

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
May 13, 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 **(AB)**, Krysta Beyer, Kevin Thayer, Rich Steffe, Travis Tracey.

Motion by C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve the agenda, minutes, bills and financial statements. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments: A. Jones - field trips have been fun. T. Deike - Cheer Awards, Prom went well.

Communication: None

Student Report: None

Athletic Director: Spring Sports, 5/31 Baseball Districts at Marion, Softball Districts at Mesick. Track is a young team, they are doing well. Working on summer schedules. Will be posting a Varsity Volleyball Coaching position.

Elementary Report : Amberle Eaker: Finishing up testing for the year. Kindergarten Round Up readiness testing went very well. Thanks to the Teen Health Corner for their help. FLE PTO Carnival will be May 17 from 5-8. FLE Family Picnic will be May 22 and GSRP Graduation is May 23rd. All elementary students of the month will be recognized and have the opportunity to have lunch with Mrs. E and get special treats. June 4th & 5th are Field Days at FLE.

Students of the month for April

Graves (K)	Lenora Larue
Wilson (K)	Declan Jones
Mullin (1)	Connor Stokes
Tengdin (1)	Grace Fouch
Clark (2)	Cora Lundy
Nedow (2)	Danika LaFuze
Plante (3)	Matthew Brandon
Raupp (3)	Nathan Buehler
Larson (4)	Lillian Firman
Verhage (4)	Trayton Keller
Mead (5)	Ella Hulwick
Moriarty (5)	Paul Petoskey

MS/HS Principal - Mark Mattson - Teacher Appreciation - our teachers are greatly appreciated for all their hard work. OK to Say assembly went well. A fantastic time was had by all at this year's PROM. Representatives from TC Airport visited and talked about opportunities this summer for employment and talking about enrollment in the NMC Aviation Program. MS and HS awards are May 15, 2024 at 1:45 and 6:00 respectively. Saturday and Sunday May 18 & 19 will be our Musical. Music concert is set for May 23rd. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Interim MS/HS Principal for the past few months.

Superintendent - Mike Moran - 8th Grade field trip to a Grand Rapids baseball White Caps game. Mrs. Woodhams received an email from a retired educator commending her on how well the students acted. New hires in the works possibly, Guidance Counselor and Social Worker. Lots of field trips are in the works.

Board Comments:

R. Steffe - Will be stepping down from the board at the end of 2024

T. Tracey - Football goal posts need painting

K. Thayer - Nothing

K. Beyer - Nothing

D. Smith - The field trip to the zoo was a great time. Teacher Appreciation, we appreciate our teachers.

C. Ingersoll - Teacher appreciation, thank you for all you do. Baseball/Softball working hard. Thanks to Mr. Case for his hard work.

Discussion Items: English Language Arts - New Curriculum

Action Items:

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to move Cheer Camp Overnights to an Action item. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Beyer to approve the Cheer Camp Overnights. Motion carried.

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Beyer to move the 8th/9th grade Washington DC trip planning stage an action item. Motion carried

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by C. Ingersoll to approve moving forward with planning of the 8th/9th grade Washington DC trip.

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to accept the ISD Budget Resolution. Motion carried

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by R. Steffe to accept the resignation of Tiffany Schaefer. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Beyer to accept the resignation of Randy Buckmaster. Motion carried

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by R. Steffe to approve the hiring of David Berg, Facilities Maintenance Manager. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to approve the renewal of Chartwell Food Service Contract. Motion carried.

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Thayer to approve the Axium Contract (custodial services) for 1 year. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Beyer to approve the Music Department overnight trip to Detroit. Motion carried.

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by T. Tracey to go into closed session at 7:40. Motion carried

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by T. Tracey to come out of the closed session at 8:16 p.m. Motion carried.

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by T. Tracey to adjourn at 8:16. Motion carried

Recording Secretary

Susan Ingersoll