

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Board of Education
Farmington Municipal Schools District Number Five
Tuesday, September 8, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Krista McWilliams, President
Andra Stradling, Vice President
Lisa Maxwell, Secretary
DeaZhan Maize, Deputy Secretary - Via Zoom
Alyssa Begay, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS MEETING WITH THE BOARD:

Cody Diehl, Superintendent
Nate Pierantoni, Executive Director Human Resources
Isaac Gamboa, Executive Director Operations and Athletics
Bobbi Newland, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Emerson, Chief Technology Officer
Roberto Taboada, Public Information Officer
Michelle Blades, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

Nicole Lambson, Executive Director of Curriculum
Lauryn Gonzales, Media Specialist

WORK SESSION – 3:45 PM

Data Presentations

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 5:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 5:15pm by President McWilliams.

WELCOME TO GUESTS

Vice President Stradling shared some good things happening in the district.

- Congratulations to Farmington High School Cadet Major Grady Stone, who was just awarded the prestigious Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement. Only 25 Army JROTC cadets nationwide earned this honor, out of more than 400,000 cadets across the country.

- We want to recognize the incredible work happening in our school gardens, where students and teachers are turning every aspect of growing vegetables and fruits into valuable life lessons.
 - At Esperanza Elementary, students harvested 12 pounds of tomatoes and 13 pounds of cucumbers. They turned that fresh produce into a delicious salad and served it alongside lunch. At McKinley Elementary, students harvested collard greens and sweet corn, then rolled up their sleeves to pull weeds and give the garden beds some extra TLC.
 - Our schools will soon be launching their indoor gardens, so stay tuned!
- And finally, we want to invite the community to the Groundbreaking Ceremony for our Hogan. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Tibbetts Middle School. This event is family-friendly and open to all FMS families and the community.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

President McWilliams recommended the agenda be adopted as written.

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell, seconded by Alyssa Begay to adopt the agenda as written. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM

No Public Cards were presented.

SUPERINTENDENT, STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

Written reports were provided to the Board Members and are available to the public through the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

President McWilliams recommended the Board approve the Consent Agenda items 6a through 6t as presented.

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell, seconded by Andra Stradling to approve the consent Agenda items 6a through 6t as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE the Certificate of the Annual Inventory Report

Chief Financial Officer Newland shared with the board the Additions, Disposals to the Annual Inventory Report.

President McWilliams recommended the Board approve the Certificate of the Annual Inventory Report as presented.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by Andra Stradling to approve the Certificate of the Annual Inventory as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE 4TH QUARTER CASH REPORT

Chief Financial Officer Newland shared with the board the Actual Expenditures, Revenue totals for FY26

President McWilliams recommended the Board approve the 4th Quarter Cash Report as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the 4th Quarter Cash Report as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE AUCTION ITEMS

Executive Director of Operations and Athletics Gamboa shared with the board the 8 buses have reached their 12 year cycle.

President McWilliams recommended the Board approve the Auction Items as presented.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the Auction Items as written. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION #2026R-33 OF THE FARMINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Vice President Stradling asked to table this and recommended bringing at a later date.

It was moved by Andra Stradling , seconded by Alyssa Begay to table the Resolution #2026R-33 of the Farmington Board of Education. The motion

carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

READING STEP: POLICY J-0950 JFABC ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

Superintendent Diehl asked the Board to look at the changes to the policy and recommend moving forward with approving at the next Regular meeting.

ADVANCED PLANNING

a. September 28, 2026 - NMSBA Region 1 Meeting in Dulce
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 NM October 12, 2026 - Professional Day/No Classes for Students
 October 13, 2026 - Regular Work Session and Board Meeting
 October 20, 2026 - Board and Administration Listen Session
 October 21, 2026 - Ground Breaking for the Tibbetts Hogan at 9am

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell, seconded by Alyssa Begay to adjourn. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.

Attest *Lisa Maxwell*
 Lisa Maxwell, Secretary

Signed *Krista McWilliams*
 Krista McWilliams, President

Approved: October 13, 2026