

**FORBES ROAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Forbes Road School District met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school library.

Members of the board present were Merrill Arnold, Kathy Baker, Brian Barton, Margaret Bolinger, Janet Fittry, Dulce Hall, Byron Helsel and Kirby Shoemaker. Board member Damon Schoen was absent.

Others present were Superintendent Mark Loucks, Solicitor, Patrick Fanelli, Maria Scott Bollman, Randy Gelvin, Bethany Strait, John Mixell and Dave Houck.

The board went into executive session from 7:38 pm – 7:49 pm for a student related issue. All members of the board were present with the exception of Damon Schoen.

On a Baker/Helsel motion, the January 8, 2018 minutes were approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Helsel motion, the January treasures report was approved as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Helsel/Barton motion, the February bills totaling \$263,899.88 were approved for payment as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

No Vo-tech update was given.

John Mixell reported that everything was going well in the building and grounds update.

For the elementary update, Maria Scott Bollman shared the following news: Forbes Road Elementary School was named a Distinguished School in the High Achievement category. This is the more difficult category in which to win. To qualify, winning schools must be in the highest 5% of Title I schools in the State based on math and reading PSSA scores and meet all Annual Measurable Title I Objectives.

Forbes Road Elementary has been accepted to present at this year's Pennsylvania Department Education (PDE) Data Summit in Hershey. The title of the presentation is "Prescriptive Education: How One School Is Using Data to Treat Its Struggling Readers." The Summit takes place March 25<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>.

No high school update was given.

In the District update Mr. Loucks reported work on the budget was in process. He stated he was keeping updated on changes from Harrisburg concerning District gains in education, also noting the push in Vocational Education. Finally Mr. Loucks reported the cafeteria passed their audit remarking that a number of changes have been made.

During the public comment section of the board meeting a parent expressed concerns regarding early dismissals and the All-Call system. Mr. Loucks and Mrs. Scott Bollman addressed the concerns explaining, the decision to dismiss school early was not finalized until later than usual on the day in question, at which point the All- Call was placed. The automated call takes approximately 25 minutes to

complete the first rotation and unfortunately sometimes the system can glitch. In order to ensure families are notified as quickly as possible, cancellations, delays and early dismissals are posted on other mediums, such as Facebook, Radio and Television stations. The parent was assured their student would not have been left at the house without an adult present to receive the child.

On a Helsel/Hall motion, the 6/30/17 audit report was accepted as presented by Cierra Neil from Boyer and Ritter. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Helsel/Baker motion, approval was given to pilot Saxon Phonics curriculum in grades 1 and 2. Materials would be purchased using funds from the MTSS Tier 3 Problem-Solving Grant Forbes Road School District received. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Arnold motion, approval was given to hire Laurel Keegan to mentor Rebecca Ayers at a rate of \$250. Motion carried unanimously.

On a Bolinger/Helsel motion, the following items were approved: **(4)** Cortney Booher to take personal leave of absence beginning March 12, 2018 with an anticipated return date of May 7, 2018 **(5)** permission to advertise for a certified welding instructor. Motions passed unanimously.

On a Baker/Bolinger motion, the 2018-2019 Forbes Road School District Calendar was approved as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

On a Helsel/Bolinger motion, approval was given to enter into an agreement with the Eastern Chapter Wild Sheep Foundation to utilize office space in the old high school. The agreement would be for four years at \$400 per month. Motion passed unanimously.

On a Baker/Helsel motion, approval was given to change the second grade field trip destination from Seven Points Marina to Raystown Lake on May 11, 2018. Motion passed unanimously.

On a Baker/Barton motion, approval was given for Forbes Road School District to become a "Red Sponsor" for the Semper Fi Szwydek Memorial Run/Walk.

On an Arnold/Baker motion the following items were approved: **(11)** the FFA to attend the County FFA Public Speaking competition to be held at Central Fulton High School on February 27, 2018. Students will depart the school at 12:15 pm, **(12)** the FFA to attend the Regional Public Speaking competition to be held at Central High School Martinsburg, PA. April 4, 2018, **(13)** the FFA to travel to Tractor Supply in McConnellsburg, PA to participate in the Grants for Growing program on February 23, 2018. Motions carried unanimously.

On a Baker/Hall motion, the following policies were adopted as recommended by PSBA: 104 Vol IV 2017- Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices, 302 Vol V 2017 – Employment of Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent, 311 Vol V 2017 - Reduction of Staff, 819 Vol IV 2017 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response, 150 Vol IV 2017 – Title 1- Comparability of Services, 103 Vol IV 2017 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices

103.1 Vol IV 2017 – Nondiscrimination – Qualifies Students with Disabilities. Motion carried unanimously.

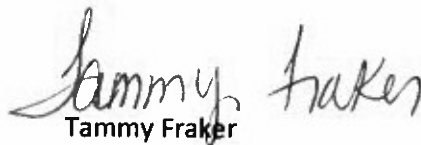
The board went into executive session for a second time from 8:05 pm - 8:18 pm for personnel reasons. All board members were present with the exception of Damon Schoen.

On a Helsel/Baker motion, President Shoemaker adjourned the meeting at 8:18 pm.



Kirby Shoemaker

President



Tammy Fraker

Secretary