

November 10, 2014
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 7:00 p.m.

Kendall Devault called the meeting to order and led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present were Kendall Devault, JayBe Barrett, Keith Hadley, Brandon Foster, and Kelly Lusk Superintendent. Jason Schilling arrived at 7:10pm. William Martin was absent.

Visitors present were Edie Kalbas, LeAndra Byrd, Coby Norman, Annie Crawford, Robert Brown, Tim Kasel, Shane Perkins and Hayley Christian.

Minutes: October 20, 2014

Motion by Keith Hadley seconded by Brandon Foster that the minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting be approved as presented.

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Mrs. Crawford, Elementary Principal, reported that several 5th graders “tried” out for the elementary mascot Stormy the Steer. The mascot encourages good character among the elementary students. She also reported that students have been submitting examples of how they use the “Steer Code” outside of school and are being recognized for this during announcements. The elementary GT students presented their bullying presentation on October 31, 2014 to the elementary. Fourth grade had a “Wax Museum” where they recited their characters autobiography to visitors. Mrs. Crawford held a staff development entitled “Energy Vampires”, a positive refresh for her staff. Staff development continues with department meetings. Pre-k through 2nd grade enjoyed a visit from the fire department. The elementary is preparing for UIL events. The completion will be hosted by Farwell. UIL writing events have been submitted

Mr. Brown, Jr. High Principal, reported that the JH staff has been meeting with Mrs. Lusk by departments discussing curriculum, standards and test scores. Students will be taking benchmark tests November 20-26. Report cards will go out this week. District UIL competitions will be next week on November 18th. He commended Patty O’hare and Amy Barnes for the work they have done in preparation for hosting the District UIL competition.

Mr. Norman, High School Principal, reported that the HS has 40 freshman, 42 sophomores, 38 juniors and 26 seniors for a total of 146 students enrolled with a 96.12 attendance rate. Tomorrow November 11th there will be a breakfast for local Veterans followed by the Veterans Day program in the HS auditorium. HS students were allowed to dress up for Halloween. HS benchmark testing is complete for weeks 9-11. Next benchmark testing will be week 18-20. Lunch tutorials continue for students who need extra help on their homework and afternoon tutorials are also being offered.

Tim Kasel, maintenance and transportation director reported that he has sent out 32 vehicles since the last board meeting totaling over 5000 miles. The HS gym floor refinishing is complete. He has been dealing with sewer issues around the district as well “winterizing” plumbing and equipment.

Coach Perkins, athletic director handed out a copy of the football playoff bracket. Since Farwell is the district champs, they will have a bye the first week. Their first game will be against the winner of the Memphis/Smyer

game. Girls' basketball starts tomorrow and JH boys and girls have their first game on Thursday. JH football 8th graders ended the season 6-1 and 7th grade was 4-3.

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

Public Forum: No one signed up to speak

Budget Amendment:

Motion by Brandon Foster seconded by JayBe Barrett, that we approve the budget amendments as presented by the business manager.

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Parmer County Appraisal District:

Motion by Jason Schilling seconded by JayBe Barrett, that we approve the renovations to the Appraisal District building in Bovina.

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Discussion: Farwell ISD Highly Qualified Report

By law this report must be presented before the public. It will also be posted on the website and left for three years. We have two reports. One is based on the certification level of the teachers on September 15, 2014. Two of our teachers have received their certification since September 15th, so we will have an amended report in our Title 1 and Comp Ed reports.

Campus Improvement Plans:

Motion by Brandon Foster seconded by Jason Schilling that the campus improvement plans be approved as presented.

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District Improvement Plan:

Motion by Brandon Foster seconded by Jason Schilling, that the district improvement plan be approved as presented.

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Discussion: Superintendent Evaluation

The Board of Trustees on November 10, 2014, beginning at 8:05pm, convened in a closed or executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. (Tex. Gov't code 551.074)

Subjects Discussed in session Closed to the Public:

- Superintendent Evaluation
- Personnel

The Board ended its closed or executive session at 8:22pm on November 10, 2014

Discussion: House Bill 5 update

HB 5 is driving a lot of changes across the state and our school. We will need to make some more changes to our course offerings in the next few years.

Resignation of a Board Member:

Motion by JayBe Barrett seconded by Brandon Foster, to accept the resignation of William Martin, effective immediately.

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Discussion: Personnel, Resignations and Retirements

The Superintendent presented to the board the accepted resignations of Odelia Servin, Alex Whitley and Dianne Kemp.

Personnel, Professional Educator Contracts:

Motion by Brandon Foster seconded by Jason Schilling, that Robert Brown's employment status be changed from interim administrator to an administrator for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year.

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Superintendent Report:

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

School Board Training:

Motion by Brandon Foster seconded by JayBe Barrett, that we schedule a special meeting on Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:00pm for the purpose of board training.

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December 2014 Board Meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Motion by Jason Schilling, seconded by Brandon Foster that this meeting be adjourned.

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Signed by _____ Attested by _____