

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Board of Education
Farmington Municipal Schools District Number Five
Tuesday, December 9, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Keith Corley, President
Krista McWilliams, Vice President
Andra Stradling, Secretary
Lisa Maxwell, Deputy Secretary
DeaZhan Maize, 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
Nicole Lambson, Executive Director of Curriculum
Robert Emerson, Chief Technology Officer
Roberto Taboada, Public Information Officer
Michelle Blades, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:

Lauryn Gonzales, Media Specialist

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 5:15 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

WELCOME TO GUESTS

Vice President, Krista McWilliams shared some good things happening in the district.:

- **FMS would like to share some wonderful news from the recent SkillsUSA Regional Competition. Students from San Juan College High School and the CATE Center represented the district with pride. We congratulate all of them for their hard work and commitment.**
 - **Special congratulations go to Dawson Rhodes and Cutler Wilkie for earning first and second place in the Automotive category. We also celebrate Alejandro Magallanes for earning first place in the Diesel category. All three students have qualified for the state competition in March. Go Griffins!**

- This past weekend at the Bobby Rodriguez Capital City Tournament in Santa Fe, the Farmington High School Lady Scorpions won the championship for the second year in a row, defeating the Santa Fe Demonettes 51 to 37. Our boys team finished as the tournament runner-up. Go Scorp!
- Also, this past weekend, newly elected and reelected Board of Education members Ms. Andra Stradling, Mr. Deazhan Maize, and Ms. Alyssa Begay took their oath of office at the 2025 School Boards Association Annual Convention in Albuquerque. A swearing-in ceremony will also take place here in January.
- Finally, we would like to highlight the important work being done by our Student Nutrition Department and our schools to provide food and resources for students and families in need.
 - At Ladera, Ms. Phillip's class has coordinated an outstanding Community Pantry filled with essential items, breakfast staples, easy lunch options, meal kits, and even desserts.
 - At Apache, Ms. Becca Griffith and the Community Partnership Team have developed a Community Closet that offers families essential resources such as clothing, shoes, toys, school supplies, and household items. The team is also working to continue developing this space and may offer laundry services in the future.
 - At Central Kitchen, on December 19 and December 29 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., FMS will provide five-day breakfast and lunch meal kits to FMS students ages 0 to 18 who need food support. We encourage families and community members to take advantage of these resources.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Superintendent Diehl recommended the agenda be adopted as written.

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

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND PATRONS

Ms. McCartney shared that Farmington High School HOSA team (Healthcare CTSO) recently competed in Albuquerque at the North Regional Competition. Several of the students placed very high (including a few 1st-place finishers), and 13 out of 14 qualified for the state competition in April.

LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM

Ms. Oakes, Ms. Bruggeman and Ms. West shared their concern regarding the Social Worker position not being refilled with the leaving of Ms. Dowdy.

STUDENT INSTRUCTION

Principal of Apache, Ms. Terry shared some updates on the Community School at Apache.

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 9a through 9g as presented.

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

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

Ms. Newland shared the 1st quarter Cash Report with the Board.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE TIBBETTS MIDDLE SCHOOL TO GO TO LOOKING ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE FOR STUDENTS

Ms. Cheryl Willie shared its a great opportunity for the students to learn new things throughout the conference.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve Tibbetts Middle School go to Looking Across the Mountain Conference for Students as presented.

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to Tibbetts Middle School going to Looking Across the Mountain Conference as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE FHS JROTC TO NATIONAL VEX ROBOTICS COMPETITION IN SANDUSKY, OHIO FROM JANUARY 25TH TO 26TH, 2026

Col. Hogan shared the robotics team is made up of mostly JROTC cadets. This competition is sponsored worldwide, FHS is ranked in the top 49th.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve FHS JROTC to National VEX Robotics Competition in Sandusky, Ohio from January 25th through January 26th, 2026 as presented.

It was moved by DeaZhan Maize, seconded by Krista McWilliams to approve FHS JROTC to National VEX Robotics Competition in Sandusky, Ohio from January 25th through January 26th, 2026 as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE WINNING PROPOSAL FOR FURNITURE, FIXTURES AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW FARMINGTON PRESCHOOL ACADEMY AS SPECIFIED IN RFP #2026-01

Mr. Gamboa shared that we went through the RFP process to show the state we would be fiscally responsible with their funds. We are way under budget, which leaves room to continue to purchase other equipment.

Vice President Krista McWilliams motioned the Board to approve The Winning Proposal for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new Farmington Preschool Academy as specified in RFP #2026-01 as presented.

It was moved by Krista McWilliams, seconded by Lisa Evans to approve The Winning Proposal for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the new Farmington Preschool Academy as specified in RFP #2026-01 as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE TURF AND LIGHTING PROJECTS

Mr. Gamboa shared that last spring the Board had approved the budget for this year allocating a portion for maintenance and facility upgrades. He shared the lighting and turf costs will eliminate the utility and labor costs we have paid out in the past years in excess of \$300,000.

Vice President Krista McWilliams motioned the Board approve The Turf and Lighting Project as presented.

It was moved by Krista McWilliams, seconded by Andra Stradling to approve The Turf and Lighting Project as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE DISTRICT ONLINE AUCTION OF VEHICLES - BUSES

Mr. Gamboa shared the last 3 buses with mechanical issues are ready to be cycled out.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the District online Auction of Vehicles - Buses as presented.

It was moved by Krista McWilliams, seconded by Andra Stradling to approve The Turf and Lighting Project as presented. The motion carried with the following

- Ayes: Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Keith Corley, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADVANCED PLANNING

- a. Recognition of outgoing Board President - Keith Corley
- b. December 22nd - January 2nd - Holiday Break. All offices closed
- January 13, 2026 - Regular work session and Board meeting

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

Attest 
Andra Stradling, Secretary

Signed 
Keith Corley, President

Approved: December 19, 2025