

October 8, 2013  
Farwell TX 79325

The Farwell ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular session at the office of the superintendent at 705 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Farwell TX at 7:00 pm.

Darren Haseloff called the meeting to order with JayBe Barrett leading the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present were Jay Be Barrett, Keith Hadley, Darren Haseloff, Scott Johnson, William Martin, Jason Schilling and Superintendent Kelly Lusk. Kendall Devault arrived at 7:08 PM.

Guests present were Sid Morris, Hayley Christian, Karen Schilling, Lorre Haseloff, Annie Crawford, Jimmie Mace, Brian Patterson, Shane Perkins, Tim Kasel, LeAndra Byrd and Cindy Patterson.

Motion by William Martin, seconded by Jason Schilling to approve the September 10, 2013 minutes. MCU

Brian Patterson reported that high school has 144 students enrolled. Tutorials are showing good results. The NHS sold shirts for the Pink Out game with Morton. The money raised will benefit the Parmer County Cancer Coalition. The art department sold pumpkins to raise money toward a new kiln. The band is preparing for contest on the 19<sup>th</sup> in Lubbock.

Mr. Mace reported that jr. high has 126 enrolled students. Student council members will attend a conference with the high school student council.

Annie Crawford reported that the elementary has 271 students enrolled. Fire fighters will be coming to the school for Fire Prevention Week. The book fair is scheduled for this month. Benchmark tests are completed. A PTO has formed for the elementary and will host a Fall Festival and Chili Cookoff. The CHAMPS program promotes attendance, academic grades and good behavior. Students who meet the criteria this 6-weeks are rewarded with a field trip to Davis Pumpkin Patch.

Heard Tim Kasel reported that the transportation has been keep busy keeping vehicles ready for use. The maintenance department is making general repairs and upkeep. The water well was checked to see if it would be feasible to get it up and running.

Shane Perkins reported that cross country is preparing for district. Girls' basketball will begin practice on the 16<sup>th</sup>. He discussed the possibility of football games with Texico.

Karen Schilling reported that At-Risk students are on the rise at Farwell Schools. We are using a credit recovery program for students to earn graduation credit for classes failed during the

school year. The program is expensive to run and so possibly looking to charge students offset some of the costs and encourage attendance. Students and parents have been informed upfront of the possible costs to the student.

Brian Patterson, Career and Technology Education (CATE) Director, reported that we currently have 100 students involved in these classes. CATE classes have weighted funding to benefit the school and help with the added costs of offering these classes. He is looking into adding a Family and Consumer Sciences program. We can utilize part of the art building for this. One of our high school teachers is certified to teach these classes. Since graduation requirements have changed, classes can be added. We can also add student choices through the ag and business programs.

Lorre Haseloff presented the Farwell ISD Dyslexia Plan. The main change will be students who are considered 504 eligible will automatically qualify for the Dyslexia program.

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

A public hearing for the FIRST Rating for Farwell ISD was held and discussed. We received a Superior Rating from the state.

Hayley Christian presented the Farwell ISD Gifted and Talented Plan. The plan defines the policies and procedures to identify students for the GT program.

Motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by William Martin to approve the Farwell ISD Gifted and Talented Plan. MCU

Motion by JayBe Barrett seconded by Keith Hadley to approve the purchase of a pickup for the ag program. MCU

Motion by JayBe Barrett, seconded by Scott Johnson to appoint Tucker Crawford as the Farwell ISD nominee as representative for the Parmer County Appraisal District Board of Directors. MCU

Motion by Scott Johnson seconded by JayBe Barrett to set October 22, 2013 at 6:00 PM for the special meeting for school board training from October 15<sup>th</sup>. MCU

Motion by Kendall Devault, seconded by William Martin to approve the Farwell ISD Campus Improvement Plans. MCU

Motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by JayBe Barrett to approve the Farwell ISD District Improvement Plan. MCU

Mr. Lusk reported that our Asbestos Plan is on file in the Administration and Maintenance offices. The school text alert service is now available to broadcast alerts from the school to the

parents of students. The tax rollback can only happen at the fall election. The decision needs to be made by the board by January at the latest to meet the timeline requirements.

Motion by William Martin seconded by Jason Schilling to adjourn the meeting. MCU

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Attested by \_\_\_\_\_