

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FORRESTVILLE VALLEY C.U.S.D. #221
February 01, 2024

The Board of Education of the Forrestville Valley Unit School District #221, Counties of Ogle and Stephenson, Illinois, met at Highland Community College Room H-206 on February 01, 2024, for a special meeting.

A. Call to Order

The special meeting was called to order by President Braker at 8:02 a.m.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Chip Braker, Don Cook, Shaun Gallagher, Bob Gronewold, Shawnda Ludwig, Dr. April Moore, Dr. Craig Pauls

Members Absent: None

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

C. Review and Adoption of Board of Education Agenda

A motion was made by Member Moore and seconded by Member Ludwig to adopt the Board of Education agenda with the addition of student discipline to the list of topics discussed in closed session. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

D. Recognition of Visitors & Public Comments

This item was addressed with no members of the public wishing to address the board.

E. Curriculum & Instruction Review

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Politsch discussed and reviewed 2023 data analysis with the board.

Mrs. Smith discussed the current K-8 math curriculum with the board including a review of the goals, timeline, and committee to recommend future improvements.

Mr. Heinz gave an overview of WIN (What I Need) Time at FJSHS.

Mrs. Smith presented and discussed the summative designations report with the board.

Mr. Schrader joined the meeting at 9:52 a.m. and gave an overview of FGS WINN (What I Need Now) with the board.

F. Board Action & Discussion

1. Approval of Forreston Hall of Fame By-Laws – 2nd Reading

A motion was made by Member Cook and seconded by Member Moore to approve the Forreston Hall of Fame By-Laws – 2nd Reading as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

Mr. Heinz, Mrs. Politsch, Mr. Schrader, and Mr. Zick left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

G. Facilities & Finance Review

Mrs. Smith gave a facilities and finance update to the board including a financial presentation by PMA, discussion of remaining life safety projects, and an update on the proposed 1% sales tax.

H. Personnel & Staffing Review

Mrs. Smith gave an overview of the current teacher shortage affecting the state of Illinois as well as the Northwest Region. Mrs. Smith discussed 2024-2025 staffing news as well as gave an overview of a proposed program called “Grow Your Own Program – Cardinal University.”

I. Closed Session

1. A motion was made by Member Ludwig and seconded by Member Pauls to adjourn to closed session at 1:12 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); Negotiations – 5ILCS120/2(c)(2); Litigation – 5ILCS120/2(c)(11); and Student Disciplinary Cases – 5ILCS120/2(c)(9). On a roll call vote, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

Dr. Pauls exited the meeting at 2:11 p.m.

2. A motion was made by Member Gallagher and seconded by Member Cook to return to open session at 2:27 p.m. On a roll call, the motion passed.

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

NAY: None

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

Mr. Cook discussed concerns regarding the Cardinal Youth Basketball program with parent behavior towards officials. Mr. Cook requested FJSHS look into other schools that have 6th grade teams offered through the school with a possible implementation at FJSHS.

Mr. Cook also addressed the board regarding the possibility of offering bass fishing as a future sport at FHS. The board determined administration should meet to discuss and create a policy and procedure for new program requests.

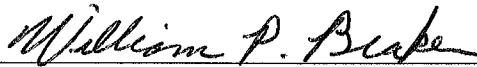
K. Adjournment

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

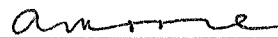
YEA: Gallagher, Moore, Gronewold, Cook, Ludwig, and Braker

NAY: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.



(President, Board of Education)



(Secretary, Board of Education)