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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Board of Education
Farmington Municipal Schools District Number Five
Tuesday, October 13, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Krista McWilliams, President
Andra Stradling, Vice President
Lisa Maxwell, Secretary
DeaZhan Maize, Deputy Secretary
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
Robert Emerson, Chief Technology Officer
Roberto Taboada, Public Information Officer
Lauryn Gonzales, Media Specialist
Michelle Blades, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:
Bobbi Newland, Chief Financial Officer
Nicole Lambson, Executive Director of Curriculum

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 5:15 PM

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

WELCOME TO GUESTS

Board Deputy Secretary Mazie and Board Member Begay shared some good things happening in the district.

- First, join us for the **Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Hogan on Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. at Tibbetts Middle School**. This family-friendly event is open to all FMS families and the community.
- Next, we invite you to an informational session on **Community Schools on Monday, October 26, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Central Office**. We

will discuss how community schools bring families, schools, and community partners together to support student success.

- Finally, please join us for the **Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Construction Skilled-Trades Lab on Tuesday, October 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Career and Technical Center, located at 301 N. Court Ave.** in Farmington.
    - The district is building a new 4,000-square-foot facility that will bring together high school carpentry students from Rocinante, Piedra Vista, and Farmington High under one roof. The Lab is set to open by Fall 2027, and the district plans to grow it to include training in other high-demand trades, giving even more students a head start on a stable, well-paying career right here in our community.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Board Secretary Maxwell 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.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND PATRONS

Dean of SJC School of Energy Alicia Corbell presented on the upcoming State and Local Bond Election in November

LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM

Kelli Matajcich shared her concerns with the Board on the decrease in enrollment. Equity, Student Mental Health and Belonging. Accessibility, Transparency and Community Involvement.

Rebecca Davis shared her concerts with the Board on the Technology use in Schools.

SUPERINTENDENT, STAFF AND BOARD REPORTS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Secretary Lisa Maxwell recommended the Board approve the Consent Agenda items 8a through 8t as presented.

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.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE ANIMAS ELEMENTARY 5TH GRADE TO CANYON DE CHELLY ON NOVEMBER 6, 2026

Animas Teacher Jim shared with the Board, this is the 2nd year in a role we are attending. 66 students will be going to get hands-on knowledge of their culture.

Board Secretary Maxwell recommended the Board approve the Animas Elementary 5th grade to Canyon De Chelly on November 6, 2026 as presented.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by Andra Stradling 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.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE FHS FFA TEAM TO DEMO RECF DRONES AND ROBOTICS AT THE NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN ON OCTOBER 21ST-23RD, 2026

FHS Teacher Greer shared with the Board this is the 1st time participation for the 4 students attending this convention. This will be the 99th convention held.

Board Vice President Stradling recommended the Board approve the FHS FFA team to demo RECF drones and Robotics at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 21st-23rd, 2026as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell 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.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE PVHS SOFTBALL FOR THE TENNESSEE TOURNAMENT MARCH 24TH-27TH, 2027

Board Vice President Stradling recommended the Board approve the FHS FFA team to demo RECF drones and Robotics at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 21st-23rd, 2026as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell 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.

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APPROVAL STEP - POLICY J-0950 ADMISSION OF TRANSFER STUDENTS

Board Member Begay recommended the Board approve Policy J-0950 Admission of Transfer Students as presented.

> It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to approve Policy J-0950 Admission of Transfer Students as presented. 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 I-6400 - Use of Technology Resources in Instruction -

READING STEP: Policy I-6411 - Use of Technology in Instruction

ADVANCED PLANNING

a.October 20, 2026 - NMSBA Region 1 meeting via Zoom 5pm
October 21, 2026 - TBMS Hogan Groundbreaking Ceremony 9am
October 27, 2026 - CATE Groundbreaking Ceremony 10am
November 4, 2026 - Holiday, All Offices Closed
November 10, 2026 Regular Work Session and Board Meeting
November 23-27, 2026 - Thanksgiving Break, All Offices Closed
December 3-5, 2026, NMSBA Annual Conference

ADJOURNMENT

> It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by DeaZhan Maize 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 6:18pm.

Attest Lisa Maxwell
Lisa Maxwell, Secretary

Signed _____
Krista McWilliams, President

Approved: November 10, 2026