

October 20, 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 p.m.

Kendall Devault called the meeting to order, Brandon Foster led the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members present were Kendall Devault, Keith Hadley, Brandon Foster, JayBe Barrett, Jason Schilling and Kelly Lusk, Superintendent. Absent was William Martin.

Visitors present were Edie Kalbas, LeAndra Byrd, Coby Norman, Annie Crawford, Tim Kasel, Shane Perkins, Suzanne Cooper, Otho Gonzalez, Elpidia Solis, Cade and Seth Beverage.

Minutes: September 8, 2014

Motion by JayBe Barrett seconded by Scott Johnson that the minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting be approved as presented.

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Mrs. Crawford, Elementary Principal reported that the elementary had a successful turnout for the 1st six week parent teacher conference. The Steer store opened and student were able to "purchase" items with their steer bucks that they had earned. The PTO Fall Festival/Chili and Salsa cook off was attended well. Mrs. Crawford has been working on the elementary Campus Improvement Plan. GT students have been meeting with Mrs. Hayley Christian. She has been working with them on an Anti-Bullying presentation. Elementary/JH District UIL will again be hosted at Farwell on November 18, 2014. The elementary has been working with students on their events after school.

Mr. Brown, Jr. High Principal (presented by Mr. Lusk due to the absence of Mr. Brown) reported that the JH has been having staff development with Mrs. Lusk regarding ne software programs for use in Reading and Math as well as more training in DMAC, a multi use tool for the district.

Last Thursday the 6th grade science classes participated in a Playa Festival that involved various community sponsors. District Cross Country meet will be tomorrow in Canyon at WTA&M. FJH has 15 athletes participating. The 8th grade Careers class will be traveling to TTU on Wednesday for a campus tour and orientation of college life and expectations. Progress reports will be mailed out on October 27, 2014. Students are busy preparing for UIL district completion on November 18, 2014. Mr. Brown reported he has also been working on the JH Campus Improvement Plan and will continue to modify this document as we move forward.

Mr. Norman, High School Principal reported that the HS currently has 145 students enrolled with a 96.31% attendance rate. He presented the board with the current HS newsletter that is produced bi-weekly. This newsletter is available at the HS office as well as around the community at various local businesses. The HS has also started a Facebook page. It is updated with happenings and announcement for the HS. It already has over 200 followers. The HS had a good turnout of parents for the 1st six weeks report card pick up. Mr. Norman reported that the HS had a low failure list. He attributed this to the lunch tutorial program that allows student s to get their work turned in as well as offers them assistance with assignments. He reported that FFA had a successful officer meeting where FFA members as well as 4H students and parents were invited for a hamburger cook out and activities. This past weekend the band received a Sweepstakes Rating at competition. UIL Speech competitions will be held November 11, 2014. HS OAP will be directed by Patty O'Hare, Abbi May and Karen Schilling. He also reports that he is continuing Staff Development along with Mrs. Lusk on benchmark testing.

Tim Kasel, maintenance and transportation director reported that there have been 77 trips totaling 11,550 miles since the last board meeting. Several of the buses have required repairs. He also reported on the well that the school is leasing from the city and the electrical work that will need to be done. He has completed the work on the old bathroom on the practice field and it was able to be used as a ticket booth for the last football game. The JH gym floor has also been refinished and he will be starting work on the HS gym soon. There was a exhaust vent installed in the HS Art Building for the kiln that is used for firing the clay.

Shane Perkins, athletic director reported that district cross country meet will be held tomorrow for Jr. High and High School. Thursday there will be three football games against Vega, 7th, 8th and JV. Friday the Varsity Football team will be traveling to Vega for the third district game. Right now Farwell is 2-0 in district play. Coach Perkins handed out the Class 2A D2 Region 1 Football Standings as well as the 2014-15 Basketball Schedules.

Public Forum:

Seth Beverage and Elpidia Solis each addressed the board about concerns over the Farwell High School Dress Code.

Discussion: Migrant Presentation

Otho Gonzales presented the board with a presentation on his trip to Washington DC. He was afforded this opportunity through the Migrant Program.

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

Parmer County Appraisal District:

Motion by Scott Johnson seconded by Jason Schilling that the board approve the proposed renovations to the Parmer County Appraisal District Office.

After further discussion by the board, this matter was tabled until more information could be presented to the board.

School First Public Hearing:

No public comment was presented.

Repeal and adoption of (Local) policies:

Motion by Brandon Foster seconded by JayBe Barrett that the board adopt the (Local) policies contained within the reconstructed TASB Localized Policy Manuel, effective this date, and repeal all previous (Local) polices.

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School Board Training:

Training is considered to be a special school board meeting and must be declared before the public.

Discussion: Personnel, Resignations and Retirements:

The superintendent presented the board with a resignation letter from the school nurse Luann Fillpot.

Substitutes:

Motion by Brandon Foster seconded by Jason Schilling that the board approve the substitute list as proposed by the superintendent.

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Discussion: School Administrator Contracts

The Board of Trustees on October 20, 2014, beginning at 9:15pm, convened in a closed or executive session in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Act. (Tex. Gov't code 551.074)

Subjects Discussed in session Closed to the Public: Personnel

The Board ended its closed or executive session at 9:55pm on October 20, 2014

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

The board set the date for the November board Meeting: November 20, 2014.

Motion by JayBe Barrett, seconded by Scott Johnson that this meeting be adjourned.
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Signed by _____ Attested by _____