

The Forbes Road School Board met in a virtual conference on April 6, 2020, at 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were: Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger, Cassie Broadwater, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall (7:17 pm), Melissa Lane (7:15 pm) and Kirby Shoemaker. Others present were: Randy Gelvin, Chris Seymore, Heidi O'Neal, Kristie Hohman, Josh Wakefield, Amanda Brown, Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman and Solicitor Patrick Fanelli. A link for the public to access the meeting had been advertised in advance.

### **General Information**

On a Baker/Fraker motion, the March minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On a Baker/Broadwater motion, the April bills totaling \$204,729.13 were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

During the Vo-Tech update, given by Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman, the Board was informed Vo-Tech is providing online continuing education to students during the State-mandated shutdown. The Superintendent then told the Board she would be attending a virtual meeting later in the week along with the other county Superintendents.

Facilities Manager Chris Seymore stated in the building and grounds update the building has been thoroughly cleaned. He went on to confirm the spray solution that was used to clean the building and given to the transportation contractors, to use in their vans/buses, has been proven 100% effective in killing the COVID-19 virus. Chris expressed his gratitude to the maintenance staff for all of their hard work through this process. Mr. Seymore concluded his update by stating procedures that have been implemented to conserve energy during the State-mandated shutdown.

Heidi O'Neal gave the cafeteria update. Ms. O'Neal began by informing the Board eighty-eight district families were provided meals this week through the Forbes Road School District Cafeteria food distribution and the Food Basket. She expressed the District's commitment to continue this service through August 15, 2020. In closing, Heidi commended the staff, transportation contractors and volunteers for their tremendous effort to make this all come together.

High School Principal Randy Gelvin began by expressing his appreciation and pride in the "Forbes Road Nation." He thanked the administration team, faculty and staff, for their hard work during this time. He went on to praise Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman for the job she has done staying on top of things during the State-mandated shutdown.

Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman expressed appreciation for High School Principal Randy Gelvin and the entire Forbes Road team as well as parents and volunteers for their help and support during this time. Mrs. Scott-Bollman stated the District has been making every effort possible to be transparent in keeping parents and members of the community informed. Superintendent Scott-Bollman then notified the Board that instructional packets were mailed to all students in the District to provide continuity of education for any student who did not have Internet access or whose Internet connectivity was insufficient. She also reported that more than 80 laptops had been delivered to students on loan for those who had Internet but not their own device to use for continuing their education.

### **FINANCIAL**

A roll call vote and ballot vote was held on the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit II operating budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$2,999,568. Motion carried on a 9-0 vote. Members of the Board voted as follows: Baker- (Yes), Barton- (Yes), Bolinger- (Yes), Broadwater-(Yes), Fraker- (Yes), Hall- (Yes), Kendall- (Yes), Lane- (Yes), Shoemaker- (Yes).

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given to accept Southern Contractors bid of \$107,465 for the front wall project. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Baker motion, approval was given for Kneppers Kleen Water to add a domestic water booster pump system to improve water delivery efficiency for the school campus at a price of \$22,440.14. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Baker motion, approval was given to authorize Business Manager, Kristie Hohman to pay outstanding invoices as needed up to \$500.00 without prior approval and unpaid invoices as needed over \$500.00 with the approval of Superintendent, Maria Scott-Bollman for the duration of the state-mandated school closure. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given to increase district mileage reimbursement from \$.35 per mile to \$.50 per mile for any reimbursement request submitted on or after April 1, 2020, regardless of the date the mileage was incurred. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Baker motion, approval was given to continue to provide free meals to students in grades K4-12 through the summer contingent on approval of a State waiver providing reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Broadwater motion, approval was given to continue payments to transportation contractors, contingent on their supplying the District with a letter of assurance and weekly documentation that they are continuing to pay their employees and maintain their vehicle fleets so that they are prepared to return to service as soon as on-site education resumes. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Baker, Barton, Broadwater, Fraker, Kendall and Lane voting yes. Board members, Bolinger, Hall and Shoemaker, abstained from voting.

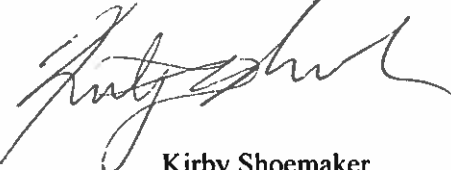
#### MISCELLANEOUS

On a Baker/Bolinger motion, the following items were approved: (1) to postpone or cancel on a case-by-case basis all school field trips, fundraisers and extracurricular activities for the duration of the state-mandated school closure. (2) to postpone Red Birds and Kindergarten registration until further notice. (3) to postpone the creation of a middle school wing for the duration of the state-mandated school closure. (4) to postpone the development of an elementary STEM lab for the duration of the state-mandated school closure. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given to pilot Edgenuity curriculum at the High School level with seniors using PDE provided licenses. Motion carried unanimously. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Baker motion, approval was given to change the end date of the third marking period from March 23, 2020, to March 13, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Kendall motion, Board President Kirby Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Kirby Shoemaker  
President



Tammy Fraker  
Board Secretary