*Forestville Central School*
*Board of Education*
*Alene J. Bradigan Library*

*District Safety Plan Hearing 5:15pm*
*Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes*
*Thursday, August 13, 2026 5:30pm*

Members Present: Andrea Spengler, Michelle Merritt, Derek Case, Lindsey Ellis, Jamie Gruber, Rachel Locke Jamie Hebner, Student Board Member Sophia Stewart

Administration Present: John O'Connor, Kerriann Pelletter, Wes Wright

Others: Todd Crandall, Paula Crandall, Braden Carmen

## 5:15 PM Public Hearing-District Safety Plan

Andrea Spengler called the public hearing to order at 5:15 p.m. and concluded the hearing at 5:30 p.m. There was no public comment.

## Regular Board Meeting

### Call to Order

President, Andrea Spengler called the regular board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### Pledge to the Flag

### Presentation-CCSBA Executive Director, Todd Crandall

Mr. Todd Crandall presented on the CCSBA.

### Approval of Agenda

Lindsey Ellis made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Rachel Locke, all voted yes, motion carried.

### Public Comment (Please limit comments to five minutes per person)

### Supervisory Reports

- Mrs. Kris Richter-Transportation
- Mr. Wesley Wright-Technology
- Mr. Kyle Barthel- Building and Grounds
- Mrs. Sarah LoManto- Cafeteria

### Board Reports

- President
- Superintendent

  Dr. O'Connor gave capital project updates and spoke about new teacher orientation.

### Discussion Items

**Old Business**
None

**New Business Consent Agenda**

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve agenda items A

Jamie Hebner made a motion, seconded by Derek Case to approve the meeting minutes.

A. Meeting Minutes

1) Approve the Board of Education Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2026.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve agenda items B

Lindsey Ellis made a motion seconded by Jamie Hebner to approve the financial items.

B. Financial Items

1) Extra-Curricular Faculty Auditor Report- 2025/2026 Year End
2) Warrant Summary Report and Claims Auditor Report- July 2026

3) Approve the 2026-2027 tax levy for the approximate amount of $4,242,810

All voted yes, motion carried.

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve agenda items C

Michelle Merrit made a motion seconded by Rachel Locke to approve the Personnel items.

C. Personnel

1) Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent Grace Rakiecki who holds professional certification in Students with Disabilities (all grades) area, is hereby appointed to a probationary position in the Special Education tenure area for a 4-year probationary period commencing on September 1, 2026 and ending on September 1, 2030 (unless extended in accordance with the law). This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Grace Rakiecki shall receive a salary for school year (2026-2027) to include 36 graduate hours and a master's degree based on Step G of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

2) Approve Scott Ferry as the Trap Team Coach for the 2026-2027 school year.

3) Approve the following unpaid volunteer for the volleyball program, pending successful completion of all requirements:

Kaitlyn LoManto

4) Approve the following Substitute Callers for the 2026-2027 school year:

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| Sara Botticello | MS/HS Building | $2500.00 |
| Brenda Schneider | Elementary Building | $2500.00 |

5) Approve the salary adjustment for Emily Merrill. Emily Merrill shall receive a salary for school year (2026- 2027) to include 28 graduate hours based on Step D of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

6) Approve the increase in hours for the following 10-month Floater/Monitor/Aide effective September 1, 2026:

Adrienne Grubb 7.0 hours/day

7) Appoint David Coia to a 10-month Floater Monitor Aide position for 7 hours per day effective September 1, 2026 pending successful completion of all requirements. The probationary period will be for a period of 120 workdays.

8) Appoint Jessica Eggleston to a 10-month Floater Monitor Aide position for 7 hours per day effective September 1, 2026 pending successful completion of all requirements. The probationary period will be for a period of 120 workdays.

9) Appoint Courtney Strozewski to a 10-month Floater Monitor Aide position for 7 hours per day effective September 1, 2026 pending successful completion of all requirements. The probationary period will be for a period of 120 workdays.

10) Amend the rate of pay for Meranda Heim, substitute summer Head Bus Driver effective July 6, 2026 to reflect her regular rate of $31.84.

11) Appoint Chelsea Raczka to a 10-month Food Service Helper position for 5.75 hours per day effective September 1, 2026 pending successful completion of all requirements. The probationary period will be for a period of 120 workdays.

12) Terminate Melinda Van Arsdale from all substitute positions and bus driver trainee.

13) Approve the following Speech-Language Pathology clinical student placement:

Bennett Lahar with Heather Kaczor, Speech Language Pathologist

14)Approve the following substitutes pending successful completion of all requirements:

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| Brennan Lincoln | Floater/Monitor/Aide |
| Mary Jane Meadows | Floater/Monitor/Aide |

All voted yes, motion carried.

Recommendation from Superintendent to approve agenda items D

Derek Case made a motion seconded by Michelle Merritt to approve the other items.

D. Other

1) Approve the amendment of the Board of Education meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year.

2) Approve the following combined sports for the 2026-2027 school year:

Modified and Varsity Girls and Boys Soccer with Silver Creek
Modified and Varsity Football with Silver Creek
Modified and Varsity Cross Country with Silver Creek
Cheerleading with Silver Creek
Varsity Girls Swimming with Silver Creek
Varsity Wrestling with Fredonia and Silver Creek
Modified Wrestling with Silver Creek and Dunkirk
Varsity Boys Swimming with Fredonia
Indoor Track with Dunkirk
Unified Bowling with Silver Creek
Modified, JV and Varsity Baseball with Silver Creek
Modified and Varsity Track and Field with Silver Creek
Varsity Flag Football with Silver Creek
Unified Basketball with Silver Creek
Varsity Golf with Fredonia

3) Approve the second reading and adopt the following policy:

#5661 Wellness

4) Authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Lake Shore Child Care Center, Inc. for Universal Pre-Kindergarten services for the 2026-2027 school year.

5) Authorize the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Stacey L. Lovern OTR/L for the 2026-2027 school year for a contractual amount of $20,000.00.

6) Approve the following tuition exemptions for the 2026-2027 school year for:

Avalyn Kwilos, child of Allison Kwilos
Cora Korzenieski, child of Stacy Korzenieski
Mia Patton, child of Anna Patton
Spencer Grande, child of Daniel Grande
Emma Ruffo, Hudson Ruffo and Dawson Ruffo children of Lindsey Ruffo
Lila Jackson, Nora Jackson and Reid Jackson children of Ralph Jackson
Giovanni Catalano, child of Carlie Catalano

7) Approve the following 2026-2027 Handbooks:

Forestville MS/HS Student Handbook
Forestville Elementary Student Handbook
Code of Conduct
Athletic Handbook

8) Approve the following Emergency Response Plan:

District Wide Emergency Response Plan

9) Surplus the following items:
Music Textbooks
Teacher editions
Keyboard accompaniments

All voted yes, motion carried.

**Proposed Executive Session**

Jamie Gruber made a motion seconded by Jamie Hebner to enter executive session to to discuss the employment history of particular persons or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of particular persons at 5:35 p.m.

All voted yes, motion carried.

Derek Case made a motion seconded by Jamie Hebner to return to regular session at 5:43 p.m.

All voted yes, motion carried.

**Adjournment**

Rachel Locke made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Derek Case, all voted yes, the meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.