

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**  
**Board of Education**  
**Farmington Municipal Schools District Number Five**  
**Tuesday, March 11, 2025**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Keith Corley, President  
Krista McWilliams, Vice President  
Andra Stradling, Secretary  
Lisa Maxwell, Deputy Secretary

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS MEETING WITH THE BOARD:**

Cody Diehl, Superintendent  
Chris Pash, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Bobbi Newland, Chief Financial Officer  
Nicole Lambson, Executive Director of Curriculum  
Nathan Pierantoni, Executive Director of Support Services  
Roberto Taboada, Public Information Officer  
Lauryn Gonzales, Media Specialist  
Michelle Blades, Administrative Assistant

**ABSENT:**

Isaac Gamboa, Executive Director of Operations and Athletics  
Robert Emerson, Chief Technology Officer

**WORK SESSION – 3:30 PM**

1. District 1 Board Seat Interviews

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 5:15 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order at 5:19pm by President Keith Corley.

**WELCOME TO GUESTS**

Board Deputy Secretary Lisa Maxwell shared some good things happening in the district.

The New Mexico Activities Association announced this week the outstanding students who have been awarded the 2024-2025 NMAA Foundation Scholarships.

- Congratulations to Carsyn James from Farmington High School, who earned the “El Richards / Frances Walsh Spirit” Scholarship of \$1,000, and
- Joannah Freeman from Piedra Vista High School, recipient of the “We Go Above. So You Can Go Beyond.” Scholarship of \$1,000.
- We congratulate Colton George from Piedra Vista for earning the Navajo Nation Seal of Bilingual Proficiency. This prestigious award honors students who have mastered the Diné language—a remarkable achievement. Last year, 23 students from Farmington Municipal Schools earned the New Mexico State Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy, with 22 students achieving it in Spanish and one in Navajo—a testament to our district’s commitment to language learning.
- We celebrated National School Social Work Week from March 2 to 8, a special time to recognize the incredible work of school social workers who support our students, families, and school communities. Thank you, school social workers.
- We also celebrated National Educational Diagnostician Week from March 5 to 10. Thank you to our diagnosticians supporting students and families.
- Finally, we want to wish the FHS Boys and Girls basketball playing at state. The Lady Scorpions play Carlsbad tonight at 8:15, and the Boys play Roswell to

### **CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA**

Superintendent Diehl recommended the agenda be adopted as written.

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

### **RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND PATRONS**

- a. Recognition FHS Senate and Business Professionals of America (BPA)- Presented by Rochelle Hastings. Recognition of FHS FCCLA - Presented by Travis Torres and Kolbe Williams
- b. Recognition and updates for Project Search - Presented by Chelsea Chairion
- c. State of NM recognition of Farmington Municipal Schools, McCormick Elementary Spanish Dual Language program for a Bilingual Recognition Award in Santa Fe on March 7th at the annual Bilingual Education Day 2025 at the NM State Legislature - Presented by Diane Arrington

### **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.

## **CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE 2025/2026 BILINGUAL APPLICATION TO NMPED**

Diane Arrington, Multicultural Director shared the application for BMEP with the Board.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the 2025/2026 Bilingual Application to NMPED as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the 2025/2026 Bilingual Application to NMPED. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Consent Agenda items 9a through 9m as presented.

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell seconded by Andra Stradling to approve Items 9a through 9m on the consent agenda. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **ACTION ITEM - Approval of the 24/25 Superintendent Evaluation**

President Corley asked for a motion for recommendation to approve the 24/25 Superintendent Evaluation as presented.

It was moved by Krista McWilliams seconded by Andra Stradling to approve the 24/25 Superintendent Evaluation as presented. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

## **ACTION ITEM - Approval of the Superintendent's Contract**

President Corley asked for a motion for recommendation to approve the Superintendent's Contract as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling seconded by Krista McWilliams to approve the Superintendent's Contract as presented. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Consideration to Approve the trip for SJCHS Science Research Club to the NAISEF**

Geizi Dejka, Science Teacher and Science Fair Research Club advisor shared with the Board the students were selected as a basic partner school, which means they will have to recruit students that will conduct science research investigations. The students will participate in the NAISEF on March 28th-29th. The trip is funded by NAISEF.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the SJCHS Science Research Club to the NAISEF as presented.

It was moved by Krista McWilliams seconded by Andra Stradling to approve SJCHS Science Research Club to the NAISEF. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Consideration to approve the out of state travel for FHS Business Professionals of America (BPA) to Orlando, Florida May 7-11, 2025**

Rochelle Hastings, FHS BPA sponsor shared that she is sending CJ Cain to Orlando in May for the BPA National conference.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the out of state travel for FHS Business Professionals of America (BPA) to Orlando, Florida May 7-11, 2025 as presented.

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell seconded by Andra Stradling to approve out of state travel for FHS Business Professionals of America (BPA) to Orlando, Florida May 7-11, 2025 . The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Consideration to Approve the trip for FHS FCCLA to Nationals in Florida this July 2025**

Travis Torres, FHS Teacher and FCCLA sponsor shared that he is sending Branda Brother to the FCCLA Nationals in Florida this July.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the trip for FHS FCCLA to Nationals in Florida this July 2025 as presented.

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell seconded by Krista McWilliams to approve the trip for FHS FCCLA to Nationals in Florida this July 2025 as presented. The

motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Consideration to Approve JROTC Robotics to Nationals for JROTC Robotics Championship i Dallas, Tx May 7th-12th, 2025**

Gretchen Greer, FHS Teacher shared with the Board via zoom that 2 teams competed at state and the B-team won the sportsmanship award.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the trip for JROTC Robotics to Nationals for JROTC Robotics Championship Dallas, Tx May 7th-12th, 2025 presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling seconded by Krista McWilliams to approve the trip for FHS FCCLA to Nationals in Florida this July 2025 as presented. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - Farmington Schools Board of Education will adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 10-15-1 H (2) to discuss limited personnel matters, specifically to discuss the annual evaluation of the Superintendent.**

Motion to adjourn to closed session by Andra Stradling seconded by Krista McWilliams. No action was taken during the closed session.

It was moved by Andra Stradling seconded by Krista McWilliams to go to Closed Session at 6:40pm. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**RECONVENE**

Motion to adjourn to Reconvene by Andra Stradling seconded by Lisa Maxwell.

It was moved by Andra Stradling seconded by Lisa Maxwell to Reconvene at 7:16pm. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**ADVANCED PLANNING**


- a. March 17th - 21st, 2025 - Spring Break - All offices closed
- b. April 1, 2025 - Regional Board Meeting, Dulce, NM

c. April 8, 2025 - Work Session and Board Meeting

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Krista McWilliams seconded by Lisa Maxwell to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote – Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley and Andra Stradling. Nays: None. Motion carried

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Andra Stradling, Secretary

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Keith Corley, President

Approved: April 8, 2025