

Forest Area Community Schools
Board of Education
January 9, 2023

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, Krysta Beyer, Kevin Thayer, Rich Steffe, Travis Tracey.

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

Communication: None

Citizen Comments: N. Tracey spoke of the "Warrior Wrestling" fundraiser for new singlets and possibly new mats in the future.

Correspondence: Not much yet as new legislatures start their work.

Student Report: Choir students attended District Solo & Ensemble at TC West. Congratulations to T. Taylor, K. Naeyaert, L. Spoor, A. Olzsewski, V. King, A. Rapoza, L. Deike and O. Bearden for their performances. L. Deike and O. Bearden will both be going to States for their performances.

Elementary Report : Amberle Eaker Holiday music performance was a huge success. Thanks to the community members for stepping in to help with folding chairs before the performance. There was an incredibly large number of supporters in attendance. Shout out to Amy Zabel and the elementary staff for their hard work putting this on. Holiday parties, trips and events were wonderful. Monthly PTO meetings continue with the next being January 10, 2023. PTO meetings will also be held at the MS building the 4th Tuesday of each month. Aimsweb testing just started and midyear testing will be going on over the next 3 weeks. Students of the month L. Lane, L. Thayer, J. Newell, M. Smith, C. Flores, A. Werly, L. Firman and C. Liebengood.

Principal - Mike Moran: Welcome to our new board members. Congratulations to our Choir students for their Division I rating at Solo & Ensemble. Lots of events happening. College Prep series going on, we're inviting sophomores. 2nd Semester Strength & Conditioning after school, led by J. Case. SAT Prep in February to help students prepare. 10th Grade students will visit CTC, looking at courses they can choose from. Students of the Month: September 2022 MS was C. Bryant and A. Lehr; HS was T. Muth and L. Magee. October 2022 MS was R. Tracey and G. Cummer; HS was G. Steffe and I. Brooks.

Superintendent Report: Josh Rothwell: Welcome to the new board members starting, and would like to recognize all the board members for their hard work. Excited to get things rolling with Cooke Sheet Metal, supplies are being ordered to start this summer HVAC project. Professional Development talking about Restorative Practices. Bus inspections were last week, huge shout out to Randy and Marty for their hard work. All buses received green tags. Saddened that Nadia Hoover (our business manager) has taken a job with another district, she will be missed. Northwest Ed and C. McPherson are busy working with and training her replacement. Wednesday this week I'll have a meeting with the ISD to review the budget.

Board Comments:

K. Thayer - Mentioned a year ago about board members having an email.

R. Steffe - Discussion of millage not being renewed.

T. Tracey - Would like board agendas available for the community at meetings.

C. Ingersoll - It is board appreciation month, but I think everyone does a great job and is appreciated.

K. Beyer - Welcome to the new board members.

J. Durfee - 2 pieces of equipment need fixing in the weight room. Can we look into bringing the Mackinac Island 5th grade field trip back.

D. Smith - It was nice to see the crowd at the elementary music performance..Our young Warrior Wrestlers are having a fundraiser.

Discussion Items: MASB board member training for all FACS Board Members. Looking at 1/26, 1/30 or 1/31 in the evening. Should take about an hour and a half. Sinking fund renewal to be taken to the voters in May 2023. This will be a renewal with no new increase. Special board meeting will be in conjunction with the school board training.

Action Items:

Motion by: K. Thayer supported by R. Steffe to approve Election of Officers and Committee Memberships. Motion carried

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Beyer to approve 2023-2023 Board Meeting Dates. Motion carried.

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by J. Durfee to approve authorization of School Board President, Dan Smith, Superintendent, Joshua Rothwell, Payroll Accountant, Cassie McPherson, and Accountant, Cheyenne Dolaskie, as signatories on the following bank accounts: Forest Area Federal Credit Union, BMO Bank, 5/3 Bank, MILAF, or any name change or mergers of said institutions. Motion carried.

Motion by: C. Ingersoll supported by K. Beyer to adjourn at 7:29 p.m. Motion carried

Recording Secretary



Susan Ingersoll