

Forest Area Community Schools  
Board of Education  
August 12, 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 J. Durfee to approve the agenda, minutes, bills and financial statements. Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Board Comments:**

**J. Durfee:** Thanks to J. Case for all his hard work with athletics.

**C. Ingersoll:** Excited that lots of information is getting out to the community.

**H. Bird:** Nothing

**Adam Schaefer:** Nothing

**K. Thayer:** Welcome to Adam Schaefer and Hannah Bird. Kudos to Mr. Moran for getting HVAC going at FLE.

**D. Smith:** Everything seems to be going very well.

**Athletic Director - Jared Case:**

Student athlete numbers are slim, and I would like to see more kids. I am recommending Ron StremLOW to come back as Varsity Volleyball Coach, taking Lucas DeForge under his wing to mentor as he does JV Volleyball. Fall coaches will remain the same as last year. First games/meets will start on the 16th of August.

**Superintendent Report - Mike Moran:**

HVAC project wrapped up at FLE, the main contractor is gone, we are awaiting final inspections. Temp Control is working on the system. Summit Fire will be coming out this week. Hoping staff can get back into their rooms next week. Custodial staff are there working to clean rooms/carpets etc. Band Camp went well, and the kids sounded great. FLE summer school students are in the building (middle school). Feels like the school is ready to go. Huge shout out to David Berg and Marty Keiser for getting things done. Their summer projects on the list are done. Nice job by everyone, custodians included. First official administrative meeting was last Wednesday, making sure everyone knows what is going on. Kalkaska Sheriff's office has a golf outing on 8/21/24, all proceeds of this outing goes to school supplies to be split between Forest Area and Kalkaska. Tailgate Thursday 9/12/24, second home game of the season. Free to the community with purchase of admission to the game. STEM workshop by MSU, limited to 15 students and we had 5 in attendance today.

**Discussion Items:** Renewal of Snow Plow Contract Options

Quality Seal Coating backed out, it would cost them too much for renting the equipment needed to continue our service. Will open it back up to get other bids.

**Action Items:**

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve the 2024-25 MS/HS Student Handbook, with the exception of class ranking, VAL/SAL to go back to the Policy Committee. Motion carried

**Motion by:** K. Thayer supported by J. Durfee to approve the 2024-25 FLE Student Handbook, Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve the 2024-25 HS/MS Course Catalog. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve the Fife Lake Public Library Agreement, Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by H. Bird to approve the 2024-25 Athletic Handbook. Motion carried

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by K. Thayer to approve the Kankaska County Sheriff's Department Contract. Motion carried

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by K. Thayer to approve the Compensation of Board Members \$30 per meeting. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve the hiring of Bus Driver Sumae Jennings, pending background check. Motion carried

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by K. Thayer to approve the hiring of Ron Stremlow as Varsity Volleyball Coach. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by J. Dufree to accept the retirement of Kris Benke - Bus Driver. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve the Authorization of Hiring of Personnel. Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve the contract renewal of Athletic Director Jared Care. Motion Carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to go into closed session at 7:25 Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to come out of closed session at 7:48 Motion carried

**Motion by:** C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to adjourn at 7:50. Motion carried

Recording Secretary



Susan Ingersoll