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:

Board Members	Present	Absent	Administration	Faculty & Staff	Visitors
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 at 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
Julia Hernandez, Secretary