

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
November 11, 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 J. Durfee, supported by C. Ingersoll to approve the agenda, minutes, bills and financial statements. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

- Ashley Jones.....appreciated the Veterans Day Ceremonies
- N. Gillette....Grades 6-12 will be having a food drive for the local food pantry. The winning class will receive a hot cocoa party before Thanksgiving break. Feeling good about Robotics camp, would like help.
- T. Deike.....Veterans assembly went very well.

Principal Report - Konrad Molter: Veterans Day Assembly was a success. Huge thank you to all the staff and community members for a wonderful celebration. First quarter report cards went home last week. The Middle School halloween dance was super successful. Rewards program for quarter 2 will be looking at grades and behaviors to attend an ice skating event at the Kaliseum. We had 128 high school students attend a "Breakfast of Champions" for those who exhibited positive behavior in school. Choir traveled to NMC to compete in the choral festival. **Athletics:** Middle school basketball is underway, great numbers for participation, both seeing some success. Volleyball Districts fell short in 5 games. High school winter sports start this week.

Principal Report - Amberle Eaker: GSRP Fall family night was a great success, with dinner and Fall themed games and activities in the gym. Classroom Halloween parties saw more volunteers than ever before. Kindness Challenge #1, students in K thru 3rd grade each did a "kind act" for our local community. Veterans Day Assembly was a huge success. Students of the Month:

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Class	Student of the Month
Graves (K)	Paige Lane
Wilson (K)	Magnus Dryer
Mullin (1)	Daniel Hinkson
Tengdin (1)	Franklin Galbraith
Clark (2)	Amelia Cummer
Nedow (2)	Payton Lautner
Plante (3)	Violet Burns
Johnston (3)	Wyatt Gondol
Larson (4)	Vincent Jeffers
Verhage (4)	Jaxon Ingersoll
Mead (5)	Eva Balanowski
Moriarty (5)	Alivia Grose
Droste (K-3)	Kyler Leffingwell

Superintendent Report - Mike Moran: Shout out to TC Track & Field club, FA was awarded a grand for \$21,000 to create a X-Country course. This will allow Forest Area to host future X-Country events. Thanks to Joanna Durfee for getting this grant. RSDD day in November will be at West Middle School featuring Teacher Clarity. I attended the Regional Cyber Security Summit on that day, it was very eye opening. Feeling good on where we sit, with Mr. Graham leading us to be very secure. We had an awesome Veterans Day program, very well received by students and community. Thanks Mr. Lewis-Lakin for coming to speak to us.

Board Comment:

- J. Durfee - X-Country season went very well. It was a fun season
- H. Bird - nothing
- C. Ingersoll - Thanks to Stacy Muth for once again heading up the "giving tree" again this year. If you have an opportunity to grab a tag from the tree.
- T. Tracey - Addressing Val/Sal
- K. Thayer - Thanks to the staff that does community service working the election.
- D. Smith - Good start to the middle school boys basketball season.

Discussion:

- Shawn Lewis-Lakin discussed the Superintendent Evaluation process and timeline when it should happen.
- Cheer End of Season Overnight scheduled for February 27th,
- January 20, 2025 School Safety PD discussion, moved to action item.

Action Items:

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by C. Ingersoll to move the January 20th, 2025 Professional Development for School Safety to an action item. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve High School Honors Band overnight to Harbor Springs. Motion carried.

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve Robotics Overnight. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by A. Schaefer to approve Joe Kreider as Representative for Northwest Ed Special Education Parent Advisory Committee. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by K. Thayer to approve JV Basketball Coach Chase Ingersoll. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve maternity leave for FLE ParaPro Monica Miller. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by A. Schaefer to approve the hiring of Julie Pleshek as Athletic Secretary as needed. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve hiring of Samantha Hayes, MS 1 on 1 Parapro. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by K. Thayer to accept the resignation of Lisa Nedow, 2nd grade teacher. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by A. Schaefer to approve the hiring of Steven Cassar, 2nd grade teacher (pending background check). Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve January 20, 2025 as a Professional Development day for School Safety. Motion carried

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

Recording Secretary



Susan Ingersoll