

The Forbes Road School Board met for the Administrative Committee Meeting in a virtual conference on April 28, 2020, at 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were: Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger, Cassie Broadwater, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall, Melissa Lane and Kirby Shoemaker. Board member Sean Fraker was absent. Others present were: Randy Gelvin, Chris Seymore, Heidi O'Neal, Kristie Hohman, Josh Wakefield and Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman and Dani Brady. A link for the public to access the meeting had been advertised in advance.

The following action was taken: Voting (by ballot and roll call vote) of School Board Representatives to the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Board of School Directors. The Nominees were: Juniata County, Mark Wagner, Mount Union Area, Linda McClure and Southern Fulton, Timothy Mellott. Board members voted as follows: Baker (yes to all Nominees), Barton (yes to all Nominees), Bolinger (yes to all Nominees), Broadwater (yes to all Nominees), Hall (yes to all Nominees), Kendall (yes to all Nominees), Lane (yes to all Nominees), Shoemaker (yes to all Nominees). Board member Sean Fraker was not present to vote.

The Forbes Road School District met in a virtual conference for the regular meeting on May 4, 2020, at 7:07 pm. Members of the Board present were: Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger, Cassie Broadwater, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall, Melissa Lane and Kirby Shoemaker (7:15). Others present were: Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Randy Gelvin, Chris Seymore, Heidi O'Neal, Kristie Hohman and Josh Wakefield.

General Information

On a Baker/Fraker motion, the April 6, 2020 minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On a Broadwater/Lane motion, the May bills totaling \$223,989.50 were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman gave a brief Vo-Tech report stating the articles of agreement would be reviewed by the board members to ensure that the structure remains as operationally sound as possible.

Facilities Manager Chris Seymore gave the building and grounds update. He told the Board things were going well, specifying that the carpets have been shampooed with an antibacterial shampoo, and the maintenance staff has been keeping up with mowing and groundskeeping. Mr. Seymore went on to say that Southern Contractors would begin working on the front wall project. Knepper's Kleen Water and Bettwy systems are scheduled to resume providing services at the school next month.

During the cafeteria report, Heidi O'Neal informed Board members that 102 students were served meals last week.

Mr. Gelvin gave the high school update beginning by saying students are returning April review and reinforcement packets, stating that ten of sixteen students in his biology class had turned in their packets for the month and he was expecting more. He went on to say he understands the frustration of trying to teach in the current environment and expressed his appreciation for the teaching staff at Forbes Road. Mr. Gelvin then report he and Amanda Brown delivered 70 Raspberry Pi's and 35 Ipad's to students and student locker clean out with curbside pick up was underway. Students have been scheduled by grade to pick up their belongings. In conclusion, Mr. Gelvin notified the Board the District would be preparing for three possible scenarios for the 2020 graduation ceremonies.

Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman began the elementary update by reviewing a virtual meeting that was held with the elementary teachers and the team from PaTTAN as part of a \$10,000 grant that FRES had received. The outcome from the meeting was positive and the District was invited to apply for secondary grant funding next year. The Superintendent then spoke of an online parent training that took place. The hour-long training focused on reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. She was appreciative of the number of parents who participated in the training, stating out of 43 participants at least half were parents.

The focus of Superintendent Maria Scott-Bollman's District update was new content materials being delivered to students for May. She expressed thanks to High School Principal Randy Gelvin and Amanda Brown for delivering the Raspberry Pi's and Ipads, as well as to Teachers for going above and beyond to design new content in a short amount of time, and to Aides and Wendy Mumma for assembling and mailing materials to students in Redbirds, Kindergarten and first grade. Maria Scott-Bollman explained that Raspberry Pi's are technology devices that the district is using to assist in bridging the gap that exists in Internet accessibility. She went on to express gratitude to Josh Wakefield for his support with technology and to the Technology Department at the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit II for their hours of work to upload the necessary instructional content on the Raspberry Pi devices. Mrs. Scott-Bollman then summarized the plan for teachers to begin cleaning out their classrooms to prepare for summer cleaning. In conclusion, both she and Mr. Gelvin thanked the staff for their gifts and expressions of appreciation for Principals Day.

FINANCIAL

On a Bolinger/Baker motion, approval was given for the tentative budget for the Forbes Road School District for \$7,679,010 for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Hall/Lane motion, approval was given for the Fulton County AVTS budget for \$1,218,374 for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, as presented.

On a Bolinger/Kendall motion, approval was given to retain Fanelli/Willett as school solicitor at a rate of \$135 per hour for regular work and \$165 for specialized work (labor relations, litigations, etc.) for the 2020-2021 school year.

On a Kendall/Lane motion, approval was given to retain F&M Trust Company as school depository for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, approval was given to retain Margaret Bolinger as school board treasurer for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the purchase of Raspberry Pi's and other tech supplies as needed to provide continuity of education to students with no Internet or insufficient connectivity. Approved on a 7 to 2 roll call vote. Board members voted as follows: Baker (Yes), Barton (Yes), Bolinger (Yes), Broadwater (No), Fraker (Yes), Hall (Yes), Kendall (No), Lane (Yes), Shoemaker (Yes).

MISCELLANEOUS

On a Hall/Kendall motion, approval was given to the list of potential graduates as presented pending completion of state and local graduation requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the following motions: (Misc 2) to approve a date for graduation being July 31, 2020, occurring either in person or virtually, depending on State social distancing requirements. (Misc 7) to approve the prom to be held on July 25, 2020 contingent upon social distancing restrictions being lifted. Motions carried unanimously.

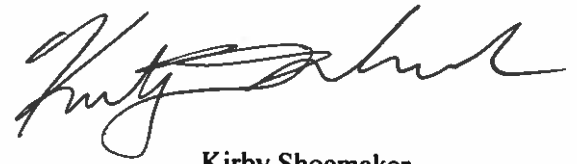
On a Broadwater/Lane motion, approval was given to change the district grading policy for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year to finalize class grades based on the first three marking periods of the school year, or if students submit classwork for the fourth quarter that improves their annual grade average, to finalize class grades based on grades for all four marking periods. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Lane/Kendall motion, approval was given to allow 2020-2021 paperwork for Red Bird and new Kindergarten student registrations to be mailed home for parent/guardian completion with student screenings to occur at a later date. Motion carried unanimously.

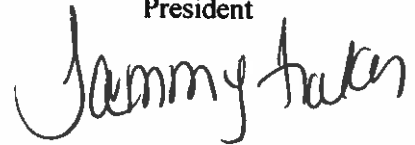
On a Bolinger/Kendall motion, approval was given to accept the resignation of Laurel Keegan as Co-National Honor Society Advisor effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Lane motion, approval was given for Cindy Robinette to hold piano lessons in the elementary music room on Tuesday's beginning June 9, 2020, until the middle of August 2020, contingent upon restrictions being lifted. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Kendall motion, Board President Kirby Shoemaker adjourned the virtual meeting at 8:22 pm. Motion carried unanimously.



Kirby Shoemaker
President



Tammy Fraker
Board Secretary

