

FARWELL ISD  
BOARD MINUTES  
2/9/2026

The Farwell ISD Board of Trustees met for a regular board meeting at 7:30 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, and Mario Vidaurri.

Meeting opened up at 7:30 pm with a prayer by Ryan Williams, followed by the pledge.

Public comments made by Bri Allen thanking Mr. Cathey for his professionalism.

Public comments made by Carole Patrick wanting to know why the school is considering approving HB2 for teacher waivers.

Presented the 2024-2025 TAPR report.

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

Principals reported that enrollment is now at 575 and upcoming testing.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve the order of election for Farwell ISD in May of 2026. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to do a joint election with the city of Farwell. Motion passed all in favor.

Closed session 8:01 pm 551.071

Returned 8:09 pm

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to approve the changes to the Junior High Cheer rules. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Mario Vidaurri and seconded by Brandon Foster to approve the changes to the High School Cheer rules. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Brandon Foster to approve the HB board goals. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to NOT approve Senate Bill 11 resolution. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to approve the information about seat belts on buses related to Senate Bill 546. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to adjust the meal prices for travel to \$8 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch, and \$12 for supper.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Ashley Nichols to approve the waiver for HB 2 teacher certification waiver. Motion passed all in favor.

Closed session 8:29 pm 551.071

Returned at 9:02 pm

Motion made by Mario Vidaurri and seconded by Brandon Foster to renew the elementary principal contract for Judd Cathey. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Mario Vidaurri to renew the junior high principal contract for Kristy White. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Ashley Nichols to renew the high school principal contract for Kyle Conatser. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Vince Smith and seconded by Mario Vidaurri renew the assistant principal contract for Kendra Almanza. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Ashley Nichols and seconded by Brandon Foster to renew the contract for the Pre-K through 6 counselor for Heather Conatser. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Mario Vidaurri and seconded by Vince Smith to renew the secondary counselor contract for Lorre Haseloff. Motion passed all in favor.

Motion made by Brandon Foster and seconded by Ashley Nichols to renew the technology director contract for Eric Chadwick. Motion passed all in favor.

Next board meeting is on March 6, 2026.

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