

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

Board Of Education

Special 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 Forreston District Office on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, for a Reorganizational Special Board Meeting.

**A. Call To Order**

The Special Meeting was called to order by President Braker at 6:05 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

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

Absent: Dr. April Moore

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith

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

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

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

NAY: None

**D. Reorganization of the Board of Education**

A motion was made by Member Pauls to appoint Superintendent Smith as President Pro-Tem. The motion was seconded by Member Lott. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

The President Pro Tem opened the floor for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education. Shawnda Ludwig nominated Chip Braker for President. No other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. Chip Braker was declared the President of the Board of Education until April 2027, and took over chairing the meeting.

President Braker opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. Dr. Pauls nominated Shaun Gallagher for Vice President. No other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. Shaun Gallagher was declared the Vice President of the Board of Education until April 2027.

President Braker opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education. Shaun Gallagher nominated Shawnda Ludwig for Secretary. No other nominations were made, and nominations were closed. Shawnda Ludwig was declared the Secretary of the Board of Education until April 2027.

**E. Appointment of Ogle County Educational Cooperative Governing Board Representative**

The board reviewed and discussed a representative for the Ogle County Educational Cooperative Governing Board. Member Ludwig was appointed to serve as the Forrestville Valley Representative to the Ogle County Educational Cooperative Governing Board.

**F. Appointment of District Treasurer and Board Recording Secretary**

A motion was made by Member Gallagher to appoint Beverly Wilken as District Treasurer and Misty Keisel as the Board Recording Secretary. The motion was seconded by Member Ludwig. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

**G. Approval of Regular Meeting Schedule**

A motion was made by Member Lott to approve the schedule for regular Board of Education meeting dates and times (typically, the third Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise specified) as follows for the remainder of the fiscal year: May 21, 2025 and June 25, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. The motion was seconded by Member Gronewold. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

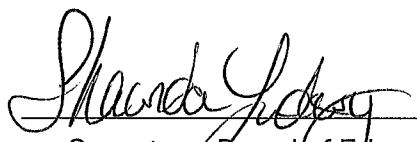
**H. Other Matters to Come to the Attention of the Board**

This item was addressed with no other matters to come to the attention of the board.

**I. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

  
President, Board of Education

  
Secretary, Board of Education