

The Forbes Road School Board held a town hall meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 7:00 pm in the old school gymnasium. The meeting was an opportunity for taxpayers to ask questions and offer comments on the future of the building. Taxpayers were invited to walk through the building from 6:00 pm until the start of the meeting. Board members present were Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Rebecca Grandi, Robert Helman, Katherine Hollibaugh, Jordan House, Lori Kendall, Jim Lupey, and Stacey Wyles. Other panel members were Superintendent Clint Heath, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Facilities Manager Chris Seymore, and Bucky Zeger, CES Engineering, LLC.

Sixty-eight taxpayers attended the meeting. The following community members spoke in favor of keeping and repairing the current structure: Judy Appleby, Teressa Bard, Clyde Brant, Ashley Chapman, Jamie Gelvin, Mark Hale, Byron Helsel, Robert Alan Knepper, Lori Lupey, Chelsie McCulloch, Carol Shoemaker, Kirby Shoemaker, Melissa Snyder, and Brad Strait. Brian Knepper did not address the panel; however, he completed a form supporting keeping and repairing the current structure. Community members Rod Everhart and Jeremy Wyles expressed to the panel that they were in favor of removing the current structure. Brenda Truax questioned the current maintenance storage availability and indicated she was undecided about what the future of the building should be. Lindsey Clatterbuck and Phyllis Brant came to the podium with questions on timelines and possible uses of the ESSER grant for the elementary school. Rocky Souders and several others offered comments acknowledging the board was facing a very difficult decision. Board members read statements from Randy Gelvin, Dan Kendall, Ian Lupey, and Mary Wright, all in favor of keeping the current structure.

In her closing remarks, Board President thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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