

August 10, 2026

The Board of Education of the McKinney Independent School District met in a Regular Board of Trustees meeting on August 10, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the McKinney ISD Stadium and Event Center, 4201 South Hardin Blvd., McKinney, Texas 75070. Board President, Amy Dankel, called the meeting to order 6:03 PM and established a quorum.

Members Present

Harvey Oaxaca, Larry Jagours, Corey Homer, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Amy Dankel, Stephanie O'Dell

Members Absent

Administration Present

Superintendent, Shawn Pratt
Deputy Superintendent of Leadership, Melanie Raleeh
Chief School Improvement Federal Programs Officer, Jennifer Akins
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Amber Epperson
Executive Director of Secondary Leadership, Jeff Banner
Assistant Superintendent of Communications & Public Relations, Dr. Shelly Spaulding
Chief Financial Officer, Marlene Harbeson
Chief Operations Officer, Greg Suttle
Chief Information Officer, Stephen McGilvray
Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations & Technology, Dr. Dennis Womack
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Alana Chisum
Senior Director of Legal Affairs, Aretha Jackson
Executive Assistant, Azaleah Barreto

Call to Order

First order of Business

Announcement by the board president whether a quorum is present, that the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Invocation led by Board Vice President, Harvey Oaxaca

Pledges of Allegiance led by Board Vice President, Harvey Oaxaca

Recognitions

TASSP Assistant Principal of the Year - Kelly Armbruster McKinney High School
Executive Director of Secondary Leadership, Jeff Banner recognized McKinney High Assistant Principal, Kelly Armbruster as the TASSP Secondary Assistant Principal of the Year

Texas Art Education Associations District of Distinction

Director of Fine Arts, Dr. Jared Critchfield recognized Christine Biscarro from Reuben Johnson Elementary, Jen Foshee from Frazier Elementary, and Amanda Hughes from McKinney High School as Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction

Best Communities in Music Education

Director of Fine Arts, Dr. Jared Critchfield recognized Chris Ahrens from North High School, Amy Harrington from Boyd High School, Jeff Harvick from McKinney High School, and Kari Zamora from Faubion Middle School named NAMM Best Communities in Music Education

Public Comment on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items

1. Hannah Slott spoke
2. Lara Hawkins spoke on Bond & VATRE Election
3. Cindy Francis spoke on VATRE and bond election
4. Tom Klein spoke on Bond election: Top 10 Reasons to Vote AGAINST Will be Posted on the MISD-Reform Website. Note well that MISD owns approximately 350 acres of vacant valuable property.
5. Rachel Elliott spoke on McKinney ISD Bond Election
6. Angie Bado spoke on Advocacy for public education

Closed Meeting

The Board entered executive session at 6:30 PM in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.074, 551.076, 551.089

Personnel

Purchase/Exchange/Lease/Sale of Real Estate Property Update
Safety & Security

The Board reconvened from executive session at 7:11 PM pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, 551.074, 551.076, 551.089

Public Hearing

26-27 Budget & Tax Rate Public Hearing

Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations, Dr. Dennis Womack and Chief Financial Officer, Marlene Harbeson provided an update on 26-27 district budget and tax rate

Presentations

2025-2026 End of Year MAP and STAAR Results

Director of Data & Analytics, Dr. Becky Higgs provided an overview on 2025-26 end of year MAP and STAAR Results

McKinney Accountability System (MAS)

Chief School Improvement Federal Programs Officer, Jennifer Akins presented the development of the McKinney Accountability System and overview of the districts six pillars of strategic planning

Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes
 - 1. June 29, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes (SP 5.1)
- B. Financial Reports (SP 6.1)
 - 1. Budget Amendments July 2026
 - 2. Quarterly Investment Report June 2026
 - 3. Quarterly Tax Collection Report June 2026
 - 4. Donations over \$5,000, July 2026
- C. Reporting of Management Fees Under Certain Cooperative Purchasing Contract for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 as required by TEC 44.0331
- D. Resolution Appointing Truth-In-Taxation Calculation Designee
- E. 26-27 Professional Development Plan Certification (SP 2.3)
- F. Local Policy Review for Good Cause Exception for Armed Security Officers (SP 1.1)

Discussion/ Action

No. 9556

Consider Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Corey Homer and seconded by Larry Jagours to approve the consent agenda as presented with the additions to Personnel Recommendations, Teresa Brown, Ella Cantu, William Harrington, Holly Keating, Deirdre Orlando, Robert Patton, Karla Pineda, Lexee Purdy, Yvette Reyes, and Marlin Sumpter

YEAS Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Corey Homer
Stephanie O'Dell, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

No. 9557

Consider and take possible action to adopt the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Members (SP 4.1)

Director of Health Services, Christy Giddens presented the list of members to serve on the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion was made to adopt the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Members as presented

YEAS Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Corey Homer
Stephanie O'Dell, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

No.9558

Consider and take possible action to endorse the candidacy of Harvey Oaxaca to fill a position on the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Board of Directors (SP 4.2)

Motion was made by Lynn Sperry and seconded by Larry Jagours to endorse the candidacy of Harvey Oaxaca to fill a position on the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) Board of Directors

YEAS Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Corey Homer
Stephanie O'Dell, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

No.9559

Consider and take possible action to adopt 26-27 Proposed Tax Rates (SP 6.1)
Chief Financial Officer, Marlene Harbeson presented the 26-27 Proposed Tax Rates for the 2026-2027 school year

Motion was made by Stephanie O'Dell and seconded by Harvey Oaxaca to adopt the 26-27 Proposed Tax Rates as presented

YEAS Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Corey Homer
Stephanie O'Dell, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

No.9560

Consider all matters incident and related to calling a special election ratifying a Voter-Approval Tax Rate to be held by the McKinney Independent School District, including the adoption of an order pertaining thereto (SP 6.1)

Motion was made by Larry Jagours and seconded by Stephanie O'Dell to call a special election ratifying a Voter-Approval Tax Rate to be held by the McKinney Independent School District, including the adoption of an order pertaining thereto

YEAS Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Corey Homer
Stephanie O'Dell, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

No.9561

Consider all matters incident and related to calling a Bond Election to be held by the McKinney Independent School District, including the adoption of an order pertaining thereto (SP 6.1)

Motion was made by Amy Dankel and seconded by Corey Homer to calling a Bond Election to be held by the McKinney Independent School District, including the adoption of an order pertaining thereto

YEAS Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Corey Homer
Stephanie O'Dell, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

No.9562

Consider approval of the delegation of authority to the Superintendent or designee to negotiate, finalize and execute a joint election agreement with Collin County (SP 5.1)

Motion was made by Harvey Oaxaca and seconded by Larry Jagours to approve the delegation of authority to the Superintendent or designee to negotiate, finalize and execute a joint election agreement with Collin County

YEAS Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Corey Homer
Stephanie O'Dell, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

Monthly Written Reports

- A. Donations Less Than \$5,000 (SP 6.1)
- B. Bond Report (SP 6.3)
- C. Energy Report (SP 6.2)
- D. Construction Report (SP 6.2)
- E. Transportation Report (SP 1.1)
- F. HR Report (SP 3.1)
- G. Annual Investment Report (SP 5.1)
- H. 2nd Quarter Demographic Update (SP 6.3)

Future Business/Meetings/Events

- A. August 13, 2026, First Day of School 2026-2027 School Year
- B. September 14, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, CEC, 6:00 PM

Board President, Amy Dankel announced a Special Board Meeting will take place on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 5:00 PM located at the Central Office Administration Building and announced the resignation from Board Member, Stephanie O'Dell

Adjournment

Motion was made by Stephanie O'Dell and seconded by Kenneth Ussery to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM

YEAS Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Lynn Sperry, Kenneth Ussery, Corey Homer
Stephanie O'Dell, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

AMY DANKEL, BOARD PRESIDENT

LYNN SPERRY, BOARD SECRETARY