Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
October 12, 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, Joanna Durfee, Travis Tracey, Hannah Bird, Adam Schaefer, Kari Morgan

Motion by: H. Bird supported A. Schaefer to approve the agenda, minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: None

Student Report - Dimitri Rivera - School is going well. Students are feeling welcome. The homecoming assembly was good for school spirit. Marching Band has been participating in all home football games as well as Marching Expos. Students looking for more after school activities....clubs (board games, bowling, esports...etc.)

Athletic Director - Jared Case:

- Football: Our Varsity boys had a tough loss last week against Engadine. They are heading up to Bellaire this Friday is our senior night and last game of the season vs Pellston.
    - MS Football still is holding on to good numbers for participation. They have their last game this Wednesday vs Central Lake
- Varsity and JV Volleyball has been a little up and down this year. Current record is 2-13-2 but they have had a few tight games. Next week on 10/22 is their last home game and also their senior night.
- Cross Country has been steadily improving on times and has their conference meet this Wednesday at Mancelona
- MS Basketball starts in the coming weeks.

Principals Report - Konrad Molter:

- Students of the Month - MS Araeya Thompson and Caleb Poe; HS is Taylor Turner and Connor Regal
- Student led conferences - MS/HS has been awarded $2500 to develop Student Led Conferences in the Spring of 2027.
- The choir will be performing our school's fight song at upcoming sporting events.
- Homecoming went very well. Congratulations to the brother and sister duo of Kendra and Brody Naeyaert....our Homecoming Royalty.
- October is College Month - Mr. Phillips met with seniors to distribute college and career information.

Principals Report - Kirsten Wooer:

- September's Winner of Excellence in Instruction: Nicole Mullin and Excellence in School Culture is Aimee Sandula
- K-3 will be participating in a "Farmers Market"
- Data Days - to review Beginning of Year benchmark results in ELA
- The Reading League Implementation and Professional Learning
- Newly "refreshed" PTO with 10 parents that came!

Superintendent - Mike Moran:

- Both principals are doing wonderful things in our buildings. Shout out to Nikki Gillette and the work she is doing with Student Council. Reminder....10/23/26 is the deadline for school board member "write in's".

Board Comment:

- K. Morgan - Pop Warner Football has an all day event on 10/24, we're gearing up for wrestling
- H. Bird - excited for the halloween "Fun Run"
- D. Smith - MS basketball starting soon for grades 6-8 boys and girls.

Discussion:

- Audit Presentation with Ryan Howell from UHY
- 31aa Funding and Requirements. Mental Health/School Safety - some things have changed this year. Mental Health portion - there are no requirements to get these funds. School safety portion - things are a little different, still has conditions attached to it.
- Forest Area MS/HS Ski Clubs - 20 students signed up this year, schedule is weekly for about 3 months with 2 advisors.

Action Items:

- **Motion by** J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the purchase and installation of Student Services Rooftop HVAC Unit. Motion carried
- **Motion by** K. Morgan supported by H. Bird to approve the 2026-27 Snow Plow Bid. Motion carried
- **Motion by** J. Durfee supported by K. Morgan to approve the hiring of FLE ParaPro Alyssa Alcorn. Motion carried

Motion by J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to adjourn at 7:41 p.m. Motion carried

Recording Secretary

Susan Ingersoll