



Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Fort Davis ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Fort Davis ISD was held on Monday, May 11 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Boardroom of the Administration Bldg, 401 Webster Ave., Fort Davis, Texas. The following were present:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Administration</u>	<u>Faculty & Staff</u>	<u>Visitors</u>
Pene Ferguson	X		Jason Crow	Juan Hernandez	Mandy Roane
Brenda Vargas		X	Amanda Jimenez	Laura Gonzalez	Cathy Rhudy
Julie McIvor	X		Michelle Hartmann	Darren Kesselus	Adrianna (Sheriff Dept)
Julia Hernandez		X	Cheryl Tam-Villanueva	Greg Meads (prayer)	
James Weaver	X				Dr. Eubanks
Ben Wilson	X				
Tommy Everett Jr	X				

1. Call to Order

James Weaver, Board President called the regular meeting of the Fort Davis ISD Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledges & Invocation

Led by Greg Meads

3. Public Forum

4. Communication Reports

Campus Reports – Principal, Darren Kesselus

Mr. Kesselus handed out yearbooks to board members; advised that achievements and recognitions have been posted to facebook

4.1 Student Achievement (Academic and/or Athletic)

4.2 Attendance – 94.59

Deputy Superintendent, Michelle Hartmann

Drop in enrollment; parents were notified they received TEFA which could be a factor in enrollment; Region 18 on site visit on Thursday; working on renewing partnerships contracts for 2026-2027; waiting to hear on 21st Century Grant, Laura Bush library, and Moody Foundation; summer service for teachers; mentor teacher program have reached out to Midland Christian; going thru needs assessment and curriculum

Dr. Eubanks – talked about the Strong Foundations grant; support teaches on implementing the program; 3 yr grant; will be at campus for 70 days during the 2026-2027 school year; come up with an action plan; support teachers; will be a challenge

Superintendent, Jason Crow

OAP honor crew in Austin, 2 went to state tennis, 1 to state UIL, SRSU career fair, Sports Banquet; bachelorette on Saturday at the Baptist church; Sr. sunset and BBQ; graduation

4.3 Calendar of Events – testing, events

4.4 Student Enrollment Report – is going down not up

4.5 Facilities

4.6 Other Relevant Reports for the District

- SB546 School Bus Seat Belt Costs – Determination of Financial Feasibility
- SB546 School Bus Seat Belt Costs – Report on number of Buses equipped and cost estimate

- By 2030 all will need to be outfitted with seat belts; grants may be available down the line; mandated by state; 4 of our buses are fully equipped;
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- Approval of School Calendar
- Good Cause Exception, TEC 37.0814
 - Has to be on record to why we don't have a school police officer; due to budget constraints;
- Report of Intruder Detection Audit
 - Discuss in closed; findings
- Fiscal Management Review (FMR) Final Report
 - Good news it has been closed; no further action at this time; improve our fiscal responsibility for the district; working to get things cleaned up and on the right path to get finances back up; don't need to be relying on partnerships to be able to sustain;
- Facility Plan based on Fiscal Management Review, Safety Audits, and other relevant information
 - 60 days with Jason being Superintendent; a lot of responses with TEA; enrollment is not going up; dropped over 35% since COVID; projected to be less next year; facilities about 50% capacity at both campuses; utilities for this school year, 40% is Dirks Anderson; people come out to look at facilities and things need to be repaired; ideal thing for the district moving forward is to combine both campuses; long term sustainability hard decisions have to be made at some point; Pene – 2024 evaluation on facilities; Dirks Anderson being historic; looking at some way to repurpose Dirks Anderson for use by community; renting portions out; making it functional as we can; don't have answers today but open to have conversations with people to see what it can be used for; Pene – daycare options, after school programs; Julie Dirks Anderson needs lots of repair; will not have the answers tonight; James – worried about gyms/playground for students during recess
Michelle – has been working on a plan on how they can do recess
Jason – get child nutrition up and running but can't afford to do in two places

- Reminder on board training/conference dates
 - June 1st in district training

Financials

4.7 Investment Report – board has a handout

4.8 Financial Report – board has a handout

137 average days cash on hand; grants help support needs; Morgan's last day May 22nd but will be contracting with Region 12 to help with transition

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Approval of Minutes

Motion: I move to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motioned By: Julie McIvor

Seconded By: Tommy Everett Jr

All in Favor (5-0)

5.2 Approval of Accounts Payable, including review of Superintendent office expenses.

6. New Business/Action Items

6.1 Discussion and possible action to appoint Juan Hernandez to be an authorized representative to the FDISD LoneStar Investment Pool Account.

Motion: I move to approve Juan Hernandez as an authorized representative to the FDISD LoneStar Investment Pool Account.

Motioned By: Pene Ferguson

Seconded By: Ben Wilson

All in Favor (5-0)

6.2 Discussion and action to add Juan Hernandez to the local bank account at Maverick Bank, account ending in 1674.

Motion: I move to approve Juan Hernandez to be added to the local FDISD Maverick Bank account.

Motioned By: Pene Ferguson

Seconded By: Ben Wilson

All in Favor (5-0)

6.3 Discussion and possible action to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar. 173 student calendar/185 teacher; every end of 6 weeks have an in-service day

Motion: I move to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented.

Motioned By: Tommy Everett Jr.

Seconded By: Julie McIvor

All In Favor (5-0)

6.4 Discussion and possible action to enter into a business service contract with Region 12 Service Center.

No Action Needed since it falls under Superintendent's threshold; contract from 6/1 – 8/31/2026 and then can re-up next year

6.5 Discussion and possible action to approve the Fort Davis Education Foundation to use Dirks-Anderson from July 6-17, 2026 for Summer Enrichment Camp.

Mandy – Education foundation received private grant for 2 weeks of camp; provide supplies, pay someone to oversee the camp; 2-3 teachers, 2-3 college students; floater; supplies and meals and any supplies can be used for next year; will add in dollars for utilities; playground will resume

once school is out; K-5th grade, 12-14 kids, access to classrooms, gym, outdoors, internet; showcase for parents to show what kids learned

Motion: I move to approve the Fort Davis Education Foundation to use Dirks-Anderson from July 6-17, 2026 for Summer Enrichment Camp.

Motioned By: Ben Wilson

Seconded By: Tommy Everett Jr

All In Favor (5-0)

- 6.6 Discuss and possible action to determine financial feasibility of bus purchases.

7 in fleet - 4 are fully equipped; 1 with lap belts, 1 mix with 3 & 2 point, and one without; have until 2030 to purchase or fix current buses

Motion: I move to approve it is not financially feasible for the FDISD to purchase new buses with 3 point seatbelts.

Motioned By: Pene Ferguson

Seconded By: Ben Wilson

All In Favor (5-0)

- 6.7 Discussion and possible action to approve budget amendment of \$5,209.05 – to be moved from maintenance to safety & security to cover additional costs from Armoured One..

Findings from vendor came out to be more than originally quoted.

Motion: I move to approve the budget amendment of \$5,209.05 from maintenance to safety and security.

Motioned By: Ben Wilson

Seconded By: Tommy Everett Jr.

All In Favor (5-0)

7. **Executive Session – went to closed session at 6:55 pm**

- 7.1 Consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 551.071 and 551.129.
- 7.2 Deliberation regarding real property, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.072.
- 7.3 Personnel appointment, assignment, dismissal, resignations, or other duties, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.
- 7.4 Discuss discipline, or complaint, matters, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.082.

8. Reconvene from Executive Session for action relative to items considered during Executive Session – reconvened from executive session at 10:00 pm.

- 8.1 Personnel hiring, or other possible actions.

Motion: I move approve dual AD contract for Gary Beam for the school year 2026-2027.

Motioned By: Pene Ferguson

Seconded By: Tommy Everett Jr.

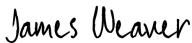
All In Favor (5-0)

9. Adjournment

- 9.1 Adjourn Meeting

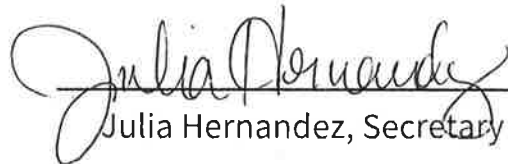
Board Member Tommy Everett Jr. motioned to adjourn the meeting of Fort Davis ISD at 10:01 pm.

Signed by:

James Weaver

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James Weaver, President

Julia Hernandez, Secretary