

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
January 8, 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 (**AB**), Joanna Durfee, Krysta Beyer, Kevin Thayer, Rich Steffe, Travis Tracey.

Motion by K. Thayer supported by T. Tracey to approve the agenda (revised to include action item HVAC), minutes, bills and financial statements . Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

- N. Gillette - First Robotics for grades 4-12, was a good turnout. Looking for more high school students. 11 teams so far.
- K. Ingersoll - Our kitchen staff have been working on some fun things. We have a newly created facebook page. Forest Area Community Schools Food Service
- T. Bucco - communicating with Mr. Moran

Communication: None

Student Report - Jacob Kade: Invited to attend the Leadership committee meeting on 1/18. We will have a Snowcoming Dance on January 27th in the cafeteria. CTC visit for 10th grade is happening on 2/1. Spirit week for Snowcoming is January 22 thru January 27.

Elementary Report : Amberle Eaker - Caroling & holiday festivities were enjoyed by all. Santa Shop was very successful. Everyone enjoyed the experience, we had 3 volunteers from St. Aloysius's church helped out. The Youth Alive Assembly on 12/22 was a fun experience and helped promote our kindness initiative. Our next PTO meeting will be tomorrow 1/9 at 3:30. Testing starts next week for the next several weeks. Our winter testing incentive - with the highest percent of students making growth earns an extra recess and pizza party. End of our semester is January 19th, and report cards will be sent home Friday January 26th.

Students of the month for December:

Graves (K)	Lauren Franklin
Wilson (K)	James Morgan
Mullin (1)	Levi Lane
Tengdin (1)	Ernest Grose
Clark (2)	Cooper Griffith
Nedow (2)	Oliver Gomez-Art
Plante (3)	Liam Hamilton
Raupp (3)	Brooklyn Talsma
Larson (4)	Mackenzie Lehr
Verhage (4)	Addison Griffith
Mead (5)	Carter Curtis
Moriarty (5)	Pennie Bell
Droste (K-3)	Asher Fouch

Principal - Mike Moran - Board of Education appreciation month. Thank you for everything you've done and continue to do. We had 4 interviews last week for our MS/HS principal job. Not ready to move forward at this time. Will open it back up in the Spring when the candidate pool should go up. New staff Carolyn Woodhams brings some positive energy. Happy to have her and Bethany Onthank working as our Guidance Counselor for this school year. We'll have a "Reality Fair" for the 11th & 12th grades on January 24th. Showing students what it's like in the real world. Thanks to Kelly Holeman for putting this together.

Board Comments:

J. Durfee - Winter concert was a packed house. Kudos to R. Magee, coach for our girls basketball team, game was fun to watch.

K. Beyer - Nothing

K. Thayer - Nothing

R. Steffe - Nothing

T. Tracey - Questions why only 2 practices for girls 5th/6th grade. (Answer - very limited gym availability)

D. Smith - Helping coach boys 5th/6th grade basketball. Recent game against Central Lake, they played hard.

Discussion Items: HVAC - questions about efficiency. From Cooke - will be 10% more efficient than the old system, which doesn't meet current standards. There are rebates available from different areas.

Policy Updates.....Policy Committee meeting scheduled for January 31st at 5:30 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by T. Tracey to put out to bid the HVAC System for FLE. Motion carried.

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by K. Beyer to approve the following board and committee positions:

- **PRESIDENT:** Dan Smith
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Chrissy Ingersoll
- **TREASURER:** Joanna Durfee
- **SECRETARY:** Krysta Beyer
- **TRUSTEE:** Travis Tracey
- **TRUSTEE:** Rich Steffe
- **TRUSTEE:** Kevin Thayer

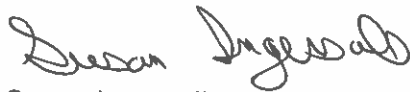
- Building & Site - J. Durfee, R. Steffe and K. Thayer
- Policy - J. Durfee, K. Thayer and T. Tracey
- Non-Certified Staff - K. Beyer, D. Smith and R. Steffe
- Certified Staff - K. Beyer, C. Ingersoll and D. Smith
- Curriculum - J. Durfee, C. Ingersoll and T. Tracey
- Finance - D. Smith, K. Beyer and K. Thayer

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by K. Beyer to remove John Smith as signatory for Forest Area Federal Credit Union, MILAF and 5/3 Bank. Motion carried

Motion by: J. Durfee supported by T. Tracey to add Superintendent Mike Moran as a signatory for Forest Area Federal Credit Union, MILAF and 5/3 Bank. Motion carried.

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by J. Durfee to accept the resignation of Lauren O'Connor. Motion carried.

Recording Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Ingersoll". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Ingersoll