

The Forbes Road School Board met for a regular virtual meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021, at 7:10 pm. Members of the Board present were: Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger, Cassie Broadwater, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall and Kirby Shoemaker. Board member Melissa Lane was absent. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Heidi O'Neal, Josh Wakefield, Kristie Hohman, Amanda Brown, Beth Locke Randy Gelvin, several members of the faculty/staff and members of the community.

General Information

On a Broadwater/Hall motion, the January 4, 2021 minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Kendall motion, the January treasurers report was approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Baker motion, the February bills totaling \$259,696.85 were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman began the Career and Tech Center update by saying Erik Damgaard, Career and Tech Center Executive Director, and she co-wrote a press release announcing the name change from Fulton County Area Vo-Tech to Career and Tech Center. The press release also announced the Automotive Technology program's launching, housed at Forbes Road School District and Veterinary Assistant program, housed at Central Fulton School District. Dr. Scott-Bollman went on to say an Occupational Advisory Committee has been formed to govern the Automotive Technology program. In conclusion, the Superintendent stated Facilities Manager Chris Seymore and his team are working to prepare the Automotive Technology program's space.

Dr. Scott-Bollman gave the Maintenance/Building and Grounds update in Facilities Manager Chris Seymore's absence. She reported a new smokestack was installed in the elementary and repairs to the elementary bathrooms are nearing completion. High School Principal Randy Gelvin took this opportunity to commend the maintenance/custodial staff for their hard work.

Pandemic Coordinator Beth Locke gave the latest COVID update, stating Fulton County is now in the 13th week of substantial. She further reported that 18 of the 63 cases in the county are in Forbes Road School District. Mrs. Locke went on to say that while PDE has said elementary students could consider returning to school on a hybrid model under certain conditions, virtual learning is still recommended in Substantial. The Pandemic Coordinator finished with an update on efforts to make the COVID-19 vaccine available to faculty and staff.

Technology Coordinator Amanda Brown's update focused on the distribution of new Chromebooks. She thanked Josh Wakefield for his help in installing programs and fine-tuning the new technology.

Athletic Director Heidi O'Neal gave both the cafeteria and athletics updates. She began with the cafeteria. Ms. O'Neal stated that the reimbursement for January meals was \$13,749.89, with 2,261 breakfasts and 2,261 lunches being served. Compared to the January 2019 reimbursement of \$13,904.03 with 1,801 breakfasts and 4,086 lunches being served.

For her Athletic update, she notified the Board if winter sports do not begin practicing by February 8, 2021, the District will not be able to participate in basketball and will need to look forward to spring sports.

High School Principal Randy Gelvin started the high school update by saying he believed that several high school students took advantage of the opportunity to complete unfinished or missed assignments during Friday's and Monday's work make-up days. He went on to say report cards will be sent home on Friday, February 5, 2021, and teachers must have their grades in by noon on Thursday, February 4, 2021. Mr. Gelvin then made the Board aware of an upcoming trip planned to tour the Bedford County Automotive program. The principal concluded by thanking Amanda Brown and Josh Wakefield for getting the Chromebooks out to students.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman gave the elementary update with details from the recent work make-up days. She explained students were given two days to complete and catch up on any missed assignments. Students who were caught

up with their work were given enrichment work. The Superintendent explained that teachers also utilize this practice when classes are being held on campus. Dr. Scott-Bollman went on to talk about the new computer hardware that the district has provided for students and the importance for students to be proficient in the use of technology. To close the elementary update, Dr. Scott-Bollman congratulated 5th-grade student Reagan Stallman for being one of 13 Pennsylvania winners in the Annual Drug-Free Poster contest sponsored by the Attorney General's Office.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman started the District update with an explanation of the State transportation reimbursement plan. She explained the State has agreed to reimburse Districts for transportation costs as though they were in session less variable expenses, which include fuel and maintenance costs. The Superintendent went on to talk about the completed audit, upcoming budget planning and changes to this year's Keystone testing requirements.

The Superintendent moved on to address a rumor in the community that private board meetings were taking place, which she said was not accurate. The rumors arose when Dr. Scott-Bollman's January update letter to the community indicated that school could be opened if the staff could get access to the vaccine, potentially sooner than the current plan to stay on remote instruction until the county is out of Substantial for two weeks. The Superintendent explained that she had reached out to some board members individually to see if they would consider returning to campus when the vaccine became available to staff. When a number of board members indicated that they would support this, the Superintendent included the option in her Community Update. Mr. Fanelli, the District's solicitor, verified at the meeting that this is not a violation of the Sunshine Law. Dr. Scott-Bollman went on to say that the District's Health and Safety Plan, Attestation Form and Community Updates have all been posted on the website in an effort to be transparent. She ended her comments in saying that while she understood that there are some members of the public who disagree with the board's staying on full remote at this time, her job is to carry out the will of the board, who she believes are making decisions based on what they believe are best for students, staff, families, and the community. Dr. Scott-Bollman reflected that she has stayed at Forbes Road for more than seven years out of a love for the District and the people she serves.

Board President Kirby Shoemaker spoke about the Superintendent, stating that "she truly cares about the District." He addressed social media, the risks of outside cyber school enrollments to taxpayers, and balancing students' education with doing what is best for everyone's health and safety at the school.

The following community members/parents spoke to express their concerns for the school to be reopened: Damon Schoen, Emily Brant, James Lupey, Lindsay Clatterbuck, Katherine Hollibaugh, Candice Lake, Melissa Snyder, Hope Gelvin.

Rhonda Weaver and Amanda Brown spoke about the faculty's, staff's, administration's, and board members' hard work and dedication during this time of remote learning.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, approval was given to sell equipment currently stored in the space that will be used for the automotive program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Broadwater motion, approval was given to purchase a used alignment machine pending Career and Tech Center/OAC approval. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Hall/Bolinger motion, approval was given to submit a grant application for \$277,768 to be used toward updating the HVAC system in the old school to better accommodate social distancing in a hybrid model. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Bolinger motion, approval was given to purchase and install air purifiers to improve air quality in the Elementary School, contingent on receiving a \$10,000 PCCD grant.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval of the Instructional Media Services Agreement with Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Kendall motion, approval was given to purchase Kami licenses prorated for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Fraker motion, approval was given to wave the completion of the Keystone project as a graduation requirement for the 2020-2021 seniors. Graduation requirements will be based solely on students having enough credits to graduate. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Hall motion, approval was given for Brian Kritzer, TIU and Jen Hartz, OVR, to present a virtual presentation on *What is Transition* on February 17, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Baker motion, approval was given for the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Baker motion, approval was given to nominate Dulce Hall to fill a new three-year term on the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Board of Directors for the period July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Broadwater motion, approval was given for homebound instruction for a student pending Doctor's order. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given for the following agenda items: (P1) accept the retirement notice of Susan Fleming effective June 30, 2021 (P2) accept the resignation of Tina Wilkins effective January 21, 2021 (P4) accept the resignation of Board Member Melissa Lane effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

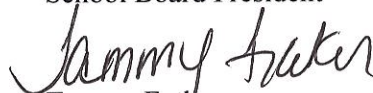
The Board conducted interviews to fill the seat vacant from Melissa Lane's resignation. Stacey Wyles, James Lupey and Robert Helman interviewed for the seat.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given to appoint new Board Member Stacey Wyles. Motion carried on a 5 to 3 roll call vote with Board Members voting as follows: Baker (No), Barton (Yes), Bolinger (Yes), Broadwater (Yes), Fraker (Yes), Hall (No), Kendall (No) and Shoemaker (Yes).

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, Board President Kirby Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 9:43 pm.



Kirby Shoemaker
School Board President



Tammy Fraker
School Board Secretary

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