

July 14, 2015
Farwell TX 79325

The Farwell ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session in the office of the superintendent at Farwell ISD Administration office at 705 6th Street, Farwell, TX at 7:05 p.m.

Kendall Devault called the meeting to order.
Keith Hadley led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present were Kendall Devault, Jay Be Barrett, Keith Hadley, Lane McFarland, Jose Jamie, Brandon Foster, Jason Schilling and Kelly Lusk, Superintendent.

Visitors present were Edie Kalbas, LeAndra Byrd, Irene Crume, Michael Terry, Tim Kasel, Shane Perkins, Scott Johnson and Elizabeth York.

Minutes: June, 2015

Motion by Jay Be Barrett, seconded by Brandon Foster that the minutes of the June 9, 2015 meeting be approved as presented.

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Mr. Terry, Elementary Principal, introduced himself to the school board and reported that he has met some of the staff and is working on schedules and staff meeting agendas.

Mr. Kasel, Maintenance and Transportation Director reported on routine summer grounds and building maintenance as well as transportation for teachers and students. The gym floors will be refinished next week. Mentioned to the board tractor needs repair, or the purchase of a new/used one.

Coach Perkins, Athletic Director reported on the clean-up and painting of the weight room. Provided the 2015 football schedule and calendar referencing athletic events.

LeAndra Byrd gave the financial reports and presented the bills paid.

Public Forum: No one signed up to speak

Kelly Lusk, Superintendent, made a presentation to Scott Johnson for his years of service to Farwell ISD as a board member. Scott Johnson was given a plaque for his service.

Elizabeth York from TASB discussed lost prevention grants and presented our safety/camera grant to the board.

2015-16 Student Code of Conduct

A Motion by Brandon Foster, seconded by Jason Schilling to adopt the 2015-2016 Student Code of Conduct as presented by the superintendent, Kelly Lusk.

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Athletic, Student and Employee Handbooks

Kelly Lusk, Superintendent discussed Handbooks. Gave the opportunity for the board to review and make suggestions.

Public Hearing on Proposed Tax Rate: No public comment

Set Tax Rate

Motion to Adopt an Ordinance Setting a Tax Rate that Exceeds Rollback Rate:

A Motion by JayBe Barrett, seconded by Brandon Foster to approve the written ordinance and to move that property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$1.17, which is effectively a .14 percent increase in the tax rate. (Written ordinance attached).

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Order an election:

Motion made by JayBe Barrett, seconded by Jason Schilling an election be ordered to be held on September 26, 2015, for the purpose of conducting a tax rate ratification (rollback) election.

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EDGAR State and Federal Grant Guidelines

Discussion: New requirements to rewrite our business office procedure manual. Revision would be to incorporate new federal guidelines for accepting federal dollars.

Heard discussion over drug testing

Personnel: Resignations

Superintendent Lusk reported to the board that he has accepted the resignation of Robert Brown, JH Principal and Jennifer Neikirk, JH Special Education Teacher.

Personnel:

Motion made by Brandon Foster, seconded by Keith Hadley to hire Kathleen Donalson, recommended by the JH principal and superintendent, be hired on probationary contract for the 2015-16 school year.

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Motion made by JayBe Barrett, seconded by Jason Schilling to hire Jodi Bennett, recommended by the JH principal and superintendent, be hired on a probationary contract for the 2015-16 school year.

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Motion made by Brandon Foster, seconded by Lane McFarland to hire Kristy White, recommended by the superintendent, be hired on a probationary administrator contract for the 2015-16 school year.

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Teacher Appraisal Calendar and appraisers:

Motion made by Jason Schilling, seconded by JayBe Barrett to approve the Farwell ISD appraisal calendar as presented by the superintendent.

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Motion made by Lane McFarland and seconded by Brandon Foster to approve Kristy White, Coby Norman, Michael Terry and Kelly Lusk as PDAS appraisers for Farwell ISD.

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Superintendent report:

Mr. Lusk reviewed some of the events that have occurred in the district since the last board meeting.

August 2015 Board Meeting will be Tuesday August 11, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Lane McFarland, seconded by Jason Schilling that this meeting be adjourned.

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Signed by _____ Attested by _____