

The Forbes Road School Board met for a regular virtual meeting on Monday, May 3, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger, Cassie Broadwater, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall, Kirby Shoemaker, Stacey Wyles. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Kristie Hohman, Chris Seymore, Heidi O'Neal, Randy Gelvin, Beth Locke, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community.

General Information

On a Bolinger/Hall motion, the April 12, 2021 minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, the April treasurers report was approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, the May bills totaling \$284,596.24 were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager Chris Seymore and High School Principal Randy Gelvin gave the FCCCT update. The update focused on a recent auto technology presentation given to students in grades 9-11 by Rick Bolinger. Mr. Bolinger shared the opportunities of a career in auto technology and treated students to a hands-on look at a fully electric car. Mr. Gelvin expressed his thanks to Mr. Bolinger for the presentation, saying that it was well-received by the students.

Facilities Manager Chris Seymore gave the building and grounds update. Mr. Seymour began his update with details on the recent wind event that resulted in a portion of the elementary school gymnasium suffering damage. The facilities manager reported Teeter Insurance Agency had been contacted and the proper steps to secure the site and prevent further damage have been taken. He then moved on to the front window replacement in the old school, saying that should occur at the beginning of July. Mr. Seymour concluded his update with progress on the renovations for the Automotive Technology program.

Pandemic Coordinator/ School Nurse Beth Locke was next in the evening's updates. Mrs. Locke gave statistics concerning the week ending 4/30/2021 COVID-19 case numbers, citing we are at a low PDE level of transmission with eighteen total, ten probable and eight confirmed cases. Two of the confirmed cases are within the district. The pandemic coordinator concluded by saying, as of the meeting time, for the week ending May 7, 2021, there are seven confirmed cases with one of those cases in our district.

Technology director Amanda Brown gave the technology update. Ms. Brown was happy to announce that the 2020-2021 yearbooks are completed. She stated her next focus would be

the sale and preparation of the used iPads for distribution. In conclusion, the technology director reported she has been working with School Gate Guardian, a school visitor management system used to scan visitors' identification before entering the school in hopes of having the system running by August 2021.

Ms. Heidi O'Neal gave the athletic and cafeteria updates. She began with athletics saying things were going well and senior night for senior baseball and softball players would be on Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 4:30 pm. Moving on to the cafeteria, Ms. O'Neal gave the following statistics: in March 2021 (18 days of serving food), 4,394 lunches were served and 3,801 breakfast for a total reimbursement of \$23,909.67 compared to March 2020 (21 days of serving food) 2,142 lunches and 2,142 breakfast were served for a total reimbursement of \$12,680.

High School Principal Randy Gelvin began his high school update by speaking about upcoming events such as progress reports, PSSA testing, Baccalaureate and Graduation. He gave tentative dates of Sunday, June 13, 2021, for Baccalaureate and Tuesday, June 15, 2021, for Graduation. Mr. Gelvin informed the Board that the senior class would be voting on the possibility of holding their graduation ceremony outside for more guests to be able to attend due to the State mandated socially distancing requirements. Mr. Gelvin and the Board discussed options for the National Honor Society induction ceremony.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman began her elementary update expressing how thankful she was, calling it a miracle that no one was harmed during the wind event that caused the damage to the elementary gymnasium roof last week. She thanked facilities manager Chris Seymore for his quick response and for taking care of the situation throughout the weekend. Dr. Scott-Bollman then moved on to upcoming PSSA testing in the elementary and the success of progress monitoring in both the elementary and high school. Her next topic was the PASmart grant revision and ESSER III funding application slated to soon be released. The PASmart grant will be used for a new computer science curriculum and twenty percent of the ESSERS III funding will be used to help students recover from COVID learning deficits. The Superintendent concluded her update with what she called "Big News," saying she would be asking the board for approval of the new teacher's contract and very happily reported the teacher's union passed the agreement with overwhelming support. Dr. Scott-Bollman, the teachers and the union were very happy the negotiations were able to be done as a team. The Superintendent expressed pride in the union members working with the administration. She ended by saying, "it is important to be a team before, during and after the negotiations."

District resident James Lupey spoke during the public comment section of the evening addressing topics such as teachers' contracts, the elementary principalship, the importance of face-to-face learning and the meeting agenda.

Financial

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the tentative budget for the Forbes Road School District for \$7,757,518 for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members of the board voting yes.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given for the Fulton County Center for Career & Technology budget for \$1,221,996 for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members of the board voting yes.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, approval was given to retain Fanelli/Willett as school solicitor at a rate of \$135 per hour for regular work and \$165 for specialized work (labor relations, litigations, etc.) for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Broadwater motion, approval was given to retain F&M Trust Company as school depository for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Broadwater motion, approval was given to purchase CAOLA credit recovery online. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Fraker motion, approval was given for the Family Partnership to rent office space in the old school for \$500 per month contingent on Family Partnership Board approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

On a Kendall/Baker motion, approval was given for FR Field Hockey Camp to be held from Monday, August 9, 2021, to Friday, August 13, 2021. Camp for students in grades 5-12 will be held from 8:00 am-noon, students in grades 3-4 will have camp from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Kendall motion, approval was given to use the varsity field for open hockey on select Wednesdays in June and July from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Kendall motion, approval was given for the following agenda items: (F-9) to purchase a new greenhouse at a cost of up to \$5,500 and district payment for Amanda Barkman to take the family consumer science praxis (M-3) to restructure the family consumer science and vo-ag curriculum. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Bolinger motion, approval was given to launch an elementary life skills classroom for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given to pilot Fast Forward, an adaptive online reading program. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Barton motion, approval was given for 9th-grade students to tour Central Fulton Career & Technology Programs. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Broadwater motion, approval was given to return to full face-to-face instruction effective May 12, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

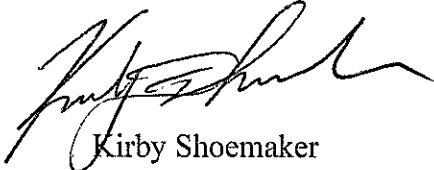
On a Broadwater/Hall motion, approval was given to retain Margaret Bolinger as school board treasurer for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

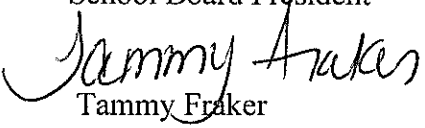
On a Bolinger/Barton motion, approval was given to elect Tammy Fraker for a four-year term as school board secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Kendall motion, approval was given to accept the intent to retire letter from Linda Blair, elementary aide, effective June 11, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the 2021-2024 teacher contract as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members of the board voting yes.

On a Kendall/Baker motion, Board President Kirby Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm. Motion carried unanimously.


Kirby Shoemaker
School Board President


Tammy Fraker
School Board Secretary