MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
Board of Education
Farmington Municipal Schools District Number Five
Tuesday, January 13, 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
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:
Nicole Lambson, Executive Director of Curriculum

WORK SESSION – 3:45 PM

1. 1st Semester Data and Curriculum Update

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – 5:15 PM

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

WELCOME TO GUESTS

Board Member Mazie shared some good things happening in the district.

FMS Student Nutrition
- We want to thank our FMS Student Nutrition team for their dedication to feeding our students and for providing meals to families during the Christmas break. Excellent job.

Girls' Basketball Achievements

• Congratulations to our girls' basketball teams at Farmington High and Piedra Vista High for their outstanding tournament victories in December. Farmington High won the Hobbs Holiday Tournament, and Piedra Vista claimed the Rumble in the Jungle Tournament.

Operations and Safety Updates

We want to recognize our Operations and Safety teams for their outstanding work.

• First, state approvals have been received to move forward with rebuilding Mesa Verde and Heights.

• Projects are underway to improve athletic fields and training areas across our campuses.

• Progress continues at the Preschool Academy, including classroom painting and the installation of heating and cooling systems.

• And, protective window film is being installed this month to enhance campus security in all our schools.

Piedra Vista Theatre

• Lastly, if you have time after the Board of Education meeting, we encourage you to attend Piedra Vista Theatre's production of Elephant's Graveyard. This powerful and moving story of a struggling circus and its tragic encounter with a small town seeking revenge is a must-see.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

Presiding district Judge Brenna Clani-Washinawatok swore in the new elected Board members for:

District 1 - Mr. DeaZhan Maize
District 2 - Ms. Andra Stradling
District 3 - Ms. Alyssa Begay

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICERS

Board Secretary Stradling nominated Krista McWilliams for President.

It was moved by Andra Stradling and seconded by DeaZhan Maize to appoint Krista McWilliams for Board President as presented. The motion carried with the following vote - Ayes; Alyssa Begay, Lisa Maxwell, Krista McWilliams, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

Superintendent Diehl recommended the agenda be adopted as written.

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

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS, STAFF AND PATRONS

George Sharpe, with Merrion Oil & Gas, recognized the students who completed the 2025 Petroleum Engineering Mentorship class.

Executive Director of Human Resources, Nate Pierantoni and National Board Certified Mentor, Kyla Johnson recognized the teachers who received their National Board Certification for 2024 and 2025.

LIMITED PUBLIC FORUM

Kelly Gong and Meade Pandya, representing 24/7newmexico.com, shared the brochures on Free Nicotine resources for our schools.

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 10a through 10g as presented.

> It was moved by Andra Stradling, seconded by Lisa Maxwell to approve the Consent Agenda items 10a through 10g as presented. 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. January 19, 2026 - Holiday, all offices closed.
b. February 5-7, 2026 NMSBA Board Member Institute Conference in Santa Fe, NM
c. February 10, 2026 - Regular work session and Board meeting.

Board Deputy Secretary Maxwell nominated Andra Stradling for Vice President.

It was moved by Lisa Maxwell and seconded by DeaZhan Maize to appoint Andra Stradling for Board Vice President as presented. The motion carried with the following vote - Ayes; Alyssa Begay, Lisa Maxwell, Krista McWilliams, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board member Begay nominated Lisa Maxwell for Secretary.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay and seconded by Andra Stradling to appoint Lisa Maxwell for Board Secretary as presented. The motion carried with the following vote - Ayes; Alyssa Begay, Lisa Maxwell, Krista McWilliams, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board Vice President Stradling nominated DeaZhan Maize for Deputy Secretary.

It was moved by Andra Stradling and seconded by Lisa Maxwell to appoint DeaZhan Maize for Board Deputy Secretary as presented. The motion carried with the following vote - Ayes; Alyssa Begay, Lisa Maxwell, Krista McWilliams, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES

Board Member Begay nominated DeaZhan Maize, Board Secretary and Krista McWilliams, Board President to the Finance committee. Those nominated accepted.

It was moved by Alyssa Begay and seconded by Andra Stradling to appoint DeaZhan Maize, Board Deputy Secretary and Krista McWilliams, Board President to the Finance Committee as presented. The motion carried with the following vote - Ayes; Alyssa Begay, Lisa Maxwell, Krista McWilliams, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Board President McWilliams nominated Lisa Maxwell, Board Secretary and Andra Stradling, Vice President to the Audit committee. Those nominated accepted.

It was moved by Krista McWilliams and seconded by Alyssa Begay to appoint Lisa Maxwell, Board Secretary and Andra Stradling, Board Vice President to the Audit Committee as presented. The motion carried with the following vote - Ayes; Alyssa Begay, Lisa Maxwell, Krista McWilliams, Andra Stradling and DeaZhan Maize. Nays: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by DeaZhan Maize, 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 6:07 pm.

Attest Lisa Maxwell
Lisa Maxwell, Secretary

Signed Krista McWilliams
Krista McWilliams, President

Approved: February 10, 2026