

**MARBLE FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 24, 2026**

The Board of Trustees of the Marble Falls Independent School District met in Regular Session on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Marble Falls ISD Central Office, 1800 Colt Circle, Marble Falls, Texas, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

President Alex Payson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:	Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Board Members Absent:	None
Members of the Press:	None
Administrators Present:	Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Stan Whittle, Yarda Leflet, Dr. Shana Fancher, Charlie Orr, Soor-el Puga, Nathan Fink, Eric Humiston, Mackie Price, Dr. Pedro Garcia, Dr. Melissa Fields, Dr. Missy Barrington, Clark Fields, Patrick Hinson, Dacarie Haskett, Kara Gasaway, Melissa Fletcher, Suzie Neuenschwander, Tiffany Brantley

Daniel Edwards, Marble Falls High School student, led the Invocation. Crystal Tubig led the Pledge to the Flags, and Kevin Virdell read the District Vision Statement.

Citizen Comments:

There were no Citizen Comments.

Special Recognitions

Marble Falls High School Softball UIL All-State Recognition

John Berkman and Coach Lozoya recognized Callie Phillips for being named to the Texas Sports Writers Association All-State First Team. Coach Lozoya highlighted Callie's accomplishments on the field and in the classroom and commended her work ethic and dedication to the Marble Falls High School softball program.

PEC Youth Tour Delegate Recognition

Marble Falls High School Principal Patrick Hinson recognized John Allen Whittle for representing Marble Falls High School at Texas Boys State. He then introduced Kevyn Packer with PEC who also recognized John Allen for his selection as a Government-in-Action Youth Tour delegate and for being selected to represent the Texas Youth Tour program at the Texas Electric Cooperatives Annual Meeting.

Information Items

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- Special Awareness Dates

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

Marble Falls High School FFA Out-of-State Travel Request

Principal Patrick Hinson presented a request for Marble Falls High School FFA students to attend the Washington Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C., during the Summer of 2027. Mr. Hinson reviewed the proposed travel schedule, student and chaperone costs, eligibility requirements, and fundraising opportunities.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Naumann, the Board approved the Marble Falls High School FFA out-of-state travel request as presented.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann
Against: None
Abstain: Kevin Virdell
Absent: None

Delegate Authority to Obligate the District Under Chapter 49 to Superintendent

Charles Orr presented the agenda item: For the 2026–2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell second by Crystal Tubig, the Board of Trustees approved for the 2026-2027 school year, we delegated contractual authority to obligate the school district under Texas Education Code (TEC) §11.1511(c)(4) to the superintendent, solely for the purpose of obligating the district under TEC, §48.257 and TEC, Chapter 49, Subchapters A and D, and the rules adopted by the commissioner of education as authorized under TEC, 49.006. This included approval of the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit or the Agreement for the Purchase of Attendance Credit (Netting Chapter 48 Funding).

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Absent: None

791 Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement

Charlie Orr clarified that the agreement presented was the 791 Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement, rather than the Region 19 agreement identified on the agenda. He explained that the cooperative has no membership fee or purchasing obligation and provides the District with an additional option for competitive purchasing.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Larry Berkman, the Board approved the 791 Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Agreement as presented.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Absent: None

Possible Purchase of Triton Ultra Detection Sensors

Assistant Superintendent Stan Whittle presented the possible purchase of Triton Ultra Detection Sensors for Marble Falls High School and Marble Falls Middle School. The sensors provide vape and THC detection, along with additional safety features, and can integrate with the District's existing

security camera system. The proposal includes 51 sensors at a first-year cost of \$56,829, with an anticipated annual licensing cost of approximately \$6,000. This item was presented as a first read only. No action was taken.

Preliminary Total Program NTE for Marble Falls High School Band Hall, Auditorium and Dance/Cheer Bond Projects

Stan Whittle presented the preliminary Not-to-Exceed (NTE) amount for the Marble Falls High School Band Hall, Auditorium, and Dance/Cheer projects included in the 2025 Bond Program. The \$13,682,640 NTE results in an estimated total project cost of approximately \$15.49 million, approximately \$412,548 under the combined bond allocation. Construction is anticipated to begin September 1, 2026.

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Mandy McCary, the Board approved the preliminary total program Not-to-Exceed amount of \$13,682,640 for the Marble Falls High School Band Hall, Auditorium, and Dance/Cheer projects as presented.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Absent: None

District Fire Safety System Replacements

Stan Whittle presented proposed district-wide fire safety system upgrades identified following an inspection by the District's fire system vendor, JM Electronic Engineering Inc. The work includes fire panel, sprinkler system, and duct detector upgrades at multiple District facilities. Bond funds designated for deferred maintenance will be used for the project.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Gary Boshears, the Board approved the purchase of fire system replacements from JM Electronic Engineering in the amount of \$93,340.25.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Absent: None

Consider and Possible Approval of Architect for the Elementary School Playground Bond Projects

Stan Whittle reviewed the architect selection process for the elementary playground projects included in the 2025 Bond Program. O'Connell Robertson was identified as the most qualified of the three firms considered. The projects will include playground renovations and walking tracks at all four elementary campuses, with an emphasis on accessibility and safety.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Larry Berkman, the Board selected O'Connell Robertson as the architect for the elementary playground renovation projects based on qualifications and delegated authority to the Superintendent to negotiate and execute an agreement for architectural and related professional services in a form approved by legal counsel.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Absent: None

TASB Delegate Assembly

Dr. Jeff Gasaway reviewed the District's opportunity to designate an official voting delegate to the 2026 Texas Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly held in conjunction with txEDCON. The delegate represents the District in voting on TASB's advocacy agenda and other association business.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Gary Boshears, the Board named Alex Payson as the official voting delegate to the 2026 TASB Delegate Assembly.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Absent: None

Presentation of Certification of Compliance with Certain Law as Required by TEC 39.008 as Enacted by SB 12

Dr. Jeff Gasaway presented the District's certification of compliance required by Texas Education Code 39.008 as enacted by Senate Bill 12. Dr. Gasaway reviewed the required policies and procedures, policy updates and other District actions supporting compliance. He explained that school districts must complete the certification by September 30 and that the process requires presentation to the Board, an opportunity for public testimony, and subsequent Board approval of the certification. This item was for presentation only. No action was taken.

Public Testimony Regarding Certification of Compliance with Certain Law as Required by TEC 39.008

The Board opened public testimony regarding the certification of compliance at **7:28 p.m.** No public testimony was given. The public testimony portion of the meeting was closed at **7:28 p.m.**

Consideration and Possible Action to Approve Certification of Compliance with Certain Law as Required by TEC 39.008

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved the certification of compliance with certain law as required by Texas Education Code 39.008, as enacted by Senate Bill 12 of the 89th Legislative Session, and authorized the Superintendent to submit the certification in accordance with law.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Absent: None

Consideration and Potential Action Regarding Marble Falls ISD Maintenance Facility Name

Dr. Jeff Gasaway recommended naming the Marble Falls ISD Maintenance Facility in honor of Michael Phillips, who served Marble Falls ISD for 28 years and retired in January 2023. Dr. Gasaway recognized Mr. Phillips' lasting impact on District facilities and his continued service to the Marble Falls community as a volunteer fire chief. Mr. Phillips passed away in the line of duty on July 5, 2025. Dr. Gasaway shared that the District plans to schedule a dedication ceremony following completion of the facility naming.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Larry Berkman, the Board approved naming the Marble Falls ISD Maintenance Facility the Michael Phillips Maintenance Facility.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Absent: None

Consider and Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved the following as presented:

- Minutes from July 20, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- Minutes from July 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from August 6, 2026 Special Called Meeting
- Elections Contract and Joint Election Agreement

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
 Against: None
 Absent: None

Upcoming Meetings and Board Training Opportunities

- Monday, September 21, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
- Monday, October 19, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At 7:34 p.m. the Board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss Professional Personnel (Texas Govt. Code 551.074), consideration and possible action regarding abandonment of contract by teacher upon refusal of the District to accept resignation (Texas Govt. Code 551.074), consideration and possible action regarding notifications to the Texas Education Agency for teacher contract abandonment (Texas Govt. Code 551.074), and Real Property (Texas Govt. Code 551.072).

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 8:19 p.m.

Action Arising from Executive Session

Abandonment of Contract by Teacher Upon Refusal of the District to Accept Resignation

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board found, in accordance with Texas Education Code Section 21.105(c)(2) and 19 Texas Administrative Code Section 249.14(j), that good cause did not exist for Irene Vega to abandon her contract employment with Marble Falls ISD and fail to comply with Texas Education Code provisions regarding resignations.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
 Against: None
 Absent: None

Notification to the Texas Education Agency for Teacher Contract Abandonment

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Gary Boshears, the Board authorized the Superintendent to send a letter to the Texas Education Agency seeking sanctions against Irene Vega's certification for abandonment of her teacher contract with Marble Falls ISD.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
 Against: None
 Absent: None

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Approved:

Alex Payson, President

Crystal Tubig, Secretary