

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
August 11, 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 (**ab**), Travis Tracey, Hannah Bird, Adam Schaefer, Kari Morgan

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve the agenda, minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: NONE

Principals Report:

Konrad Molter - Summer School - there were 17 classes recovered for students Fall Sports start today. Football has 17 and Volleyball should have good numbers. Looking forward to our fall season right around the corner.

Kirsten Wooer: Kindergarten teachers Preston and Graves received a grant for weekly art supplies. They are also working on the garden out in front of the building. Summer School Team working hard.

Superintendent Report - Mike Moran: Great administrative team going into the school year. First admin meeting last week to make sure we're ready for school to start. First instant alert went out last week, to make sure everyone knows about the start of the year. Legislative updates.....bad news, there is still no movement at the state level in regards to the budget, also funding for free students meals is on the line to possibly be cut. We are covered thru Sept 30, 2025. Frustrating as a district, waiting to hear. Will keep the board updated when I hear something. Good news.....money that was frozen to cover SEEDS programming has been unfrozen and we are able to provide this program for the upcoming school year. Financial Audit has been completed by UHY, there have been no red flags...going forward we should be good. FLE Fiber project, FLE was one of the few schools not using fiber, still using Charter. Has been a 14 month project but is up and running as of now. Teen health building schedule is going to be shifted to completion closer to the middle of September 2025, looking for a room to provide them access until it's completed.

Board Comment:

Adam Schaefer: Nothing

Kari Morgan: Pop warners first day having 30+ kids, are in need of helmets.

Travis Tracey: FA Alumni, put on a concert at N. Gillette's house (her son).

Hannah Bird: Excited funding is unfrozen. Feasibility study in all districts, to figure out next steps. The food service situation will also hinder students. Would like class room supply lists sooner out to parents.

Chrissy Ingersoll: Nothing

Dan Smith: There is a tree at FLE that needs attention. Happy to hear about alerts being sent out already.

Discussion: Current Snow Plow contract, opting out of the 2nd year of the contract. Will be looking to place the bid out again.

Action Items:

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve hiring of Patrick Pasik - 4th Grade Teacher. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve hiring of Tiffany Schaefer - 7th Grade Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve 2025-26 MS/HS Student Handbook. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve 2025-26 MS/HS Course Catalog. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve MS (8th Grade) Volleyball coach. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve Kalkaska County Sheriff's Department Contract. Motion carried

Motion by: A. Schaefer supported by T. Tracey to approve Compensation of Board Members \$30/per meeting. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to Authorize Hiring of Personnel. Motion carried

Motion by: A. Schaefer supported by C. Ingersoll to approve June 11, 2025/July 24, 2025 Thrun Policy Updates. Motion carried

Motion to Adjourn @ 7:24 by C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey

Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Susan Ingersoll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Susan" is on the left, and the last name "Ingersoll" is on the right, connected by a fluid stroke.

Susan Ingersoll