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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Board of Education
Farmington Municipal Schools District Number Five
Tuesday, March 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
Bobbi Newland, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Emerson, Chief Technology Officer
Roberto Taboada, Public Information Officer
Michelle Blades, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT:
Lauryn Gonzales, Media Specialist
Isaac Gamboa, Executive Director Operations and Athletics

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 5:15 PM

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

WELCOME TO GUESTS

President McWilliams shared some good things happening in the district:

FHS Girls Basketball is playing in the Quarter Finals at 8:15pm tonight at the PIT in Albuquerque.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Superintendent Diehl recommended the agenda be adopted as written.

> It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to adopt the agenda as written. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa

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Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND PATRONS

Grace McFarland, teacher who shared the Heights Robotics Club competed in their FIRST Lego League Robotics competition.

LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM

Rebecca Davis shared her concern for the change in Bilingual Program at Esperanza and District wide.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE APACHE ELEMENTARY 4TH GRADE TO CANYON DE CHELLY ON APRIL 30, 2026

LaRosa Dawes, teacher at Apache, shared she is taking (70) 4th grade students to Canyon De Chelly on April 30, 2026. There is also a Park Ranger giving the students a friendly hike and he has offered to come to school with a presentation to all students.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Apache Elementary 4th Grade to Canyon De Chelly on April 30, 2026 as presented.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by Andra Stradling to approve the Apache Elementary 4th Grade to Canyon De Chelly on April 30, 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 HEIGHTS ROBOTICS CLUB TO THE COMPETITION AT DREW UNIVERSITY IN MADISON, NJ ON JUNE 6TH-7TH, 2026

Grace McFarland, teacher shared she is taking 10 students and their parents to the American Robotics Invitational. This is the only team from New Mexico invited.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the Heights Robotics Club to the competition at Drew University in Madison, NJ on June 6th-7th, 2026 as presented.

It was moved by DeaZhan Maize, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the Heights Robotics Club to the competition at Drew University in Madison, NJ on June 6th-7th, 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.

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CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE SJCHS BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS OF AMERICA CHAPTER TO THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN NASHVILLE, TN MAY 6TH-10TH, 2026

Jillian Slindee teacher shared this is the 1st year SJCHS has participated. 6 students qualified for Nationals and only 3 are going.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the SJCHS Business Professionals of America Chapter to the National Conference in Nashville, TN May 6th-10th, 2026 as presented.

> It was moved by Lisa Maxwell, seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve the SJCHS Business Professionals of America Chapter To the National Conference in Nashville, TN May 6th-7th, 2026as 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 EDUCATORS RISING STUDENTS TO NATIONALS IN PORTLAND, OREGON JUNE 18TH-24TH, 2026

Brittany Beckner teacher, shared 11 girls went to State, 10 qualified for Nationals. She is taking 9 students.

Superintendent Diehl recommended the Board approve the PVHS Educators Rising Students to Nationals in Portland, Oregon June 18th-24th, 2026 as presented.

> It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve the PVHS Educators Rising Students to Nationals in Portland, Oregon June 18th-24th, 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.

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 8o as presented.

> It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the Consent Agenda items 8a through 8o as presented. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES

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Chief Financial Officer Newland shared the 2nd Quarter Cash Report.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Superintendent Diehl shared the Technology Use/Survey PreK - 5, Teacher Survey and Parent Survey with the Board. The Board was asked to choose and/or add 3 questions for the Technology survey that will be sent out to Teachers and parents in April.

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 Andra Stradling, seconded by Alyssa Begay to go to Closed Session at 6:10pm. 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 Lisa Maxwell to Reconvene at 6:54pm. 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.

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM - APPROVAL OF THE 25-26 SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

Deputy Secretary Maize motioned to approve the 25-26 Superintendent Evaluation.

It was moved by DeaZhan Maize, seconded by Alyssa Begay to approve the 25-26 Superintendent Evaluation. 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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POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM - APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

Board member Begay motioned to approve the Superintendent contract.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay, seconded by DeaZhan Maize to approve the Superintendent Contract. The motion carried with the following - Ayes: Alyssa Begay, Krista McWilliams, Lisa Maxwell, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADVANCED PLANNING

a. March 16th - 20th, 2026 - Holiday Break, all offices closed.
March 30, 2026 - Region 1 Board Meeting in Gallup.
April 3, 2026 - Holiday, all offices closed.
April 14, 2026 - Regular work session and Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell 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 6:56 pm.

Attest Lisa Maxwell
Lisa Maxwell, Secretary

Signed Krista McWilliams
Krista McWilliams, President

Approved: April 14, 2026