

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
February 19, 2025

The Board of Education of Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois met in the Forreston Junior Senior High School Chorus Room on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, for a regular 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, Dr. April Moore, Sarah Lott and Dr. Craig Pauls

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Superintendent Sheri Smith, Travis Heinz, and Ryan Schrader

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

Mr. Randy Schneiderman addressed the board with his concern about the behavior of coaches at sporting events.

E. Consent Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Handbook & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2025
 - b. Regular & Closed Session Minutes of January 15, 2025
 - c. Special & Closed Session Minutes of February 06, 2025
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report

PERSONNEL REPORT

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

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

Educational Support Personnel

Employment:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Katelyn Heim	Cook	2/24/2025
Angela Havey	Cook	3/3/2025

Transfer:

Name	From	To	Effective Date
Chad Reemstma	GWGS Paraprofessional	GWGS Little Card Preschool	2025-2026 School Year
Erin Greenfield	FJHS Secretary	FJHS Athletic Secretary	2025-2026 School Year

Differential Assignment

Approve the Assignment of the following Differentials:

Name	Position	Effective Date
Alex Milnes	Volunteer Baseball Coach	3/3/2025
Madalyn Hicks	Volunteer Softball Coach	3/3/2025

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

F. Superintendent's Report

1. Building Highlights
 - a. Freshman Orientation & PLTW Introduction Night February 27, 2025 at 7:00 PM
 - b. College and Career Fair will be open to all Junior High and High School students on Wednesday, March 5 from 9:00-12:00
2. Facility Highlights
3. Community Highlights
 - a. Education Foundation Meeting January 29, 2025
 - b. FV Elementary All School Read kickoff started January with a series called 'The World According to Humphrey'
 - c. FHS Community Service
4. Staff Communications
 - a. Teacher Retirement Notification Incentive
5. Notes of Appreciation
6. Summer Planning for a Summer Custodial Crew
7. 2025-2026 School Year Planning
 - a. Staffing
 - b. Health Insurance Renewal Options
 - c. Registration & Fees Collection

G. District Financial Report

1. Mrs Smith summarized the results of the FY24 Single Audit with the board.
2. Mrs. Smith notified the board of the District Financial Profile score with ISBE.
3. Mrs. Smith reviewed the updated 15 Year Scenario from PMA Finance with the board.
4. Mrs. Smith provided the notification letter from ISBE that disqualifies FVSD from the Property Tax Relief Grant.

H. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of FY24 Single Audit
A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the FY24 Single Audit as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval to let for bid the FJH Summer 2025 HVAC project
A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Lott to approve the addition of air conditioning to the junior high gym as presented. The project will go out for bid on February 20, 2025. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of FJH gymnasium sound system
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the sound system upgrade from Advance Technologies. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of Handbooks & Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year- 1st Reading
 - a. Band Handbook
 - b. Chorus Handbook
 - c. FFA Handbook
 - d. Extra-Curricular Handbook
 - e. Kindergarten Handbook
 - f. Parent/Student Handbook
 - g. Preschool Handbook
 - h. Student Council Handbook
 - i. Teacher Handbook
 - j. Educational Support Personnel Employee Handbook
 - k. Fees

After the board discussed the most recent revisions to all of the above handbooks, a motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Moore to approve the first reading of the Handbook & Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

5. Approval for Swim and Dive Coop with Byron
A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Moore to approve the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement with the Byron Community Unit District #226 as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

I. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to adjourn to closed session at 7:27 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); and Student Disciplinary Cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Pauls to return to open session at 9:01 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

J. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

1. Approval of Educational Support Personnel Annual Increase FY26
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the FY26 Educational Support Personnel Annual Increase. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of Administrative Contract for T. Heinz, Principal of the FJHS, for 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Lott to approve the contract for 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028, 2028-2029 for T. Heinz. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval of Administrative Contract for T. Hartman, Director of Technology, for 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the contract for 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028 for T. Hartman

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

K. Calendar Items

1. February 2025
 - a. FHS Basketball Regional Brackets
2. March 2025 Calendar

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

1. Statement of Economic Interest
 - a. Will be receiving from County Clerk- Return to District Office
2. IASA Northwest Division Meeting- February 27, 2025
3. FOIA request

M. Adjournment

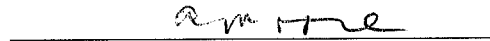
A motion was made by Member Gronewold and seconded by Member Gallagher to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)