

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Board of Education
Farmington Municipal Schools District Number Five
Tuesday, May 12, 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
Lauryn Gonzales, Media Specialist
Michelle Blades, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

WORK SESSION – 3:45 PM

1. Presentation on the Sale of Real Property - Presented by Rod Montoya
2. a. Budget Overview
b. Gifted/Enrichment Platform
c. K-12 District Priorities

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 5:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

WELCOME TO GUESTS

Board Secretary Maxwell shared some good things happening in the district:

- Congratulations to **Farmington High's Girls Tennis Team, winners of the 5A Team Title at the 2026 State Tennis Championships!** The ladies defeated Santa Fe 5–1 in the final on Saturday.

- Congratulations to **Marley Deswood and Hannah Yazzie of Farmington High School, winners of the 5A Girls Doubles Title at the 2026 NMAA State Tennis Championships!** They claimed victory against Rio Rancho in a hard-fought match.
- We also extend our heartfelt congratulations to **FHS Tennis Coach Pat McGrath**, who is retiring this year after an incredible 33 years of coaching and 9 state trophies.
- We celebrate **National School Principals and Assistant Principals' Day, observed on May 1st.** Thank you for your tireless leadership and everything you do for our schools and students.
- We also celebrate **Teacher Appreciation Week, May 4–8.** A teacher's dedication shapes the confidence, curiosity, and character of every student they teach — leaving an impact that reaches far beyond the classroom and lasts a lifetime. Thank you.
- This week, we are shining a spotlight on **Career & Technical Education and Work-Based Learning** at Farmington Municipal Schools. Visit our website and social media channels to hear directly from our students — their voices, their visions, and the real experiences shaping their futures right here in our community. We hope you'll take a look.
- Finally, a reminder to families: **Student Registration is now open at FMS.** Visit farmingtonschools.us to enroll or to find more information.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Superintendent Diehl recommended the agenda be adopted with Items 4f and 6a being moved to the June Board meeting.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to adopt the agenda with items 4f and 6a moved to the June Board meeting. 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

- a. Recognition of FHS, PVHS and SJCHS students receiving the NM State Seal of Bilingualism and Biliteracy - Presented by Diane Arrington
- b. Recognition of the FHS Patient Care Technician (PCT) Students - Presented by Terri McCartney
- c. Recognition of the State Power lifting champion; Haleigh Doyle - Presented by Tyrell Curtis
- d. Recognition of the Junior Chef Competition Winners - Presented by Madalyn Templeton
- e. Recognition of the 2026 NMSBA Student Scholarship Nominee - Alice Faye Calabaza - Presented by Superintendent. Recognition of Best Community for Music Education - Presented by Daniel Fear
- d.
- e.
- f.

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 8a through 8g as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the Consent agenda items 8a through 8g 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 FHS, PVHS AND HTMS STUDENTS TO THE NATIONAL HISTORY DAY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON JUNE 13TH - 18TH, 2026 IN MARYLAND

Ms. Davis shared with the Board that 15 students from FHS, PVHS and HTMS have qualified for the National History Day National Conference in Maryland.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the FHS, PVHS and HTMS students to the National History Day National Conference on June 13th-18th, 2026 in Maryland.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve the FHS, PVHS and HTMS students to the National History Day National Conference on June 13th-18th, 2026 in Maryland 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 FHS KEY CLUB TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON JULY 1ST-5TH IN DALLAS, TX

Vice President Stradling motioned to move this item to the June Board meeting.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to move the FHS Key Club to the International Convention on July 1st-5th in Dallas, TX to the June Board meeting. 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 HOSA TO THE NATIONAL COMPETITION IN JUNE 2026 IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN

Ms. McCartney shared that 4 students qualified for HOSA Nationals.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the FHS HOSA to the National Competition in June 2026 in Indianapolis, IN as presented.

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to approve the FHS HOSA to the National Competition in June 2026 in Indianapolis, IN 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 FHS THEATRE TO COMPETE AT THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL ON JUNE 21ST-26TH, 2026 AT INDIAN UNIVERSITY IN BLOOMINGTON, INDIAN

Mr. Green shared that 2 students Randy James and Ashlyn Evans qualified to attend the International Thespian Festival.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the FHS Theatre to compete at the International Thespian Festival on June 21st-26th, 2026 at Indian University in Bloomington, Indian as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the FHS Theatre to compete at the International Thespian Festival on June 21st-26th, 2026 at Indian University in Bloomington, Indian 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 PVHS THEATRE STUDENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL THESPIAN FESTIVAL IN BLOOMINGTON, IN ON JUNE 21ST-26TH, 2026

Mr. Gleason shared 5 students qualified to attend the International Thespian Festival in Bloomington.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the PVHS Theatre students to the International Thespian Festival in Bloomington, IN on June 21st-26th, 2026 as presented.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the PVHS Theatre students to the International Thespian Festival in Bloomington, IN on June 21st-26th, 2026 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 2026-2027 IDEA APPLICATION

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the 2026-2027 IDEA Application as presented.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to approve the 2026-2027 IDEA Application 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 FAEA 2026-2027 APPLICATION FOR K-6 FUNDING

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the 2026-2027 Application for K-6 Funding as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve the 2026-2027 Application for K-6 Funding 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 THE CHANGES TO THE 2026/27 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the changes to the 2026/27 District Calendar as presented.

It was moved by DeaZhan Maize, seconded by Andra Stradling to approve the changes to the 2026/27 District Calendar 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 2026/27 PRELIMINARY DISTRICT BUDGET

CFO Newland shared the 2026/27 Preliminary District Budget with the Board.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the 2026/27 Preliminary District Budget as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the 2026/27 Preliminary District Budget 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 BUDGET ITEMS MEMO

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Budget Items Memo as 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 THE ITB 2026-01

Executive Director of Operations and Athletics Gamboa shared there were 4 respondents to the ITB.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the ITB 2026-01 as presented.

It was moved by DeaZhan Maize, seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve the ITB 2026-01 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 ONLINE AUCTION OF DISTRICT VEHICLES

Executive Director of Operations and Athletics Gamboa shared that 2 District vehicles are no longer useful for the District.

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

DISCUSSION OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS

Superintendent Diehl asked the Board to look at dates and goals to set for the October Community Engagement Sessions and approve at the June board meeting.

DISCUSSION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

Superintendent Diehl shared with the Board on changing the name of the JDC as it shows on student transcripts and approved it at the June Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. The Board of Education will adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(7) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the disposal of real property belonging to the School District and discussion of pricing for sale and exchange of other considerations, and provide direction to the Superintendent for same pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H)(8) of the Open Meetings Act. No action will be taken and only the items listed will be discussed.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Alyssa Begay to go to Closed Session at 7:10pm. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Lisa Maxwell, Krista McWilliams, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RECONVENE

It was moved by DeaZhan Maize, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to Reconvene at 7:46pm. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Lisa Maxwell, Krista McWilliams, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at pm. Let the record reflect that while in closed session, the Board limited its discussion to discuss the disposal of real property belonging to the School District and discussion of pricing for sale and exchange of other considerations and provide direction to the Superintendent.

ACTION

Discuss and provide delegation to the Superintendent the authority to negotiate the sale of real property along the direction and authority provided by the Board and to submit the final of any proposed sale to the Board for approval.

Superintendent Diehl recommended that the Board provide delegation to the Superintendent the authority to negotiate sale of real property along the direction and authority provided by the Board and to submit the final of any proposed sale to the Board for approval.

Andra Stradling motioned to table this agenda item for the next board meeting to allow time for the board to gather more data. It was seconded by DeaZhan Maize. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: Alyssa Begay and Krista McWilliams. Motion was tabled.

ADVANCED PLANNING

- a. May 15, 2026 - San Juan College High School Graduation.
- May 18, 2026 - Farmington High School Graduation.
- May 19, 2026 - Piedra Vista High School Graduation.
- May 20, 2026 - Rocinante High School Graduation.
- May 21, 2026 - Last day of school.
- May 25, 2026 - Holiday, all offices closed.
- June 4 -6, 2026 - NMSBA School Law Conference -Albuquerque
- June 9, 2026 - Regular work session and Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell, seconded by Andra Stradling 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 7:50at pm.

Attest Lisa Maxwell.
Lisa Maxwell, Secretary

Signed Krista McWilliams
Krista McWilliams, President

Approved: June 9, 2026