

FARWELL ISD
BOARD MINUTES

2/15/2023

The Farwell ISD Board of Trustees met for a regular board meeting at 7:00 pm in the Farwell ISD Administration Building at 805 Ave G, Farwell, Texas.

Members Board present were; Ryan Williams, Vince Smith, Ashley Nichols, Eric McElroy, Joe Jaime, and Mario Vidaurri.

Meeting opened up at 7:00 pm with a prayer by Joe Jaime, followed by the pledge.

Guest present was; Les Ball.

Public comment, Les Ball discussed removing the personal property tax. Quoted what a couple of people pay for their personal property tax.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed all in favor.

Shane Perkins gave the AD report about playoff for girls and boys basketball.

Principal reports given by Kyle Conatser, High School, and Kristy White, Elementary and Junior High, about enrollment is 612 but attendance is not as good as we would like.

Sid Morris, Ag teacher, discussed local, county, and state stock shows.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Eric McElroy to approve TASB update 120. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Eric McElroy to approve hiring Heather Conatser as the PK-6 counselor. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve hiring Kristy White on a 2-year contract as the Junior High Principal. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Vince Smith to hire Kyle Conatser on a 1-year contract as the High School principal. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to hire Shane Perkins as AD/Head Basketball coach. Motion passed 5-1 in favor.

Motion made by Mario Vidaurri and seconded by Eric McElroy to hire Kathy Curtis as the Technology Director. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to hire Lorre Haseloff as the secondary counselor. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve the order of election in the month of May. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve a joint election with the City of Farwell. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Ashley Nichols to hire Kenlee McBryde as an elementary teacher. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Vince Smith to dissolve the Head Start program and increase the Pre-K program at the end of the school year. Motion passed all in favor.

No Action taken on dropping services from TASB and looking for alternative sources.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Ashley Nichols to approve the purchase of Knox Boxes for the school district. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve the purchase a new AG pick up form Caldwell County Chevrolet/Ford through BuyBoard. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Vince Smith to approve emergency lockdown and communication technology equipment from A-V Corp through Tex-Buy. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Ashley Nichols to approve the purchase of new door numbering stickers. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to hire Keila Morris as the Elementary Special Ed teacher. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Eric McElroy to hire Boyd White as the new maintenance director. Motion passed all in favor.

Entered into closed session at 7:58 pm. Code 551.074

Returned to open session at 9:34 pm.

Colby Waldrop, Superintendent, gave his report on school safety, playground equipment, State raises, wind damage, and court cases around the state.

Next board meeting on March 6, 2023.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to adjourn the meeting.