

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
May 12, 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 T. Tracey to approve the agenda, minutes, bills and financial statements. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

- N. Gillette - Student Council activities
- K. Benke - DDA working on downtown improvements in Fife Lake

Athletic Director:

- Forest Area will be holding Softball Districts on May 30, 2025
- High School Track has Leah Durfee breaking records.
- Track Regionals will be this Saturday May 17, 2025

Principal Report:

Konrad Molter

- April Students of the month are:
 - Middle School - Joselynn Cooper-Galvan and Gavin Roote
 - High School - Laina Deike and Matthew Holmes
- Awards Ceremonies
 - Middle School at 1:45 p.m.
 - High School at 6:00 p.m.
- High School Musical Saturday May 17th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday May 18th at 3:00 p.m.
- 4th & 5th Grades field trip to Mackinaw City May 20, 2025
- Festival of the Arts:
 - Art Show & Senior Showcase 5-6 p.m.
 - Spring Music Concert 6:00 p.m.
- Summer School flyers going out to families next week.
- Graduation Sunday June 1, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.

Amberle Eaker:

- Thanks to Chrissy Ingersoll & REmax for the incredible hot air balloon presentation.
- Teacher appreciation week - staff was treated very well by PTO and administration.
- End of Year Carnival will be Friday May 16th from 5-7 p.m.

- Family Picnic will be held May 21st between 11 and 12:30. Family members are invited to eat with their student. Flyers will be sent home with details.
- Every grade level will have had at least 1 field trip over the last month.

Students of the Month for April:

Class	April Student of the Month		Class	April Student of the Month
Graves (K)	Juna Gondol		Plante (3)	Hayat Musleh
Wilson (K)	Noah Clarke		Johnston (3)	Lillyan Blackledge
Mullin (1)	Emory Lundy		Larson (4)	Mason Mucaria
Tengdin (1)	Analeigh Ankerson		Verhage (4)	Brooklyn Kelley-Smith
Clark (2)	Alexandra Jones		Mead (5)	Gretchen Acker
Nedow (2)	Analise Bargas		Moriarty (5)	Mia Peters

Superintendent Report - Mike Moran

- Met with support staff for the 2nd time for contract negotiations. Hope to have an agreement for the June 23rd board meeting.
- MS/HS Award this week, FLE Carnival - Dunk Take I'm eager to take part in
- Looking forward to attending the music departments Musical - Frozen and our Spring Concert.
- State Budget update today, budget may be approved by September. Hoping for a per pupil increase this year of 3-4%.
- High School graduation June 1, 2025 at 3:00

Board Comment:

- T. Tracey - youth wrestling had a good turnout
- C. Ingersoll - thanks to administration for help with coordinating hot air balloon presentation
- D. Smith - heard good things about elementary field trip to Planetarium

Discussion:

- June board meeting will be the 23rd.
- Starting to organize the 2027 Washington DC Trip - Carlyne Woodhams
- Fife Lake Village DDA Land Discussion - Looking to have attorney look at and create new deed with new language for property by Fife Lake Elementary

Action Items:

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve the 2027 Washington DC 8th/9th grade trip. Motion carried

Motion by: H. Bird supported by A. Schaefer to approve the Designation of Electoral Representative for ISD Biennial Election, Chrissy Ingersoll and Dan Smith as the alternate. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve 2025-2026 School Calendar. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve Northwest Ed General Fund 25-26 Operating Budget. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by A. Schaefer to approve hiring of Middle School Science Teacher - Jessica Larson. Motion carried

Motion by: A. Schaefer supported by T. Tracey to approve the hiring of Varsity Football Coach David Schnieder. Motion carried

Motion by: T. Tracey supported by A. Schaefer to approve the hiring of High School Social Studies teacher Christopher Dasin, pending background check. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by A. Schaefer to approve hiring of Elementary Interventionist - Amber Plante. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to accept the resignation of Nichole Liebengood. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to accept the Food Service Contract by Chartwell. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to accept the Custodial Contract by Axiom. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to go into closed session for Support Staff Negotiations at 7:55 Motion carried

Motion by C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried

Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Ingersoll". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Ingersoll