

Marble Falls Independent School District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 18, 2024

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Kevin Naumann, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. at the Marble Falls Central Office at 1800 Colt Circle, Marble Falls, TX. A quorum was present; notice of this meeting was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

**Board Members Present:** Kevin Naumann, Larry Berkman, Mandy McCary, Alex Payson, Crystal Tubig, Kevin Virdell, Gary Boshears

**Board Members Absent:**

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Stan Whittle, Yarda Leflet, Bill Orr, Dr. Heather Metzgar, Soor-el Puga, Pedro Garcia, Nathan Fink, Mackie Price, Danielle Hinson, Patrick Hinson, Rudy Gonzalez, Melissa Fletcher, Kara Gasaway, Michael Haley, Suzie Neuenschwander, Keri Timmerman,

**Members of the Press:** None

### **Special Recognitions**

#### **Superintendent's Award**

Kara Gasaway, Principal at Spicewood Elementary presented 2 of her 5<sup>th</sup> grade students as the November *Superintendent Award* recipients. Elizabeth Copeland and Brody Freeman were recognized for the positive impact they have on the campus and comments from their teachers as to why they were selected were shared. The students were given gift bags from their Principals and Dr. Gasaway presented them with a certificate and gift card.

#### **Going the Extra Mile Award**

Danielle Hinson and Kara Gasaway introduced Spicewood Elementary Teacher Beth Coyle as the *GEM Award* recipient for November. Ms. Gasaway shared remarks highlighting Ms. Coyle's dedication to her students and the overall impact she has on the campus. Ms. Coyle received an award and certificate as well as a gift. At the conclusion of this presentation representatives from PEC awarded Ms. Coyle with their Teacher Spotlight Award.

#### **Spotlight on Excellence**

Dr. Gasaway recognized the November *Spotlight on Excellence* recipient Willie Delaney for his inspiring love and dedication to the students and staff of MFISD. The presentation began with a video of Falls Principal Clark Fields and Middle School Teacher Shannon Gage sharing the reasons they nominated Mr. Delaney for the award. Dr. Gasaway also spoke on the positive impact Mr. Delaney makes daily on the district. Mr. Delaney was presented with an award and certificate for his achievement.

#### **Spotlight on Engagement**

Yarda Leflet announced Highland Lakes Elementary Teacher Pauline Ramirez as the November *Spotlight on Engagement* recipient. Ms. Leflet listed some of the many reasons that Ms. Ramirez was selected for this honor including her love and support for her students and their families. For her achievement, Ms. Ramirez received an award and certificate.

**Marble Falls High School Cross Country Team State Qualifiers**

MFHS Coach Brenda Gonzalez recognized Senior Tyler Hamblin and Freshman Reese Massey for their outstanding Cross Country seasons and their advancement to the State Meet. Both student athletes were commended for their achievements, hard work and dedication not only in their sport but also in the classroom.

**Marble Falls High School Band State Qualifiers**

MFHS Band Director Tony Leflet presented members of the MFHS Band and their assistant directors in recognition of their outstanding performances resulting in making the State Band Competition and finishing in the top 10% of 4A bands in the State. Mr. Leflet commended the students on the hard work, commitment and dedication involved in their success and noted that this is the first band in MFHS history to make the State Competition.

**The Board recessed at 6:42 p.m. and reconvened at 6:46 p.m.**

**Citizen Comments**

There were no Citizen Comments

**Information Items**

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- Legislative Priorities-Draft Version
- Special Awareness Dates

**Public Hearing**

**Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas**

Mr. Naumann opened a Public Hearing at 6:48 p.m. regarding the District's Financial Integrity Rating System. Bill Orr shared the district's 23-24 FIRST rating based on school year 22-23. Mr. Orr gave an overview of the items included in the report and stated that the district received a 94 out of 100 which is a "Superior" rating. There were no questions or comments from the public and the hearing was closed 6:54 p.m.

**Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action**

**Adopt an Order Canvassing Returns & Declaring Results of the VATRE**

Dr. Gasaway presented the resolution for canvassing and declaring the results of the November 5, 2024 Voter Approved Tax Rate Election. Included in his presentation were the number of votes for-5956 and against-7448 the measure.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Virdell the Board approved the resolution canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the November 5, 2024 Voter Approved Tax Rate Election.

**For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0**

**2024-2025 Tax Rate Adoption**

Bill Orr presented information to the board regarding the adoption of the Rate for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Orr explained that the board had previously adopted a tax rate but due to the VATRE not passing the district needed to approve a new ordinance to reflect and maintain the tax rate of \$0.8855.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig the board approved the ordinance adopting a property tax rate of \$0.8855.

**For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0**

**Audit Report**

Chris Pruitt of Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP presented a summary of the results of the 2023-2024 Annual Finance Report for the district.

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Alex Payson the board approved the Annual Finance Report as presented.

**For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0**

**Academic Progress Monitoring**

Yarda Leflet shared academic progress for the district including an overview of the beginning of the year Universal Screener data and student performance on the first curriculum-based assessment (CBA). Ms. Leflet indicated that the Board would receive further data regarding academic progress as well as results from the second CBA.

**2025-2026 Instructional Calendar**

Yarda Leflet shared an overview of the work completed by the DEIC and DOI Committees in regard to creating the 25-26 Instructional Calendar. Included in her presentation was a draft version of the 25-26 calendar for first read.

**Possible Approval of Innovative Course for 2025-2026**

Dr. Heather Metzgar presented the possible addition of 2 state innovative courses for next school year. Dr. Metzgar shared a brief overview of the 2 classes being considered; Team Sports Officiating and Methods for Academic and Personal Success (MAPS).

**Marble Falls High School Outbuilding Roof Replacements**

Stan Whittle presented the administration's recommendation to use LBK Roofing for replacing damaged roofs on the outbuildings at MFHS. Mr. Whittle included a list of the work needed as well as the cost for the project.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Larry Berkman the board approved LBK Roofing as the contractor to remove and replace damaged roofs to the Marble Falls High School outbuildings in the amount of \$898,431.00.

**For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0**

**Official Ballot & Resolution for the Board of Directors for the Travis Central Appraisal District**

Dr. Gasaway shared the ballot for the Travis CAD Board of Directors indicating that MFISD had 10 votes that could be cast among 16 candidates. Dr. Gasaway invited the Board to discuss the candidates and ultimately suggested John Havenstrite for their consideration to receive the district’s 10 votes.

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Kevin Virdell the board approved the Resolution related to the Travis County Central District as prescribed.

**For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0**

**Consider and Possible Approval of Action**

**Consent Agenda**

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Virdell the Board approved the following as presented:

- Minutes from October 21, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from October 30, 2024 Special Board Meeting
- 2024-2025 Marble Falls ISD District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans
- 2024-2025 MFISD Professional Learning Plan
- HB 3 Goals
- Annual Renewal of Phone System licensing
- Request for Proposal for Copier Machines

**For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0**

**Upcoming Meetings and Board Training Opportunities**

- Monday, December 16, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- Thursday, January 23, 2025 Team of 8 Training
- Monday, January 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

**Executive Session**

At **7:58 p.m.**, the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss professional personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074).

**The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:11p.m.**

**Discussion and Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session**

No Action was taken

**Adjournment**

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

**Approved:**

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Kevin Naumann, President

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Gary Boshears, Secretary