Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
May 11, 2026

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 **(ab)**, Joanna Durfee **(ab)**, Travis Tracey, Hannah Bird, Adam Schaefer, Kari Morgan

Motion by: H. Bird supported T. Tracey to approve the agenda, minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

- K. Griffith - Concerned about supervision in the entryway prior to the start of the school day.
- C. Wilson, talked about schools bullying policy.

AD Report:

- V Boys got their first win last week vs Central Lake, which is a step in the right direction. Numbers holding strong at 17. We have completed a couple of JV games getting those younger guys some much needed playing time. Baseball played at the Pit Spitters stadium against Manton. Great experience for the kids.
- Softball also got their first win last week against Manton with a very young team. They have made good strides this year and I expect them to continue to improve as the season goes on.
- Track numbers have been holding steady. We have quite a few dual sport athletes on the team so numbers are smaller at some meets.
- Middle School Track has had steadily improving times and what stands out with this group is they are all competitive which will serve them well in the future.

Principals Report - Konrad Molter:

- April Students of the Month: Middle School - Lillian Firman and Logan Ankerson. For the High School we have Xander Spoor and Tori Taylor.
- Seniors last day is May 22nd, with graduation at 3 p.m. on May 31st.
- MS and HS awards are Wednesday May 13th. MS will be at 2 pm and HS is set for 6 pm.
- Ciaran Velfling earned an Award of Excellence for his Digital Art submission to the Crooked Tree Youth Arts Show.

- State MITES Competition in Woodworking had over 3,400 student projects entered and FA did not disappoint. Congratulations to the following student on their entries:
    - N. Acker, M. Holmes, D. Helsel and C. Velfling with a 4th place ribbon for their "Potato Chip Maker"
    - A. Robbins took 2nd place for his impressive working model of a Civil Defence Siren.
    - I. Hempton and B. Buckmaster with a very impressive 1st place ribbon for their Live Edge Epoxy Table. The wood was sourced from our very own maple tree from the back bus loop that was damaged by lightning.

Principals Report - Kirsten Wooer:

- Teacher appreciation week - messages from parents recognizing our amazing staff and teachers.
- GSRP/Kindergarten Round Up will be May 5th.
- Upcoming events are: Elementary school carnival on May 15, PreK-3 school picnic on May 19 and K-5 all school field trip to the Pit Spitters on June 4th.
- MSTEP is complete and NWEA is about to start.

Superintendent - Mike Moran:

- Budget - Looks to be $10,300 per pupil funding from each of the house, senate and governor.
- The 31aa grand is back up for discussion in the senate, narrowing down language from what districts were not comfortable with.
- Being told the state budget will be done by July 1st.
- We'll have a finance committee meeting the week of June 15th, prior to the June 22nd board meeting.

Student Report - None

Board Comment:

- H. Bird - SEEDS hoping to bring robotics to the lower elementary level.

Discussion:

- MITES Competition - Boone Scharp - Students worked hard on all their projects that were submitted. Very proud of them.

Action Items:

- **Motion by** A. Schaefer supported by T. Tracey to approve the Northwest Education (ISD) Budget. . Motion carried

- **Motion by** H. Bird supported by K. Morgan to accept the resignation of Rylee Feliczak, 2nd Grade Teacher. Motion carried

- **Motion by** H. Bird supported by K. Morgan to accept the resignation of Morgan Zywicki, PE/Health Teacher. Motion carried

- **Motion by** H. Bird supported by T. Tracey to accept the resignation of Rob Uptegraft, Bus Driver. Motion carried

- **Motion by** A. Schaefer supported by T. Tracey to approve the hiring of Josh Charter - Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried

- **Motion by** H. Bird supported by T. Tracey to approve the hiring of Chase Ingersoll - Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

- **Motion by** A. Schaefer supported by T. Tracey to approve the hiring of Madison Morey - 2nd Grade teacher (Pending Certification) Motion carried.

- **Motion by** A. Schaefer supported by T. Tracey to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:10 p.m. by T. Tracey supported by A. Schaefer Motion carried.

Recording Secretary

Susan Ingersoll