

FARWELL ISD  
BOARD MINUTES  
4/22/2026

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

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

Public comments by Mrs. Osterkamp about spending money on the gym floor.

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

Mr. Waldrop, Superintendent, reported that the metal for the concession stand should be here in about a week.

Principals reported enrollment 571, upcoming State trips for golf and tennis. Regional track and Regional academic UIL.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Brandon Foster to approve the Instructional Material Survey for 2026-2027. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Brandon Foster to approve the new gym floor and the cost of redoing the floor. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Eric McElroy and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve the school calendar for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Eric McElroy too approve the District Improvement plan for 2026-2027. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Eric McElroy to approve the Elementary, Junior High, and High School Improvement plans for 2026-2027. Motion passed all in favor.

Reported on the board member training hours;

Brandon Foster 6.25

Jose Jaime 0

Eric McElroy 0

Ashley Nichols 3

Vince Smith 0

Mario Vidaurri 0

Ryan Williams 1.25

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to approve the stipend list for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve the Health Insurance Premium of \$400 a month. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve the TREC contract from Region 11. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Brandon Foster to adopt the resolution, as presented authorizing the payment of leave for those District employees who missed worked to attend the funeral services on April 9, 2026, for a Farwell Elementary School Student, and authorize the superintendent to take such further action as required to implement and full the terms of the resolution. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Eric McElroy to approve hiring a health science employee/nurse. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Mario Vidaurri and seconded by Brandon Foster to hire Ellen Ward as the High School English teacher. Motion passed all in favor.

No action taken on hiring a Junior High ELAR teacher.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to hire Gabe Vara an assistant coach and teacher. Motion passed all in favor.

Closed session 551.074 and 551.071. 7:25 pm

Returned at 8:56 pm.

Motion made by Joe Jaime and seconded by Vince Smith to renew the term contract of District Athletic Director, Coach, and teacher Shane Perkins. Motion passed 4-3. In favor; Ryan Williams, Brandon Foster, Vince Smith, and Joe Jaime. Opposed; Eric McElroy, Mario Vidaurri, and Ashley Nichols.

Mr. Waldrop, Superintendent, reported that next month he would bring to the board for discussion on dropping the personal property tax.

Next board meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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