

MERCEDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 6:00 PM**

The Board of Trustees will meet in the Mercedes ISD - John F. Kennedy Administration Building, 801 Hidalgo Street, Mercedes, TX 78570, to deliberate on the following matters:

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Travis Elementary Students:
Sophia Vasquez and Zoe Vasquez**

INVOCATION by Trustee Mr. Rodriguez

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Student Recognition
 - 1. Recognition of Mercedes High School and Mercedes Early College Academy College Board National Recognition Program Awardees
Presenter: Mr. David Aguirre, Principal and Mr. Armando Martinez, Principal
- B. Report on Jobs and Education for Texans Grant in HVAC
presented by Juan Garza, CTE Director
- C. Discussion regarding the incorrect listing of Mercedes ISD Board candidates' preferred names on the election ballot, limited to the cause of the error, its discovery, ballot preparation and review procedures, corrective actions taken, and measures to prevent similar errors in future elections
- D. Donation Recognition

ACTION AGENDA

- A. **Business Office**
 - 1. Discussion and possible action to approve contract with Hidalgo County Elections Department for election services for school board election on November 3, 2026
Presenter: Cristina Torres, CFO

B. Curriculum & Instruction

1. Report on 2025-2026 Bilingual/ESL Program Evaluation
Presenter: Rosa Bustamante, Bilingual Director

C. Technology

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the purchase of Apple iPads for Pre-K Classrooms at Sgt. Harrell Elementary and Travis Elementary
Presenter: Roland Handy, Technology Director

D. Governance

1. Report on Board Continuing Education Hours
Presenter: Board President

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Governance

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Minutes for the following meeting:
 - a. Regular Board Meeting, September 15, 2026
2. Enrollment and Attendance Report
Presenter: Roland Handy, Technology Director

B. Business Office

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Check Payments for September 2026
Presenter: Cristina Torres, CFO
2. Discussion and possible action to approve Revenue & Expenditure Report for September 2026
Presenter: Cristina Torres, CFO
3. Discussion and possible action to approve Tax Collections Report for August 2026
Presenter: Cristina Torres, CFO
4. Discussion and possible action to approve Investment Report ending August 2026
Presenter: Cristina Torres, CFO
5. Discussion and possible action to approve Renewal of Copier Lease Agreement for Mercedes ISD Print Shop copiers and HR copier
Presenter: Cristina Torres, CFO

C. Facilities

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Renewal of Service Contract Agreement between Automated Logic and MercedesISD for specialized HVAC Control Systems
Presenter: Rolando Herrera, Maintenance Director

D. Safe Schools

1. Discussion and possible action to approve 2026-2027 Student Out of District Transfer Requests

Presenter: Mike Chacon, Asst. Superintendent for Operations

2. Discussion and possible action to approve Donation(s)

Presenter: Mike Chacon, Asst. Superintendent for Operations

E. Technology

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Renewal Subscription Licenses to Insight for Cisco Flex On Premises Calling for Education services for 2026-2027 school year

Presenter: Roland Handy, Technology Director

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code

1. Resignations, terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties, and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria Department

- B. Student Discipline, pursuant to Section 551.082 of the Texas Government Code, Personally identifiable information about a public school student

- C. Discussion and consideration of CL-2084-J; Quiroga v Mercedes ISD

- D. Discussion and Private Consultation with Attorney Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board Requires Private Consultation with the School Attorney

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session

INFORMATION AGENDA

(5 minutes maximum for all items, inclusive)

Reminder...

Regular November Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Tuesday, November 17, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

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This notice has been publicly posted on the outside bulletin board at the District's Central Office of the Mercedes Independent School District, 801 Hidalgo Street, Hidalgo County, Mercedes, Texas, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the above mentioned meeting, as required by the Texas Government Code. The school district also posts its board meeting agendas on the District's internet web site (www.misdtx.net)

Please note that members of the Board of Trustees may participate remotely, pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.127, by videoconference at this Regular Called Meeting. However, a physical quorum of the Board shall be present at 801 Hidalgo Street, Mercedes, Texas 78570

Consent Agenda: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired on a specific item(s), that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.