Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
September 14, 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 J. Durfee to approve the agenda, minutes. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

- A. Gordon - First day of SEEDS at both FLE & MS
- S. Prentice - Kalkaska coalition - Live Well Christmas Team program looking for student help. Spoke to the "Lock it up Campaign".

Athletic Director - Jared Case:

- Football: Our Varsity Boys have shown improvement from last year. Currently sit at 1-2 with a forfeit win against Suttons Bay, a loss vs Cedarville where they showed some moments, and a loss vs number 1 ranked Gaylord St. Mary. Big week this week with the community tailgate being on Friday vs. Onaway.
- JV Football is not just us trying to find a few scrimmages and possibly a game. We just do not have enough numbers to run a full JV schedule, but would like to get our younger players some experience against kids their own age.
- MS Football still holding on to good numbers for participation but they did have a week 1 loss vs Onaway. Quite a few kids are new to the game and it showed at times but that is what MS is for learning and hopefully we can keep these kids out when they get to high school.
- Varsity Volleyball has been showing consistent growth this year. Our record currently sits at 2-6-2. Last week our girls played a touch 5 with Pellston where we battled back but came up short losing in 5 with a score of 15-17 but then on Thursday the girls came back and won in 3 vs Wolverine. Also going to get this out there volleyball will be hosting a pink out game on 10/1 vs east Jordan. We will be selling shirts and proceeds will again go to the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center.
- JV Volleyball - we currently have limited numbers on JV but the girls are making it work. They are getting a lot of playing time and experience which again is what we were hoping for.
- MS Volleyball - luckily numbers are great at the MS level and I do not see that slowing down for a few years. We have quite a few girls that are very involved in sports and hopefully that will transfer to success in the future.
- Cross Country - Forest Area held its first ever cross country meet last week and big thanks to the Durfee family for the time spent working on the

course and organizing the meet. It went smoothly and it seemed like everyone had a great experience on our course. We also had many volunteers that helped it run smoothly. There is no way it would have been as successful without such a supportive community.

Principals Report - Konrad Molter:

- Great start to the year.
- New SEL programming: Character Development and Leadership is being utilized 6-12.
- Welcome to baby Winona Kay Bearded…Congratultions to Audrey & Seth.

Principals Report - Kirsten Wooer:

- Aimee Sandula, pursuing a Principal Internship
- New Staff: Katie Magee, Madison Ingersoll, Nicole Wierman, Amy Alger settling in nicely. Jared Case is a great addition to lower elementary.
- Strategic Goal Focus: Improving and Updating Facilities
    - Library and Intervention space: New paint, carpet and wall hooks. New parapro work stations and a new circulation desk and book drop
- Strategic Goad Focus: Improve Student Achievement and Academis Performance.
    - Language and Vocablulary Development: 4 instructional strategies, teachers pick one to focus on for next 4 weeks. Implementation of check-ins.

Superintendent - Mike Moran:

- Our 1st cross country race., was very well set up. Lots of compliments from the community and other schools.
- Thanks to everyone for a great job getting our staff ready for the start of the year.
- The free standing brick wall just outside the woodshop door is crumbling. It's 50 years old and needs to come down. Getting estimated to have it replaced/removed.
- Snow plow bids are due next week. Bid for approval at the October meeting.
- Community cookout is next Friday the 18th. 5th year in a row, huge shout out to Dan Bloomquist and Leo Dutton for their continued support .

Board Comment:

- K. Morgan - 1st Pop Warner FB in Baldwin…great action. Home football will be at the end of October after MS/HS Season.
- H. Bird - SEEDS started today at both buildings. Roughly 60 students enrolled at both sites.

- D. Smith - My 1st grader thinks Mr. Case is great. Heard positive things from students and the community.
- A. Schaefer - Smooth start to the year.
- J. Durfee - Elementary looks really good. Teen Health going well. 7 schools for the cross country run with 111 students. In October we will have a costume run as a fundraiser.

Discussion:

- FACS Hiring Process
    - Board member conversations….The board looks to be involved at an administrative level (i.e. superintendent/principal).
    - Board members would like to be notified earlier of who/where hiring people.

- Board of Education Member - Terms
    - 5 vacant positions with 4 running…..candidate can be a write in before 10/23 (goes to the county courthouse)

Action Items:

- **Motion by** C. Ingersoll supported by A. Schaefer to approve the Hiring of Lauren Ackerman - FLE Secretary. Motion carried

- **Motion by** C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve the hiring of Chanta Delagrande - FLE Parapro. Motion carried

- **Motion by** T. Tracey supported by J. Durfee to approve the hiring of Alex Robbins - Sub Bus Driver/Maintenance/Grounds. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried

Recording Secretary

Sue Ingersoll

Susan Ingersoll