The Forbes Road School Board met for a virtual administrative committee meeting on Tuesday, March 30, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were Kathy Baker (8:08), Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger, Cassie Broadwater, Sean Fraker (7:27 pm), Dulce Hall, Kirby Shoemaker and Stacey Wyles. Board member Lori Kendall was absent from the meeting. Others present were: Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman, Solicitor Patrick Fanelli, Chris Seymore, Beth Locke, Amanda Brown, Heidi O'Neal, members of the faculty/staff and members of the community. The following action was taken at the meeting.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given for the following individuals to serve as board member representatives to fill three new terms on the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit Board of Directors: Dulce Hall, Forbes Road School District; Krista L. Reinhart, Juniata Valley School District; and Mary Lou M. Sigler, Mifflin County School District. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Board members voting as follows: Baker (Yes), Barton (Yes), Bolinger (Yes), Broadwater (Yes), Fraker (Yes), Hall (Abstained), Shoemaker (Yes), Wyles (Yes), Kendall was not present to vote.

On a Hall/Fraker motion, approval was given for the Tuscarora IU General Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$3,250,682. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Board members voting as follows: Baker (Yes), Barton (Yes), Bolinger (Yes), Broadwater (Yes), Fraker (Yes), Hall (Yes), Shoemaker (Yes), Wyles (Yes). Kendall was not present to vote.

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, approval was given to use up to \$275,000 from general reserve funds to supplement the \$277,768 ESSR II funding the District received to update the HVAC system in the old high school building. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Board members voting as follows: Baker (Yes), Barton (Yes), Bolinger (Yes), Broadwater (Yes), Fraker (Yes), Hall (Yes), Shoemaker (Yes), Wyles (Yes). Kendall was not present to vote.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, approval was given to apply for the Community Eligibility Provision, which, if approved by the State, would begin for the 2021-2022 school year and last for four years, allowing all students to eat breakfast and lunch for free (except for a la carte items) with the District receiving the full reimbursement rate. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the Forbes Road Teener League to use the high school baseball field for the summer session beginning tentatively in late May. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the updated Forbes Road School District Health and Safety Plan as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote with Board members voting as follows.: Baker (Yes), Barton (Yes), Bolinger (Yes), Broadwater (Yes), Fraker (Yes), Hall (Yes), Shoemaker (Yes), Wyles (Yes). Kendall was not present to vote.

On a Baker/Hall motion, approval was given for the following agenda items: (12) to approve Harlie Strait to be added as a volunteer softball coach (13) to approve Robert Hall to be added as a volunteer jr. high baseball coach (14) to approve Phil Kaplan to be added as a volunteer jr. high baseball coach (18) to hire Matthew Snyder as assistant jr. high baseball coach (year 1). Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Baker motion, approval was given retroactive to March 11, 2021 to hire Stephanie Emrick as a long-term sub for fifth and sixth-grade science and social studies for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Baker motion, approval was given for Taylor Beatty to be hired as a cafeteria substitute at a rate of \$9.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the following agenda items: (19) to accept the letter of intent to retire from elementary teacher Nichole Parson under the benefits of the current teacher contract, including five years of single health insurance covered by the District at the current premium cost, effective Monday, August 9, 2021 (20) to accept the letter of intent to retire from music/elementary teacher Cynthia Robinette effective June 30, 2021 (21) to accept the letter of intent to retire from high school English teacher Deborah Seville effective June 18, 2021 (22) to accept the resignation of high school secretary Marissa Fouse effective April 9, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

The Forbes Road School Board met for a regular virtual meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021, at 7:00 pm. Members of the Board present were Kathy Baker, Margaret Bolinger, Cassie Broadwater, Sean Fraker, Dulce Hall, Lori Kendall (7:03 pm), Kirby Shoemaker and Stacey Wyles. Board member Brian Barton was absent. Others present at the virtual meeting were Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman, Randy Gelvin, Heidi O'Neal, Beth Locke, Chris Seymore, Kristie Hohman, Amanda Brown, faculty and staff, as well as members of the community.

## **General Information**

On a Broadwater/Hall motion, the February 23, 2021, and the March 1, 2021 minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On a Bolinger/Fraker motion, the April bills totaling \$234,964.44 were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Manager, Chris Seymore, gave a combined maintenance/building and grounds and FCCCT update. Speaking of maintenance/building and grounds, the facilities manager stated his staff is still on the schedule of mid-day cleaning of restrooms and high touch surfaces; in addition, Wednesdays and Fridays are being used for deep cleaning of the building. Mr. Seymore continued by notifying the Board of spring preventive maintenance completed on all the HVAC equipment by MGM mechanical. His focus then shifted to the old high school building, beginning with a letter from the Wild Sheep Foundation stating they would be moving out of the office they were renting from the District on May 29, 2021. Mr. Seymore informed the Board he met with CES and Cox engineering to plan for the old school's HVAC system. The final topic of the facilities manager's report was preparation for the new automotive program. Mr. Seymore presented bids from the winning contractors to the Board for automotive equipment purchase and doorway construction.

School Nurse/Pandemic Coordinator Beth Locke updated the Board on the latest COVID -19 statistics. Mrs. Locke reported for the week ending 4/9/2021, there were 21 new cases in the county, with eight of the cases being confirmed and 13 probable. Of those 21 cases reported in the county, eight are within the District's zip code: three confirmed and five probable. Mrs. Locke clarified the difference between confirmed cases and probable cases, saying that confirmed cases are positive results from the PCR long-term test, and probable cases result from a positive rapid test. She ended the update with a caution that cases are increasing, with a high level of transmission.

Technology Director Amanda Brown began her report by thanking the Pandemic Coordinator for her hard work keeping the District up to date with the latest Covid numbers and regulations. Amanda went on to brief the Board on seeking quotes for the upcoming computer science program and the updating of old computers.

Athletic Director Heidi O'Neal gave the Athletic and Cafeteria updates. Ms. O'Neal began with athletics, saying spring sports were underway and all teams have played three games. Moving on to the cafeteria report, she gave the following data: for the month of March 2021, 4,623 lunches were served and 4,048 breakfast with a reimbursement of \$26,750.84 compared to March 2020, meals were served for 11 days with a reimbursement of \$8,209.96.

High School Principal Randy Gelvin commended Amanda Brown on doing an excellent job for the District. He informed the Board of the end of the nine weeks and the distribution of report cards on April 20, 2021. The next topic in the high school update was Aimsweb benchmark testing, administered by Reading Specialist Shannon Brown. The Principal stated all students in grades 7-11 had been tested. Mr. Gelvin added the Vo-Tech surveys had been completed with a tentative number of 29 students interested in enrolling in Vo-Tech courses for the 2021-2022 school year. The Principal ended his report with dates for upcoming Keystone and PSSA testing.

Superintendent Dr. Maria Scott-Bollman gave the Elementary/District updates. Beginning with elementary, the Superintendent thanked Melissa Snyder for her help in providing elementary students with a St. Patrick's Day craft and an upcoming Mother's Day project and FRESH for

donating ice cream sandwiches. She went on to inform the Board of elementary PSSA testing dates. Moving on to the District update and speaking of PSSA testing, Dr. Scott-Bollman stated Pennsylvania Department of Education encourages all students to come to campus for PSSA testing. She continued by saying, it is recommended students test with their peers using as much social distancing as possible.

MTSS benchmark testing for students in Red Birds through 11th grade was next in the District update. The Superintendent called this a huge effort, saying everyone pulled together to make it happen. The next step in this process, Dr. Scott-Bollman explained, will be teachers and administration reviewing the data to see how rapidly students can catch up. The final topic of the District report was grant funding. Dr. Scott-Bollman gave the following details about grants received since June 2020: \$145,316 for PCCD grants to be used for COVID-19 supplies and equipment, \$25,900, redirected PCCD money that will be used for asbestos removal and replacement windows in the old high school, \$35,000 for the computer science program, \$60,000 ESSERS funds, \$277,768 from ESSERS II funds, which will be used towards the HVAC system in the old high school building, \$11,069 of GEER money, \$565,698 of ESSERS III money, 20% of this money will be used in helping to catch students up. The remainder will be used in dealing with the COVID-19 crisis in a way that will benefit the District in the long run. In conclusion, said the Superintendent, the total of new grant money the District will receive is \$1,094,851. School Board President Kirby Shoemaker took this time to thank the Superintendent for her work on writing and managing the grants.

There were no public comments.

On a Baker/Bolinger motion, approval was given for the proposed plan for grading student make-up work through the end of the school day on June 4, 2021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Baker motion, approval was given to purchase large equipment for the automotive program as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Broadwater motion, approval was given for the renovation of doorway construction for the placement of garage doors by Powell Masonry, at a cost of \$15,000. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Fraker motion, approval was given to purchase garage doors and hardware through Martin Garage Doors, at a cost of \$4,285. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members of the Board voting Yes.

On a Fraker/Bolinger motion, approval was given to install a concrete apron by Powell Masonry at a cost of \$4,400. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Kendall motion, approval was given to enter into a contract with Linda Cubbison as school psychologist effective at the start of the 2021-2022 school year on an as-needed basis at an hourly rate of \$62 per hour. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Fraker motion, approval was given to use \$55,000 in FCCCT deferred revenue toward costs of launching the automotive technology satellite program. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Fraker motion approval was given to reimburse a parent at the district mileage rate for transporting their child. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Bolinger motion, approval was given to continue to make student breakfasts and lunches available for weekly pickup at the district's cafeteria through the summer months of 2021, contingent on continued provisions for government meal reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, approval was given to donate up to ten five-year-old iPads to the Hustontown Fire Company. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Broadwater/Fraker motion, approval was given to sell the remaining iPads, which have been replaced with new hardware, with a limit of three per household until April 30, 2021, at a cost of \$50 per device. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Baker motion, approval was given for the Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement with Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Fraker/Broadwater motion, approval was given to begin the search for an automotive technology instructor for the 2021-2022 school year using the accompanying ad that was approved at the March OAC meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Kendall/Baker motion, Board President Kirby Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 8:59

pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirby Shoemaker School Board President

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