

February 10, 2014
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 PM.

Darren Haseloff called the meeting to order, JayBe Barrett led the invocation.

Members present were JayBe Barrett, Keith Hadley, Darren Haseloff, Scott Johnson, William Martin, Jason Schilling and Kelly Lusk, Superintendent. Kendall Devault was absent.

Visitors present were Shane Perkins, LeAndra Byrd, Edie Kalbas, Brian Patterson, Annie Crawford, Jimmie Mace, Eddie Carrasco and Sammy Herrera

Motion by Jason Schilling, seconded by Scott Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2014 meeting.
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Annie Crawford reported that the elementary has 273 students enrolled. She reported that several students have participated in different stock shows. Training has started for STAAR test administration. Teachers are giving final benchmarks before STAAR testing and tutoring students. DMAC teacher evaluations are continuing. The PTO had a "Winter Ball", it was a great success and they will have a committee meeting to decide what the money will be used for. CHAMPS will be going to Muleshoe for their Valentine party.

Jimmie Mace reported that the Jr. High has 127 students enrolled with 96.2% attendance for the past 6 weeks. Several students competed in the "Science Bowl" last Saturday in Canyon. The teams represented Farwell well, but did not place. Mr. Mace commented on how difficult the questions were. Teachers are working hard preparing students for STAAR test.

Brian Patterson reported that the High School has 143 students enrolled with a 95.88% attendance for the past 6 weeks. Students competed at the Seminole Speech tournament. Sidney Barksdale was 5th in Prose, Austin Ratke 3rd in LD Debate, Kelsey Knight semi finalist in Prose, Rachel Hromas and Seth Beverage semi finalist in Domestic Exempt. Stock Show season has started with several FFA students participating.

Tim Kasel was absent, but Mr. Lusk reported that the elementary fence is complete with locks on the gates.

Shane Perkins presented the board with a calendar of upcoming athletic events. He reported boys and girls basketball is finishing up. After last Friday's game with Sudan, the girls finish with #1 seed. Boys still have Morton game to decide their seed.

Re-alignment announced. Football will change slightly; we will no longer play Morton, but added Vega. Basketball will have several changes. They will continue to play Bovina and add Boys Ranch, Claude, Panhandle and Vega. The changes will require a lot more travel. Basketball coaches will have a meeting on Thursday in Canyon, Texas to discuss the re-alignment details further.

LeAndra Byrd gave the financial reports and presented the bills paid.

Motion by Scott Johnson, seconded by William Martin to enter into a joint election agreement with the City of Farwell, pursuant to Texas Code 11.0581.

Motion by Jason Schilling seconded by Scott Johnson to call for the May 10, 2014 Farwell ISD Trustee election.
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Motion by Jason Schilling, seconded by Scott Johnson to approve the contracts for 2014 of the following administrators:

Brian Patterson- High School
Jimmie Mace – Jr. High principal
Annie Crawford – Elementary principal
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Motion by JayBe Barrett, seconded by Scott Johnson to approve Hayley Christian’s contract for 2014:

Hayley Christian – counselor
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Superintendent, Mr. Lusk, reported;

Farwell ISD is in the process of getting radios for all campuses. A total of 10 will be purchased. This will be for security reasons.

House Bill 5 will require Board policy changes.

Mrs. Curtis, the technology director, sent out technology request to all teachers. Teachers responded with a list of wants and needs.

Region 16 Board Election is currently going on.

Mr. Lusk is working with Coach Perkins to get the athletes their physicals. Farwell ISD will be contracting this service out to a local medical provider. They will come to the school to perform the physicals. The school will cover the cost of the physical.

The Chamber of Commerce has decided not to put the “Music Hall of Fame” at the school.

Mr. Lusk and Mrs. Byrd are looking at applying for a grant to purchase video cameras at the high school and jr. high. This would include 16 cameras and recording system.

He is planning a “Meet the Superintendent” night this spring, so that the community will have an opportunity to meet and visit with Mr. Lusk.

He reported the early projections of government funding could be considerably less due to drop in enrollment.

Next Board Meeting will be March 4, 2014.

Motion by William Martin seconded by JayBe Barrett to adjourn the meeting.

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The Board at 7:58 pm went into Executive Session to discuss:

1. Position to be added at Farwell High School
2. Teacher contracts

Executive session ended at 9:55pm

Signed by _____ Attested by _____