

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

**Motion** by J. Durfee supported by K. Beyer to approve the agenda, minutes, bills and financial statements . Motion carried.

**Citizen Comments:**

- Ashley, Social Worker from NMC - Discussion of free breakfast/lunch for schools.
- T. Bucco
- T. Deike, PreFestival Lock-in went well - primary function is a focus on uniform fittings for festival. 17 different acts for the Talent Show in March. Bingo fundraiser for students trip abroad in Cadillac on 3/20/24. We are hosting Jazz Festival on April 11, 2024, which will include 6 schools.

**Communication:** None

**Athletic Director:** Wrestling, no regional winners but our warriors gave it their all. Boys BB season improved over the last couple years. Girls BB showed incredible grit and heart this year. They played most of the season with 6 and with as few as 5. Competitive Cheer had strong numbers and a good season. Placing 6th in their district out of 13 teams and were 11 points away from qualifying for regionals. Spring Sports practices started today after school. Baseball students have been seen doing workouts in the morning before school getting their arms ready for the season. Numbers are looking good this year. Softball, we have a new coach...Kelly DeWitt from Northville Schools. She moved here after retirement and misses interacting with students and we're excited to have her here. Track - again looks like numbers have increased, which is a positive trend for our school.

**Elementary Report : Amberle Eaker (ab) - Report:** FLE March is Reading Month Kick-Off Assembly was held for K-5th grade on March 1st. Great turnout for Ties & Tiaras Dance for PreK thru 5th grade. Winter data review with Preschool - 12th grade staff at the end of February was a helpful process for all staff to better understand our academic data trends as a district and work together with ISD staff to strategically plan focused interventions and instruction to continue increasing student performance over the last half of the school year. Thank you to the American Legion for donating 5 new flagpoles for the district. It is greatly appreciated.

**Students of the month for February (received certificates last week):**

<b>Graves (K)</b>	Jace Ingersoll
<b>Wilson (K)</b>	Gryffin Weighman
<b>Mullin (1)</b>	Natalee Leech
<b>Tengdin (1)</b>	Autumn Schaefer
<b>Clark (2)</b>	Hunter Ely
<b>Nedow (2)</b>	Hayat Musleh
<b>Plante (3)</b>	Aeurelius Bargas
<b>Raupp (3)</b>	Talia McNair
<b>Larson (4)</b>	Gentry Smith
<b>Verhage (4)</b>	Gage Buchler
<b>Mead (5)</b>	Skylee Espinoza
<b>Moriarty (5)</b>	Skyla Flateland

**MS/HS Principal - Mark Mattson** - FA's Talent Show was a great success, lots of talent in our community. We held a "Breakfast of Champions" highlighting students' academic success. March 14th is "Pi" day. Everyone is looking forward to Spring Break.

**Superintendent - Mike Moran** - Thanks again to the American Legion for the flag poles, they are greatly appreciated. The Governor's initial budget increases Per Pupil Funding by \$241, which is encouraging but could change. FA's Mission Statement in the works. Our scheduled internal PD was scheduled for the 28th of February, but school was canceled due to weather.

**Board Comments:**

**J. Durfee** - Busy last few weeks. Teen Health Center looking at grants for building updates. Currently our therapists have been very busy. PA is seeing lots of sick students in the district.

**K. Beyer** - The cafeteria posts on facebook have been positive. Food looks great.

**K. Thayer** - Issues with power during recent fundraising event.

**R. Steffe** - Nothing

**T. Tracey** - Nothing

**D. Smith** - Nothing

**Discussion Items:** Progressing to approval of FLE HVAC project. MS/HS Principal search will begin after spring break. Support staff contract looking to increase wages. Discussion on Axiom contract.

**Action Items:**

**Motion by:** K. Thayer supported by K. Beyer to approve Fife Lake Elementary's HVAC Project, motion carried.

**Motion by:** K. Thayer supported by T. Tracey to approve the Budget Update presented at the February 12, 2024 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by K. Thayer to approve Kelly DeWitt, Softball Coach. Motion carried.

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by R. Steffe to go into closed session at 7:51. Motion carried

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by K. Beyer to come out of closed session at 8:39. Motion carried

**Motion by:** J. Durfee supported by K. Beyer to adjourn at 8:40. 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