

Forest Area Community Schools  
Board of Education  
September 9, 2024

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, Kevin Thayer, Travis Tracey, Hannah Bird, Adam Schaefer

**Motion** by C. Ingersoll, supported by K. Thayer to approve the agenda, minutes, bills and financial statements. Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments:**

**B. Deike** - Thanks to everyone for all their work. Cannot continue with the music program as I have in the past. Mr. Moran, thank you for your support and encouragement.

**Ashley Jones** - VB open gym during summer was awesome, introducing students to the game. Check into an annual family pass.

**N. Gillette** - Student Council this year, selected date and location for homecoming. RR Square. Student rep from student council be the board representative.

**T. Deike** - Summer cheer clinics. Buddy Camp - we took 13 girls to this camp. Val/Sal discussion, thoughts and opposing opinions as staff member and a parent of a senior.

**Board Comments:**

**J. Durfee:** Scheduling issues and tweaking classes to balance classes. Reconnect with students that have unenrolled after a period of time. Consider keeping J. Pleshek as AD secretary. Everyone seems happy. This is going to be a fun year.

**C. Ingersoll:** Touching base on Julie leaving, she cares about our children. Mr. Deike has done wonderful things in our community...he will be missed.

**H. Bird:** First day of SEEDS at FLE, we're starting early this year which is a little challenging, hopefully it helped parents. Short staffed at both sights.

**Adam Schaefer:** Noticing positivity especially with MS boys. Good start to the year.

**K. Thayer:** Gratitude to Brandon/Tawni for all their hard work. They take on students that need the extra help. We truly appreciate them. Mr. Moran, you are appreciated. This is my second year....things are going smoothly with everything.

**D. Smith:** Reaching out to students enrolling in homeschool is a good idea. Brandon/Tawni, reiterate that Brandon will not be leaving permanently. He'll be back to events and we'll see him around. It's a change.... He gave a lot of himself. My 6th year on the board, best that I've seen between staff/admin/board....flowing very well from the top down. Moving in the right direction

**Principal Report - Amberle Eaker:** Thanks to Meemic Insurance Group for gifting \$1,000 grant to kick off the school year, and to Ms. Graves for applying. Open House was a great success. It's been a great start to the year. Huge shout out to David Berg and Marty Keiser for preparing our facilities. GSRP...we currently have 26 students, looking to fill 6 more spots. Thanks to Kalkaska Sheriff's Department for hosting a very successful back to school golf outing. Supporting both Forest Area and Kalkaska Schools. UPCOMING EVENTS: PTO will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

**Principal Report - Konrad Molter:** I've prepared a MS/HS Thursday evening weekly communication inviting all parents to PTO not just for elementary any longer. I've not seen a more caring community than this one. We have a very enthusiastic, very welcoming community and staff. B. Glotzhober doing a great job with students and scheduling. Staff collaboration for next year. Want everyone to have a voice, it takes a team. Upcoming week, I'll be getting in the classrooms just to see what's happening.

**Superintendent Report - Mike Moran:** HVAC project done.....final permits in the process. Inspections are done. Air quality and comfort level at that building is great. Lighting is better, everything is fresher. Great kickoff from everyone....great PD, took a bus tour of the district with staff. Enrollment numbers.....preliminary numbers look positive. Count day is October 2nd. Net loss, we graduated a big class last year and brought in a small Kindergarten class. Tailgate and JV game this thursday...trout town cafe and Leo Dutton donating all the food. Thanks to Stacy Muth for organizing. The Sheriff's office held a golf outing fundraiser to benefit Forest area and Kalkaska schools.....\$13,500 dollars in school supplies will be donated. Sadly Friday is the last day for Julie Pleshek with FACS. She will be missed, I will personally miss her. She is a great friend to everyone in the district.

**Discussion Items:** Teen Health Corner renovation, \$250,000 grant, just not enough to rebuild, maybe renovate what they have. Joanna Durfee...making more room for counseling sessions. Need to get moving...must turn into the state by Oct 1st. Will get with the hospital architect to see what direction to go.

Cheer Overnight Trip.....Building Team culture. Pre-Season, girls would like to do an overnight. Take place at our family cabin in Grayling. 16 interested students, in team building. 1-2 nights.....overnight at the Deikes. Potentially 2 vans.....with an additional personal vehicle.

Outdoor...camping....nature team building to do pre-season which is November 11th. Looking for input, just for HS. Will move forward, sharing the final itinerary at the October board meeting on the 14th.

Snow Plow Bid...Walkthrough, posted 2 ½ weeks ago. 4 people showed up, only received 1 bid back. \$40,000 for the season, want to reach out to the current bidder to see if he can give us a “per push” cost.

Class Rankings Val/Sal.....EMC takes 13th year, finishing with an associate degree AND a HS diploma. Withhold a credit to finish in their 13th year. Val/Sal is important to the students....need to NOT make changes. See what other districts are doing that have val/sal requirements. Will look into legal ramifications.

**Action Items:**

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve Leave of Absence for Brandon Deike. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** K. Thayer supported by C. Ingersoll to approve the hiring of Kyle Ingersoll, MS/HS Music Teacher. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** H. Bird supported by K. Thayer to approve the Retirement of Julie Pleshek, MS/HS Secretary. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve the hiring of Lindsey Erickson, MS/HS Secretary. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve Policy #2303 Violation of Board Code of Ethics. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve Policy #2405 Board Officers. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** K. Thayer supported by T. Tracey to approve Policy #2504 Public Participation at Board Meetings. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve Policy #3105 Visitors and Volunteers. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by K. Thayer to approve Policy #3115B Designation of Coordinators. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve Policy #3115-F-2 Sample Notice of Nondiscrimination. Motion carried

**Motion by:** K. Thayer supported by T. Tracey to approve Policy #3119 Experiential or Pilot Programs. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve Policy #3120 Head Start COVID 19 Mitigation. Motion carried

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to approve Policy #3201A Financial Management for Federal Awards. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve Policy #3208 Surety Bonds of District Officials. Motion carried

**Motion by:** K. Thayer supported by J. Durfee to approve Policy #3301 Purchasing and Procurement. Motion carried

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by H Bird to approve Policy #3307 Construction Administration. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve Policy #3408 Firearms and Weapons. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to add Policy #3410 Opioid Antagonist to agenda for approval. Motion carried

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**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to go into closed session at 8:19 p.m. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to come out of closed session at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried

**Motion to adjourn by C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer. Motion carried.**

Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Ingersoll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" at the beginning.

Susan Ingersoll