

The Forbes Road School Board met for a regular virtual meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were: Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger (7:22 pm), Cassie Broadwater, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall, Melissa Lane and Kirby Shoemaker. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Heidi O'Neal, Kristie Hohman, Chris Seymore, Beth Locke, Amanda Brown, Josh Wakefield, members of the faculty and community.

General Information

On a Baker/Broadwater motion, the December 7, 2020 minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Lane/Hall motion, the December treasurer's report was approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Lane motion, the January bills totaling 213,979.73 were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman gave a brief Vo-Tech update stating the Board would be voting on launching a new Automotive Technology program later in the meeting. She mentioned the JOC is also considering implementing a Veterinary Assistant program. However, the Automotive Technology program will take priority to start in the 2021-2022 school year.

Facilities Manager Chris Seymore gave a summary of projects that have been completed to include the installation of touchless water fountains and building shelves in the file room. He then made the Board aware of an elementary power outage and the steps taken to correct it.

Technology Director Amanda Brown spoke of the new sports camera installation and the receipt of Chromebooks that will be distributed to students in Kindergarten – second grade. The Technology Director made the Board aware of the progress on a phone buyout and seeking quotes to update the District's website.

Pandemic Coordinator Beth Locke updated the Board on the county's latest COVID-19 statistics, stating the county is substantial for the 9th consecutive week. She added every county in Pennsylvania is currently in substantial status. The Pandemic Coordinator is continuing to track data by zip codes.

Athletic Director Heidi O'Neal gave the cafeteria and athletic updates. Updating on the cafeteria, Ms. O'Neal stated 1,869 breakfast and lunches were served in December with a reimbursement rate of \$11,363.52 compared to December of 2019 when a thousand fewer meals were served with a reimbursement rate of \$10,121.96. The increase is due to 100 percent government reimbursement. Speaking on athletics, the Athletic Director stated Districts had been given a new possible start date for winter sports of January 18, 2021. There was a discussion of mask requirements for students participating in sports. Ms. O'Neal recommended canceling elementary basketball for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman gave the High School update. The Superintendent stated High School Principal Randy Gelvin informed her of a few high school students who have not attended online classes to the point of truancy.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman gave the elementary and District updates. She began the elementary update by saying that there is no response on the modification request for the PCCD grant as of the meeting time. She thanked newly elected, re-elected and appointed school board directors for completing the training requirements for Act 55 and Act 18. For the District update, the Superintendent reaffirmed her commitment to putting student and staff safety first in decision making for the District, stating she can not recommend ignoring the risks. The Superintendent acknowledge this situation is not ideal but believes when it is safe to have face to face instruction, we will get kids back where they need to be. Dr. Scott-Bollman expressed appreciation for the faculty, saying they support families, kids and each other, never saying it is too much.

On a Hall/Fraker motion, the Forbes Road School District audit report ending 6/30/2020 was approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Lane/Fraker motion, the Act 1 Resolution stating we will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the District for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by more than its index 4.1%. Motion carried unanimously.

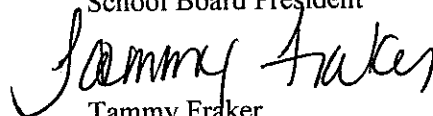
On a Broadwater/Lane motion, approval was given for the Automotive Technology program to be launched in the 2021-2022 school year at Forbes Road School District. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all Board members voting yes.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given to match any grant received by Fulton County Vo-Tech to offset the District's cost from the Automotive Technology program. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Fraker motion, approval was given to cancel elementary basketball for the 2020-2021 winter season. Motion carried unanimously.



Kirby Shoemaker
School Board President



Tammy Fraker
School Board Secretary