

FARWELL ISD  
BOARD MINUTES

4/15/2025

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, Joe Jaime, Brandon Foster, Eric McElroy, Vince Smith, Mario Vidaurri, and Ashley Nichols.

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

Public comments made by Scott Miller

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

Principals report on state testing dates and enrollment at 596.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to hire Diamond Stephens as the new elementary teacher. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Brandon Foster to hire Julie Colella as a kindergarten teacher. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Mario Vidaurri and seconded by Vince Smith to hire Jaytha Miller as a special education teacher on a non-certified contract. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Brandon Foster to hire Shane Perkins as the head boys' basketball coach. Motion passed 5-2.

No action taken on hiring an assistant boys' coach.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Brandon Foster to approve changes to the Pre-K rules by dropping the requirement that school employees must pay to send their child to Pre-K. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve updating the fire alarm system in the old carpet gym. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made Vince Smith and seconded by Eric McElroy to approve Security State Bank for the school depository contract starting on September 1, 2025. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to approve the stipend pay as presented without changes for the 25-26 school year. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Brandon Foster to leave the health insurance amount paid by the school district unchanged at \$400 a month per employee. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve the 25-26 District Improvement plan. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to approve the 25-26 Farwell ISD school calendar. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to move that the Board adopt the resolution, as presented, designating the construction manager at risk, one step-process, as the construction delivery method for the District's Concession Stand/Restroom Project, authorizing the Superintendent to establish criteria and weights to be included in a Request for Proposals, and further authorizing the Superintendent to take such actions as necessary to prepare and issue a Request for Proposals to assist the Board in selecting a Construction Manager At-Risk. Motion passed all in favor.

Presentation of Board training hours for the last school year.

Brandon Foster 6

Joe Jaime 9

Eric McElroy 6

Ashley Nichols 9

Vince Smith 9

Mario Vidaurri 9

Ryan Williams 9

Next board meeting on May 14 at 7:00 pm

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed all in favor.