVries	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Jonathan Schneiderman	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Braedon Fyock	4/16/2025
	Alde	Jason Fyock	4/16/2025
FHS Girls' Basketball	Head Varsity Coach	Kyle Getz	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Joel Tuten	4/16/2025
	Assistant Coach	Annika Groom	4/16/2025
	Alde	TBD	4/16/2025
	Volunteer Coach	Tyler Vogt	4/16/2025
	Volunteer Coach	Butch DeVries	4/16/2025
FHS Wrestling	Polo		4/16/2025
FHS Bass Fishing	Head Varsity Coach	Chris Thiel	4/16/2025
FHS Cheer	Advisor	TBD	4/16/2025
FHS Cheer Winter	Advisor	TBD	4/16/2025
FHS Dance Fall	Advisor	Hanna Kasten	4/16/2025
FHS Dance Winter	Advisor	Hanna Kasten	4/16/2025
FHS Color Guard	Advisor	Lorie Parker-Weinrich	4/16/2025
FHS Scholastic Bowl	Advisor	Jonathan Stauffer	4/16/2025
	Assistant Advisor	Jessica Witherspoon	4/16/2025
FHS National Honor Society	Advisor	Anne Magarity	4/16/2025
FHS Yearbook	Advisor	Keynon Janicke	4/16/2025
	Freshman	Lorie Parker-Weinrich	4/16/2025
	Freshman	Lynnette Frederick	4/16/2025
	Sophomore	Jonathan Stauffer	4/16/2025

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FHS Class Advisor	Sophomore	Carl Setterstrom	4/16/2025	H O O L
	Junior	Joel Tuten	4/16/2025	
	Junior	Kyle Getz	4/16/2025	
	Senior	Keynon Janicke	4/16/2025	
	Senior	Anne Magarity	4/16/2025	
FHS Student Council	Advisor	Anne Magarity	4/16/2025	
FHS FFA	Advisor	Kelley Parks	4/16/2025	
FHS Art	Director	Jessica Witherspoon	4/16/2025	
FHS Band	Director	Travis Cunningham	4/16/2025	
FHS Chorus	Director	Kristin Crase	4/16/2025	
FHS Muscial/Variety Show	Drama Director	Hanna Kasten	4/16/2025	
	Drama Director	Lorie Parker-Weinrich	4/16/2025	
	Scenery/Sets	Jessica Witherspoon	4/16/2025	
	Costumes/Makeup	Lynne Meyer	4/16/2025	
FHS Servant Leadership	Advisor	Alayna Hill	4/16/2025	
	Volunteer Advisor	Heather Polltsch	4/16/2025	
District	Instructional Coach	Anne Magarity	4/16/2025	
	Instructional Coach	Lynnette Frederick	4/16/2025	
	Instructional Coach	Krista Carlson	4/16/2025	
	Instructional Coach	Heather Schiesher	4/16/2025	
	Instructional Coach	Alexia Ulises	4/16/2025	
FJH Cross Country	Head Coach (6th, 7th, 8th)	Andy Wellacher	4/16/2025	J U N I O R H I G H S C H O O L
FJH Football	Head Coach	Garrett Roberts	4/16/2025	
	Assistant Coach	Chet Strehlow	4/16/2025	
	Assistant Coach	Mark Kuelling	4/16/2025	
	Assistant Coach	Cody Whitehead	4/16/2025	
FJH Volleyball	Head Coach 8th	Zole Sellers	4/16/2025	
	Head Coach 7th	Brynn Mathelu	4/16/2025	
	Head Coach 6th	Sarah Folkers	4/16/2025	
	Assistant Coach	Arynn Mathelu	4/16/2025	
FJH Boys' Basketball	Head Coach 8th	Brian Rahn	4/16/2025	
	Head Coach 7th	Garrett Roberts	4/16/2025	
	Head Coach 6th	TBD	4/16/2025	
	Assistant Coach	Jonathan Schneiderman	4/16/2025	
FJH Girls' Basketball	Head Coach 8th	Lynnette Frederick	4/16/2025	
	Head Coach 7th	Scott Drake	4/16/2025	
	Head Coach 6th	TBD	4/16/2025	
	Assistant Coach	TBD	4/16/2025	
FJH Cheer	Advisor	Tiffany Probst	4/16/2025	
FJH Academic Bowl	Advisor	Kelly Leddy	4/16/2025	
FJH Student Council	6th Grade Advisor	Darlene Griseta	4/16/2025	
	7th Grade Advisor	Kelly Leddy	4/16/2025	
	8th Grade Advisor	Sarah Folkers	4/16/2025	
FJH Chorus	Director	Kristin Crase	4/16/2025	
FJH Band	Director	Travis Cunningham	4/16/2025	
FJH	FJH Mentor Coordinator	Darlene Griseta	4/16/2025	
	FJH Mentor Coordinator	Kelly Leddy	4/16/2025	
Elementary	GVGS Mentor Coordinator	Raquel Quenzer	4/16/2025	F G S G V G S
	FGS Mentor Coordinator	Kelly Joy	4/16/2025	
	FGS Mentor Coordinator	Kristina Genandt	4/16/2025	
	Leaf River Library Mentor Coordinator	Krista Carlson	4/16/2025	

L. Calendar Items

1. April 2025
 - a. FGS Ag Day April 17, 2025
2. May 2025
 - a. FFA Banquet May 5, 2025
 - b. Class of 2025 Commencement Ceremony- May 18, 2025

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

1. Joint Annual Conference- November 21-23, 2025 Chicago
 - b. Registration opens June 2, 2025
2. Facility Expansion Review

N. 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.

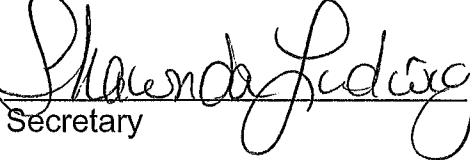
YEA: Pauls, Gallagher, Gronewold, Ludwig, Lott, and Braker

NAY: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.



President



Secretary