

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
February 10, 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, Kevin Thayer (AB), Travis Tracey, Hannah Bird, Adam Schaefer

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

Citizen Comments:

- A. Jones - Enjoying Robotics, Food Service celebrating Super Bowl Sunday. Board Appreciation Month (January, but meeting was cancelled)
- Nikki Gillette - Robotics is going well, high school students are mentoring 4th, 5th and MS students. February 28th is their first competition.
- T. Deike - Things are going well with Cheer. Setting goals as a team. The Talent Show is scheduled for March 8th where kiddos will showcase their talent.

Correspondence: None

Principal Report - Konrad Molter: ParaPro position opened back up in the MS/HS, currently seeking a strong replacement. We held a Reality Fair last week that was amazing. Thanks to the Forest Area Credit Union for their partnership and for Kelly Holemen's leadership in planning this event. The 2nd quarter rewards trip to Centre Ice in TC went well. Students earning over 70 in all their classes with no office referrals can attend. Seniors had a class meeting last week to finalize end-of-year plans. Currently working on Spring Testing plans. **Athletics:** Wrestling finished districts this weekend. Boys had a great trip to Manistique and did well for as inexperienced as we are. Girls districts and also competed well. Boys basketball has been competitive in most of their games this year, with a couple wins under their belt. Girls basketball continues to improve. Cheer has had a good season.

Principal Report - Amberle Eaker: Behavior Data Review and Restorative Practices P.D. went well. Finishing NWEA winter testing. Coming up is "March is Reading" month. Our theme this year is "Snack on Reading". Daddy Daughter Dance (PTO) is March 1st at 2 p.m.

Students of the Month:

Class	Jan
Graves (K)	Aksel Tripp
Wilson (K)	Addilyn VanderHorst
Mullin (1)	Gryffin Weighman
Tengdin (1)	Rowynn Eldridge
Clark (2)	Benjamin Gingles
Nedow (2)	Elizabeth Binder
Plante (3)	Kason Remington
Johnston (3)	Oliver Gomez-Alt
Larson (4)	Brooklyn Talsma
Verhage (4)	Arianna McCarthy
Mead (5)	Charlotte Liebengood
Moriarty (5)	Riley McFadden
Droste (K-3)	Jace Ingersoll

Superintendent Report - Mike Moran: Safety Summit was held on 1/20/25 county wide. Everyone district wide attended, FA staff, custodial and kitchen staff as well. Starting to run drills and using the same verbiage state wide. Thanks to Kevin Thayer for his 2 years of service on the BOE. The Governor's preliminary budget is out, no per pupil increase. There is a recommendation of \$10,000 per pupil increase, also looks to be an increase in mental health and school safety grants. Food service bid will go out in the near future.

Board Comment:

- J. Durfee - Would like to look at transportation policies after a TC student was killed.
- T. Tracey - Nothing
- A. Schaefer - Nothing
- C. Ingersoll - Nothing
- H. Bird - Nothing
- D. Smith - Apologize for no January meeting, it was unavoidable. Coaching grades 5th and 6th boys basketball, they are improving. Not a lot of boys in these grades.

Discussion:

- FACS Board Member Interviews
 - Sheelah Walter-Reece - Born and raised in this district. Family has been a large part of the school. Looking for more community involvement

- Kari Morgan - Born and raised here. Heavily involved in sports. Would like to help the district make the right choices. Has a lot of positive interactions with the parents/communities.
- Kathleen Perrin Betts - MI State graduate in Music Education teacher for 15 years. Part of the community since 2010. Schools are the “hub” of the community. Would like to lend some of her experience to the district.
- General Fund Amended Budget - Cheyenne Doloski
- Custodial Services Contract currently looking to put this out for bid.
- Robotics Overnight is March 13th after school, returning Saturday evening.
- Class of 2025 Senior Trip choices are Chicago or Cedar Point
- Music Overnight - T. Deike

Action Items:

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve the 2024-25 School Budget as Amended. Motion carried

Motion by; C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to accept the resignation of School Board Member Kevin Thayer. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve New School Board Member - Kari Morgan. Motion carried

- Kari Morgan - 1st
- Kathleen Perrin Betts - 2nd
- Sheelah Walter-Reece - 3rd

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by T. Tracey to accept the resignation of Head Football Coach Jake Messner. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by H. Bird to accept the resignation of ParaPro Christine Twietmeyer. Motion carried.

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by T. Tracey to accept the resignation of ParaPro Leah Spencer. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve the maternity leave of Rachel Metzger. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve the Administrative Salary Schedule. Motion carried.

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by T. Tracey to approve the Robotics overnight. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve the following Board Member Positions and Committee Assignments:

President - Dan Smith
Vice President - Chrissy Ingersoll
Secretary - Travis Tracey
Treasurer - Joanna Durfee
Trustee - Adam Schaefer
Trustee - Hannah Bird
Trustee - Kari Morgan

Policy Committee: J. Durfee, Adam Schaefer, Chrissy Ingersoll
Curriculum Committee: J. Durfee, K. Morgan, H. Bird.
Certified Negotiations: D. Smith, H. Bird, T. Tracey
Non-Certified Negotiations: D. Smith, H. Bird, T. Tracey
Building & Site Committee: A. Schaefer, T. Tracey, J. Durfee
Finance Committee: D. Smith, C. Ingersoll, K. Morgan

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to go into closed session at 8:28. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to come out of closed session at 8:48. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to adjourn at 8:49. 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, looped "S" and "I".

Susan Ingersoll