

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
Budget Hearing Minutes
June 23, 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 **(AB)**, Joanna Durfee, Travis Tracey **(AB)**, Hannah Bird, Adam Schaefer, Kari Morgan

Motion by: H. Bird supported by J. Durfee to approve Budget Hearing Agenda. Motion carried

Presentation: Cheyenne Dolaskie

- 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Amendment, Sinking Fund Budget, Food Service Budget, and Student School Activity Fund Budget
- 2025-2026 General Fund Budget, Sinking Fund Budget, Food Service Budget and Student School Activity Fund Budget
- L-4029 Millage Levy

Citizen Comments: None

Motion by J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to adjourn Budget Hearing at 6:44.
Motion carried

Recording Secretary

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Motion by J. Durfee supported by K. Morgan to approve the agenda, minutes, bills and financial statements. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: None

Athletic Director:

- Multiple positions for Volleyball, Varsity Boys Basketball also open. Positions posted.

Principal Report:

Konrad Molter

- May Students of the month are:
 - MS: Madalyn Newell & Cavin Snyder
 - HS: Brooklyn Johnson & Kevin Smith
- Graduation was a huge success, 100% of enrolled seniors graduated
- 21 students enrolled in Summer School for credit recovery
- Summer Sports - The weight room is staffed with coaches and summer teams are working out to improve skills and strength.
- We have scheduled a Truancy Team to meet to establish a consistent system with hope that attendance improves.

Amberle Eaker:

- Thanks to our incredible staff and families that volunteered to make our elementary PTO carnival a huge success.
- 46 elementary students signed up to attend Warrior Camp in August 2025.
- Students of the month for May:

	May Students of the Month
Graves (K)	Michael Keckler
Wilson (K)	Kennedy Hill
Mullin (1)	Kayden Brown
Tengdin (1)	Lenora LaRue & Nevaeh Goodin
Clark (2)	Jaylynne Yoder
Alcorn (2)	Brody Sedlack
Plante (3)	Bella Wilson

Johnston (3)	Wyatt Liggett
Larson (4)	DJ Morgan
Verhage (4)	Annabelle McCreery
Mead (5)	Addie Griffith
Moriarty (5)	Lexi Cummer
Droste (K-3)	Lucas Thayer

Superintendent Report - Mike Moran

- Thanks to those that helped during graduation, it was a huge success.
- Summer projects are underway. Paving at FLE happened this week.
- Middle School wing carpet is almost done then moving to high school
- Per Pupil funding still up in the air.
- Our strategic planning process will start this fall with matt Olson helping us with a 3-5 year plan.
- Policy will meet in early August.
- Thanks to Amberle Eaker for the last 4 ½ years, she did an awesome job.

Board Comment:

J. Durfee - Senior trip was very nice, it was a lot on the bus driver. Student speakers did a great job at graduation. X-Country trail is about 1/3 of the way done. Awards night, great night for high school. Would like to see underclassmen highlighted more. Larson Foundation selection committee, was not in support of the process of picking students. Felt students were left out.

H. Bird - Thanks to Amberle Eaker for her service. SEEDS started today in both buildings with 60 students enrolled.

Adam Schaefer - Thanks to Amberle Eaker for her service

K. Morgan - Thanks to Amberle Eaker, Kalkaska is canceling their Pop Warner program leading other students to want to join FA. Working to get new helmets and gear.

D. Smith - Thanks to Amberle Eaker

Discussion:

- Football overnight in August - Move to action item

Action Items:

Motion by: H. Bird supported by J. Durfee to move Football Overnight to an action item.
Carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the hiring of Tonya Wagner - GSRP Aide. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the hiring of Stephanie Baynton - FLE ParaPro. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the hiring of Annabelle Fortine - 4th Grade Teacher, pending background check. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the hiring of Rylee Feliczak - 2nd Grade Teacher, pending background check. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the hiring of Abigail Preston - Kindergarten Teacher, pending background check. Motion carried

Motion by: H. Durfee supported by H. Bird to accept the resignation of FLE Principal Amberle Eaker effective June 30, 2025. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to accept the resignation of Physical Education Teacher - Lucas DeForge. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to accept the resignation of Music Teacher - Brandon Deike effective September 9, 2025. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the hiring and contract of FLE Principal Kirsten Wooer, pending background check. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve AFSCME Local #1079 Support Staff Contract. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve MHSAA 2025-2026 Membership Resolution. Motion carried

Motion by: A. Schaefer supported by H. Bird to approve Administrative Memberships. Motion carried.

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the Authorizing of Financial Institutions - Forest Area Federal Credit Union, Fifth-Third Bank, MILAF, BMO. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve Athletic Director Contract - Jared Case. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve the Letter of Agreement - Maintenance Director David Berg. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by A. Schaefer to approve Recording Secretary - Susan Ingersoll. Motion carried

Motion by: J Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve Contract for Superintendent Secretary Susan Ingersoll. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approved Presented L-4029 Millage Levy (Roll Call Vote): **AS - Yes; KM - Yes; HB - Yes; JD - Yes; DS - Yes**

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by A. Schaefer to approve 2024-2025 General Fund Budget Amendment, Sinking Fund Budget, Food Service Budget, and Student School activity Budget (Roll Call Vote): **AS - Yes; KM - Yes; HB - Yes; JD - Yes; DS - Yes**

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Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to Adjourn at 7:51 Motion carried

Recording Secretary,

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