

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Education  
Farmington Municipal Schools District Number Five  
Tuesday, February 10, 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  
Nicole Lambson, Executive Director of Curriculum  
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:**

Lauryn Gonzales, Media Specialist

**WORK SESSION – 3:45 PM**

1. Technology Update
2. District Data/PD

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 5:15 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**WELCOME TO GUESTS**

Board Member Begay shared some good things happening in the district;

**Congratulations to the Heights Middle School Symphonic Band on being named the recipient of Music for All's 2026 Advocacy in Action Award. This prestigious honor recognizes educators and programs that have created exceptional events or initiatives that make a meaningful impact within their field and community.**

**Congratulations to Hermosa Middle School for earning first place in the Middle School Division, and to Farmington High School for winning the High School Division of the Northwest New Mexico Science Olympiad.**

**Finally, as we recognized National School Counseling Week last week, we also want to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our FMS school counselors for their dedication and the incredible support they provide to our students every day. Thank you, FMS school counselors, for all that you do.**

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

Superintendent Diehl recommended the agenda be adopted as written.

Motion by Andra Stradling, seconded by DeaZhan Maize 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**

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Consent Agenda items 7a through 7g as presented.

Motion by, Lisa Maxwell seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve items 7a through 7g 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 NOTICE OF SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

Auditor Mr. Harrigan with RBC Capital Markets shared the issuance of general obligation bonds and the application to the New Mexico Finance Authority.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Notice of Sale of General Obligation Bonds and Delegation of Authority as presented.

Motion by Andra Stradling, seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve the Notice of Sale of General Obligation Bonds and Delegation of Authority 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 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION TO THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND PROJECT APPROVAL**

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Resolution authorizing submission of an application to the New Mexico Finance Authority for Financial assistance and project approval.

Motion by DeaZhan Maize, seconded by Andra Stradling to approve the New Mexico Finance Authority for Financial assistance and project approval as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**NOTIFICATION OF EPO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, EPO DISCIPLINE GUIDE FOR ADMINISTRATION, AND RESTRAINT AND SECLUSION POLICY**

EPO Director Ellsworth shared the State has sent a corrective action plan to disband our behavior program (this is state wide). We are working on getting a plan in action to move forward with the best interest of our students. Adjustments have been made to our Policy and Procedure (which matches the States requirement) and will continue as we see what works and does not work and make the right change.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the EPO Policies and Procedures, EPO Discipline Guide for Administration, and Restraint and Seclusion Policy as presented.

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell, seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve the EPO Policies and Procedures, EPO Discipline Guide for Administration, and Restraint and Seclusion Policy as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**RESCIND NOTICE FRP 206-01 FEE FARMINGTON PRE K ACADEMY**

Executive Director of Operations & Athletics Gamboa shared the funds are FBT's. We are still using the same vendor, same price and replicating FBT's RFP process.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Rescind Notice of RFP 2026-01 FEE Farmington Pre K Academy as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to approve the Rescind Notice of RFP 2026-01 FEE Farmington Pre K Academy as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL RFP 2026-02 ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES**

Executive Director of Operations & Athletics Gamboa shared with the Bond approval in November 2025, we have used the architectural services to get the best pricing for the projects. Four different architectural firms were awarded for the upcoming projects.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Rescind Notice of RFP 2026-02 Architectural and Engineering Design Services as presented.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to approve the RFP 2026-02 Architectural and Engineering Design Services as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL RFP 2026-03 PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION, HIGH RELIABILITY**

Chief Financial Officer Newland shared per the Audit finding last year of High Reliability Schools. All procedures were followed. One respondent, Marzano Associates, is High Reliability School.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Rescind Notice of RFP 2026-03 Professional Collaboration, High Reliability as presented.

It was moved by DeaZhan Maize, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the RFP 2026-03 Professional Collaboration, High Reliability as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF THE 2026/27 DISTRICT CALENDAR**

Executive Director of Human Resources Pierantoni shared this the preliminary calendar for 2026/27SY. Feedback was used from staff last year, with seven days of professional development. Two days of family engagement. No jump start date due to the financial cost to the district.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the calendar as presented, with the exception of striking the graduation dates and this is a draft calendar subject to change.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to approve the 2026/27SY District Calendar as presented with the exception of striking the graduation dates and this is a draft calendar subject to change. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **NMSBA STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATION**

Superintendent Diehl shared the NMSBA Student nomination form with the Board. All nominations are due to NMSBA by March 6, 2026.

### **CLOSED 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.**

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to go to Closed Session at 6:05pm. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

### **RECONVENE**

Motion to adjourn to Reconvene by Andra Stradling, seconded by Alyssa Begay.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Alyssa Begay to Reconvene at 7:25pm. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board has reconvened in open session at 7:25pm. Let the record reflect that while in closed session, the Board limited its discussion to personnel matters, specifically to discuss the annual evaluation of the Superintendent., and no final action was taken on any of those matters.

### **ADVANCED PLANNING**

- a. February 16, 2026 - Holiday, all offices closed.
- March 9th, 2026 - Special Meeting
- March 10, 2026 - Regular work session and Board meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, 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.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

Attest   
Lisa Maxwell, Secretary

Signed   
Krista McWilliams, President

Approved: March 10, 2026