

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
September 8, 2025

The Forest Area Community Schools Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Dan Smith at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Dan Smith, Chrissy Ingersoll, Joanna Durfee, Travis Tracey, Hannah Bird, Adam Schaefer, Kari Morgan **(ab)**

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve the agenda, minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: Ashley Jones - PowerSchool and parent access.

Athletic Director: Busy start to the season. Football holding strong with 19 students with a few being sick this week. JV/V Volleyball team is a young one. MS Volleyball off to a strong start. Cross Country - our course is a great addition, thanks to Joanna Durfee and her crew. Numbers are low but looking to increase that.

Principal - Konrad Molter: Mrs. Gillette's STEM classroom is now equipped with 2 brand-new 3D thanks to the generous support of the Forest Area Credit Union Grant. A number of our HS band students went to SVSU on Saturday 9/6/25 to march alongside their marching band with 8 other high schools. Carolyn Woodhams working on their 2027 Washington D.C. trip, currently have 19 students signed up.

Principal - Kirsten Wooer: New teaching staff Kindergarten Abby Preston, 4th grade Patrick Pasik, 2nd grade Rylee Feliczak and PE teacher Morgan Zywicki. All have a really great skillset and are already adding so much value to our team. Mrs. Wooer's dog Walter is going on an adventure. "Where's Walter" will leave clues to his latest adventure in the state of Michigan. The goal is to expose students to new areas they may not have seen before. Instructional focus with Tier I/Core academic instruction implementing CLKA and Math Expressions curriculum. Aimsweb and NWEA will take place over the next few weeks. Abby Preston and AErin Graves received a grant for weekly art for their classes and the same duo are working on the garden out front of the building.

Superintendent Report: Thanks to everyone (board, staff and students) for a great start to the year. Not a lot of action going on with the state budget. Moving forward those in Lansing need to negotiate, hoping to make the October 1st deadline. Looks like the Teen Health Building will be complete this week Friday, back to normal operations by 9/16/25. Tailgate scheduled for next week Friday, thanks to everyone that has stepped up to help. Strategic planning focused groups will be assembled and surveys will be sent out.

Board Comments:

- Hanna Bird - SEEDS started at both buildings, 70 students between both. Looking to purchase "Slow Down" signs to be put by Teen Health to help slow traffic down.
- Joanna Durfee - x-Country trail has been torn up, frustrating to see. It is for community use and should not have any type of vehicle on it.
- Chrissy Ingersoll - Nothing
- Adam Schaefer - Nothing
- Travis Tracey - Nothing
- Dan Smith - Sadly Brenda Snyder passed away. She was always involved with school a lot, including being a former school board member. Start o the school has been great.

Discussion Items:

- Northwest ISD Superintendent - Introduction Tara Mager
- Snow Plow Bid - Chaney Creek Construction

Action Items:

- Motion by C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve hiring of MSHS Social Worker - Shelby Thomas. Motion carried
- Motion by J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the Northwest Education Technology Services Contract. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by J. Durfee supported by C. Ingersoll @ 7:21

Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ingersoll". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Ingersoll