

The Forbes Road School Board met in regular session at 7:05 pm on August 3, 2020, in the high school auditorium. Members of the Board present were: Kathy Baker, Brian Barton (left the meeting at 7:14 pm), Margaret Bolinger, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall, Melissa Lane and Kirby Shoemaker. Others present were Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Randy Gelvin, Chris Seymore, Heidi O'Neal, Josh Wakefield and Beth Locke.

General Information

There were no public comments.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, the following minutes were approved: June Regular Meeting / June Special Meeting/July Special Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Lane motion, the June and July treasurer's report were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Lane motion, the July bills totaling \$328,447.97 were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Vo-Tech update was included with the District update.

High School Principal Randy Gelvin thanked Chris Seymore, Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman and Beth Locke, for their time and effort to complete the Forbes Road School District Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan. He went on to commend the custodial and maintenance staff for the appearance of the building. In closing, he spoke on scheduling for the 20/21 school year and thanked Guidance Counselor, Courtney Hykes, for her hard work in helping complete the process.

Facilities Manager, Chris Seymore, began the building and grounds update by thanking the custodial and maintenance staff for their hard work in preparing for the upcoming school year. He went on to update the Board on the status of the front wall project, stating there may be some delay in completion because of the inability to get supplies during the COVID-19 crisis. Mr. Seymore ended the update by saying the room changes for the Cardinal Connection, Forbes Road's new behavioral support program, would soon be complete.

Heidi O'Neal gave the cafeteria update reporting that 92-94 meals were delivered to students this week. There will be two more weeks of meal delivery.

Ms. O'Neal gave an athletic update presenting the Board with an opportunity to purchase two PixaLott cameras for the purpose of providing internet access for spectators to watch school sporting events as available.

Josh Wakefield reported to the Board on the possibility of a flexible access plan providing community networks to enable students with poor internet connectivity to download teacher content.

Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman reported that the district's \$100,000 technology infrastructure upgrade, which was fully funded by grant monies, has made it possible to explore having Forbes Road teachers record their classroom lessons for download by students who choose to attend school this year online rather than on campus. Households with enough Internet connectivity to play a YouTube video would likely be able to access the lessons. Those without Internet or without sufficient connectivity to download them from the Internet at home could utilize one of the community networks that Mr. Wakefield discussed or use the Raspberry Pi technology that was tested last spring. This plan is being developed both for Cardinal Academy students and to prepare in advance should another government shutdown be mandated in the future.

Dr. Scott-Bollman also stated that administrative planning has turned to planning the practical aspects of returning to school under the extensive CDC requirements for social distancing and sanitizing. She continues to receive frequent redirection from the State and recommended pushing back the start of the school year to September 8th to both finalize plans for daily operations and determine whether the State would make any changes that would substantially impact the reopening plan that has been submitted to the Board for approval.

Miscellaneous

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the Forbes Road School District Phased School Reopening Health and Safety Plan. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Lane motion, approval was given for the COVID 19 District Health Services Policy. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Lane motion, approval was given for waiving elective credit requirements as needed for the 2020-2021 school year to meet scheduling due to pandemic mitigation requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Lane/Hall motion, approval was given for the Forbes Road Youth Soccer to use the Forbes Road Fields for soccer practice and games, subject to PIAA K-12 regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, approval was given for the Cardinal Connections Program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Lane/Bolinger motion, approval was given to create four or five community networks to enable students with poor internet connectivity to download teacher content. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Lane/Bolinger motion, permission to continue a shooting co-op with Southern Fulton for the Fall and Spring Seasons following PIAA and CDC regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Lane motion, purchase of two Pixellot cameras for the purpose of providing internet access for spectators to watch school sporting events as available. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, approval was given to delay the start date of the 2020-2021 school year from August 19, 2020, until September 8, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel

On a Fraker/Lane motion, approval was given to add Bruce Carricker to the driver's list for House Busing. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Lane motion, approval was given for the bus/van driver list for the 2020/2021 school year, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with members voting as follows: Baker (yes) Barton (absent) Bolinger (abstain) Broadwater (yes) Fraker (yes) Hall (abstain) Kendall (yes) Lane (yes) Shoemaker (abstain).

On a Hall/Lane motion, approval was given to accept, with regret, the resignation of Lisa Peck, from the elementary aide position effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board went into executive session from 8:34 pm-8:49 pm for personnel reasons.

On a Fraker/Baker motion, Board President Kirby Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 8:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirby Shoemaker
School Board President

Tammy Fraker
School Board Secretary