

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
January 18, 2023

The Board of Education of the Forrestville Valley Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met at the Forreston Junior Senior High School Library on January 18, 2023, for a regular meeting.

A. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

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

Pledge of Allegiance

All rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

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

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors and Public Comment

1. Ms. Jackie Schultz addressed the board regarding her support of a change to Board Policy to allow homeschooled students to participate in extra-curricular activities through Forrestville Valley School District.
2. Mrs. Brittany Watts addressed the board requesting a change to Board Policy to allow homeschooled students to participate in extra-curricular activities through Forrestville Valley School District.
3. Mr. Sam Watts addressed the board requesting a change to Board Policy to allow homeschooled students to participate in extra-curricular activities through Forrestville Valley School District.
4. Ms. Emily Gillingham addressed the board requesting a change to Board Policy to allow homeschooled students to participate in extra-curricular activities through Forrestville Valley School District.

E. Consent Agenda

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

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

NAY: None

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Committee Minutes of December 14, 2022
 - b. Regular & Closed Minutes of December 14, 2022
2. Approval of Monthly Financial Statement
3. Approval of Personnel Report
4. Approval of Payment of Bills & Claims
5. Approval of Activity Accounts
6. Approval of Advertisers / Donors
7. Approval of Seniority Lists

Mr. Reining recognized Mrs. Michael, Mrs. Yeager, and Mr. Schurr on their upcoming retirements and thanked them for their years of service.

F. Cardinal Strong Spotlight – Advanced Placement Courses

Mr. Heinz and Mr. McClellan present on advanced placement courses, the importance of these courses to students, course testing, and testing preparation.

G. Superintendent's Report

1. District Highlights
 - a. Bus Driver Appreciation Week – February 6 – 10, 2023
 - b. Non-residential Tuition Waiver for Forrestville Valley Employees
2. Building Highlights
 - a. 2nd Quarter Discipline Reports
 - b. FV Elementary Highlights
 - i. Consent for FGS Reading Research
 - c. FJSHS Highlights
3. Facility Highlights
 - a. Regional Office of Education Annual Inspection – December 20, 2022
4. Community Updates
 - a. Silver Creek Reformed Church Christmas Blessings
5. Staff Communication
6. Notes of Appreciation

H. District Financial Report

1. 2nd Quarter Revenue & Expenditure Report

Superintendent Smith informed the Board the Maintenance Grant was approved to include expenses for FGS Roof to be completed Summer 2024.

I. Board Action and Discussion

1. Approval of 2023-2024 Forreton High School Curriculum Guide – 2nd Reading
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to approve the 2023-2024 Forreton High School Curriculum Guide as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

2. Approval of Resolution Authorizing Development of FY24 Budget
A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Resolution Authorizing Development of FY24 Budget as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

3. Approval of JMI2 Corp for Masonry Repair at FGS
A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to approve JMI2 Corp for Masonry Repair at FGS as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

4. Approval of Track Cooperative Agreement for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Year
A motion was made by Member Pauls and seconded by Member Ludwig to approve the Track Cooperative Agreement for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School Year as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

J. Closed Session

- a. A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Braker to adjourn to closed session at 7:33 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)(2); and Student disciplinary cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

- b. A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Braker to return to open session at 8:37 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

K. Possible Action Items Resulting From Closed Session

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

L. Calendar Items

1. January 2023 Calendar
2. February 2023 Calendar

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

1. Village of German Valley Sewer Treatment System Notification
2. Board Retreat – February 9, 2023, at Highland Community College at 8:00 a.m.

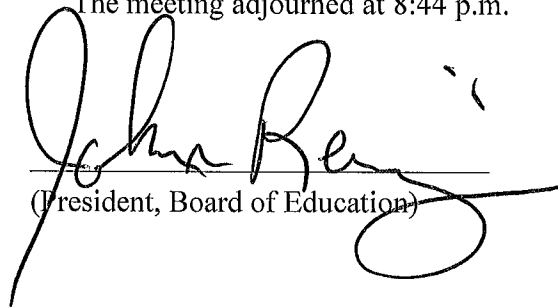
N. Adjournment

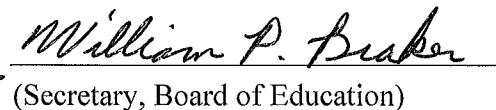
A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Pauls to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.


(President, Board of Education)


(Secretary, Board of Education)