

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
October 16, 2024

The Board of Education of the Forrestville Valley Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met in the Forreston Junior Senior High School Chorus Room on October 16, 2024, 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, Don Cook, Bob Gronewold, Shawnda Ludwig, Dr. April Moore, and Dr. Craig Pauls

Members Absent: Shaun Gallagher

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 Cook to adopt the Board of Education agenda as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

No members of the public addressed the board.

E. 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, Cook, Ludwig, Moore, and Braker

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Committee Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024
 - b. Regular & Closed Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2024
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report

Certified Personnel

Retirement:

- Approve the retirement of the following Certified Personnel:

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kim Fricke	GVGS Special Education / Title I Reading Teacher	End of 2024-2025 School Year

Differential Assignments

Employment:

- Approve the employment of the following Differential Assignment:

<u>Name</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Robert DeVries	FHS Boys' Basketball Aide	October 16, 2024

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

F. Cardinal Strong Spotlight – ISBE Math PLD Writing

Mrs. Smith shared with the board that Mrs. Lynnette Frederick has been selected as a member of the Math PLD Writing Team for the Illinois State Board of Education. Mrs. Smith shared portions of the Letter of Recommendation she wrote recommending Mrs. Frederick. Mrs. Smith and the Board recognized and thanked Mrs. Frederick for her service at the state level, for being a great representation of the Forrestville Valley School District, and the ongoing work she does with our students and staff.

G. District Financial Report

1. FY24 Financial Report – WIPFLI
Mr. Jerry Funk presented the FY24 Audit to the board.
2. 2024 Tax Levy Timeline
Mrs. Smith reviewed the timeline of the tax levy. Further information will be reviewed during the November board meeting with final approval during the December meeting.
3. 2024 Issuance of Working Cash Bonds
Mrs. Smith reviewed the bond process and timeline.

H. Superintendent's Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Parent Teacher Conferences
 - b. School Report Cards
 - c. LEA Determination
 - d. Inclement Weather
2. Building Highlights
 - a. 1st Quarter Discipline Reports
3. Facilities Highlights
Mrs. Smith reviewed an agreement from Scott Johnson for future facility planning.
4. Community Highlights
5. Foundation Highlights
 - a. Foundation Board Meeting Agenda – October 2, 2024
 - b. Forreston's Vedra Scramble for Education Update
6. Staff Communications
 - a. October Staff Bulletin
 - b. Influenza Vaccination Clinic – October 23, 2024
7. Notes of Appreciation

I. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of FY24 Audit - Financial Report

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the FY24 Audit as presented. After discussion, on a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

2. Approval of Resolution Providing for the Issue and Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,800,000 of Working Cash Fund Bonds and for the Levy of Taxes to Repay the Bonds

A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve a resolution providing for the issue and sale of not to exceed \$1,800,000 of working cash fund bonds and for the levy of taxes to repay the bonds as presented. After discussion, on a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

3. Approval of Treasurer's Bond for the Working Cash Fund

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Pauls to approve the treasurer's bond for the working cash fund as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

4. Approval of FY25 Maintenance Grant

This project timeline was discussed with the goal to complete regardless of the status of the grant award. A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Gronewold to approve the FY25 maintenance grant as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

5. Approval of 2025-2026 School Calendar – 1st Reading

A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Moore to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar – first reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

J. Closed Session

- a. A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Gronewold to adjourn to closed session at 7:08 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); Negotiations – 5ILCS120/2(c)(11); and Student disciplinary cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

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

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

NAY: None

K. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

This item was addressed with no action items resulting from closed session.

L. Calendar Items

1. October 2024 Calendar
2. November 2024 Calendar

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

1. IASB Membership
2. April 2025 Board Election – File Nominating Papers November 12, 2024 – November 18, 2024
3. Mr. Cook shared that he anticipates moving out of the district. He shared that he will submit a formal letter of resignation when this occurs. Mrs. Smith and the other board members thanked him for his service.

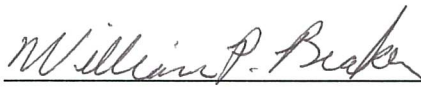
N. Adjournment

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

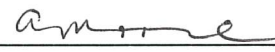
YEA: Moore, Pauls, Gronewold, Cook, Ludwig, and Braker

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)