

December 14, 2015
Farwell TX 79325

The Farwell ISD Board of Trustees met in regular session in the office of the superintendent at Farwell ISD Administration office at 705 6th Street, Farwell, TX at 7:00 p.m.

Kendall Devault called the meeting to order, Lane McFarland led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present were Kendall Devault, Brandon Foster, JayBe Barrett, Jason Schilling, Lane McFarland, Joe Jaime and Kelly Lusk, Superintendent. Absent was Keith Hadley

Visitors present were Edie Kalbas, Coby Norman, Michael Terry, Tim Kasel, Shane Perkins, Kristy White and Irene Crume

Motion made by Jason Schilling seconded by Lane McFarland that the minutes of the meeting November 9th and 30th, 2015 be approved as presented. MCU

Mrs. White, Junior High Principal, reported Jr. High UIL was second in District Meet. Benchmarks are being taken and Mrs. O'Hare is teaching an intervention class with the 6th graders. Tutorials are in the planning process.

Mr. Terry, Elementary Principal, reports the elementary has 267 students enrolled. Elementary UIL placed 2nd in District Meet. He reported how impressed with the Staff and Students he was as they represented Farwell Elementary. After School tutorials will begin the middle of January once benchmarks are complete.

Mr. Norman, High School Principal, reported that the HS currently has an attendance rate of 97.21% to date, which is up from last years at this time of 96.5%. CATE courses, and addition of the new AG teacher has increased AG/FFA activities and student awareness. Mr. Norman complimented his staff concerning the Texas Academic Performance Report.

Mr. Kasel, Transportation Director, reported we have the new Suburban. He also mentioned transportation is up, the lighting project in the High School is underway, the old field house/storage building is in the plans to get a facelift with stucco. Mr. Kasel also reported on the repair and maintenance of Heating and Air campus wide.

Shane Perkins, Athletic Director, handed out a calendar of athletic events over the next month and reviewed. Coach Perkins reported that SSB tournament went well and thanked everyone involved. Coach also mentioned Power lifting has started.

Edie Kalbas gave financial reports.

Public Forum: No one signed up to address the board.

Farwell ISD Board of Trustees Roll Call

There was discussion on the Roll Call Report, Kendal DeVault, Board President called on each board member to report board related training that they have received this past year. The Board Members Reported as follows:

Kendall Devault: 3 hours

Level II School Board Training -Accountability (3hrs)

JayBe Barrett: 6 hours

Region 16 School Board Training (3hrs)

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Keith Hadley: 6 hours

Region 16 School Board Training (3hrs)

Level II School Board Training -Accountability (3hrs)

Lane McFarland: 4 hours

Initial training in local school board policy for Farwell ISD (1hr)

Level II School Board Training – Accountability (3hrs)

Jason Schilling: 6 hours

Region 16 School Board Training (3hrs)

Level II School Board Training -Accountability (3hrs)

Brandon Foster: 6 hours

Region 16 School Board Training (3hrs)

Level II School Board Training -Accountability (3hrs)

Joseph Jaime: 10 hours

Texas Assoc. School Board training (6 hours)

Initial training in local school board policy for Farwell ISD (1hr)

Level II School Board Training – Accountability (3hrs)

Superintendent, Kelly Lusk, Mr. Norman, Mrs White and Mr. Terry reported on the Texas Academic Performance Report of Farwell ISD. Jason Schilling mentioned the Blue Ribbon Schools and there was more discussion on the criteria to receive such a ranking.

The request for qualifications for an Architect/Engineer for the JH gym roof project:

Motion by Brandon Foster and seconded by Jay Be Barrett to direct the superintendent, Kelly Lusk to advertise a request for qualification of architect/engineers for the purpose of overseeing the junior high gym roofing project. MCU

Discussion: Personnel, Resignations and Retirements:

Superintendent, Kelly Lusk reported on the resignation of elementary aide Neshell Woods.

Superintendent, Kelly Lusk reviewed some of the events that have occurred in the district since the last board meeting.

Discussion topics: the past and ongoing roof issues, lighting in the High School, an addition to one of the bus routes, docking stations and suicide training that was completed by all personnel.

Motion by Brandon Foster and seconded by Jason Schilling that the Board convene in closed session according to TEC 551.074. MCU

The Board of Trustees on December 14, 2015, Beginning at 8:55p.m. convened in a closed session in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act to discuss in the session closed to the public, the Superintendent Evaluation. The Board ended its closed session at 10:40p.m. on December 14, 2015

The board set the date for the January 2016 meeting for Monday the 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Lane McFarland, and seconded by Jason Schilling that this meeting be adjourned. MCU

Signed by _____ Attested by _____