Marble Falls Independent School District
October 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

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

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

Highland Lakes Elementary student Elanie Morales Galvan delivered the invocation. Mandy McCary led the pledges and Larry Berkman recited the District Vision Statement.

Citizen Comments

No citizens addressed the Board.

Special Recognitions

Hispanic Heritage Month Recognition

Dr. Pedro Garcia recognized Hispanic Heritage Month, which included a parade of flags presented by Highland Lakes Elementary students and remarks by student Emanuel Campuzano. The presentation also included an invitation to the October 22 community celebration at Marble Falls High School.

Superintendent's Award

Highland Lakes Elementary students Hugo Garcia-Caballero and Jackson Light were recognized as the October Superintendent Award recipients. The students were commended for their outstanding character, leadership and academics. Both students were presented with gifts and a certificate for their accomplishment.

Going the Extra Mile Award

Highland Lakes Elementary counselor Desiree Guthrie was recognized as the October *GEM* recipient. Dr. Garcia shared comments about Ms. Guthrie noting her compassion, service, and support of students, staff, and families. Ms. Guthrie was presented with an award and certificate to mark the honor.

Spotlight on Excellence

Dr. Gasaway recognized Marble Falls ISD Director of Maintenance Eric Humiston as the October Spotlight on Excellence recipient. The presentation included a video highlighting Mr. Humiston's nomination, followed by Dr. Gasaway expressing his appreciation for Mr. Humiston's leadership and the outstanding work of the entire Maintenance Department. Mr. Humiston was presented with an award and certificate in recognition of this honor.

Spotlight on Engagement

Yarda Leflet recognized Marble Falls Elementary School teacher Christopher Cox as the October Spotlight on Engagement recipient. Ms. Leflet shared remarks highlighting Mr. Cox's dedication to his students and the daily positive impact he makes on the entire campus. Mr. Cox was presented with an award and certificate in recognition of his outstanding efforts.

College Board Recognition

Marble Falls High School Principal Patrick Hinson recognized students for their outstanding academic achievements through the College Board Recognition Program. Mr. Hinson announced that 20 students earned a combined total of 44 recognitions and shared the individual honors awarded to each student. He commended the students for their hard work, academic dedication, and accomplishments.

Principal's Month Recognition

In honor of National Principals Month, Dr. Jeff Gasaway recognized Marble Falls ISD campus principals by reading a proclamation issued by Governor Greg Abbott. Dr. Gasaway also expressed his appreciation for their dedication, leadership, and continued commitment to the students and staff of the District.

Information Items

-General Fund Summary
-Expenditure Report
-Quarterly Investment Report
-Bilingual/ESL Exceptions and Waivers
-Special Awareness Dates

Public Hearing

Presentation of 2026-2027 Turnaround Plan for Highland Lakes Elementary School and Local Improvement Plans for Marble Falls Elementary School and Marble Falls Middle School

President Alex Payson opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m.

Yarda Leflet shared the school improvement planning requirements for Highland Lakes Elementary School, Marble Falls Elementary School, and Marble Falls Middle School. Dr. Pedro Garcia presented Highland Lakes Elementary's two-year turnaround plan, emphasizing lesson internalization, high-quality instructional materials, classroom coaching, assessment, and progress monitoring. Dr. Melissa Fields reviewed the local improvement plans for Marble Falls Elementary and Marble Falls Middle School, including targeted student-group performance and ongoing monitoring. The plans were posted for public comment and will return for Board consideration in November. There were no public questions.

President Alex Payson closed the public hearing at 6:47 p.m.

Presentation/Discussion Items & Possible Action

2026–2027 Marble Falls ISD Professional Learning Plan

Yarda Leflet presented the proposed Professional Learning Plan and reviewed professional development compliance requirements, required training, documentation, and instructional priorities. The plan was presented for first read, with no action taken. Ms. Leflet stated that the plan will be brought back to the Board for possible approval at the November Board meeting.

HB3 Early Childhood and CCMR Goals

Yarda Leflet and Soor-el Puga spoke on House Bill 3 requirements regarding Early Childhood and CCMR Goals. During the presentation, it was stated that at the November Board Meeting, administration will seek approval of the district and campus HB 3 Early Childhood Literacy, Math & CCMR revised goals as well as the progress monitoring calendar. Once the plans are approved by the Board of Trustees, administration will post the plans to the district website as required by law.

2026–2027 District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans

Yarda Leflet introduced the proposed District Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plans. Campus principals discussed campus priorities, student achievement needs, instructional strategies, and progress-monitoring measures. This was a first read; no action was taken. The goals and performance objectives are expected to return for Board approval in November.

Consideration and Potential Action Regarding the New Marble Falls High School Baseball Facility Name

Stan Whittle presented the recommendation to retain the name *Scearce Field* for the newly constructed Marble Falls High School baseball field. Mr. Whittle shared the history of the Scearce family and highlighted their longstanding support and contributions to the baseball program, as well as their lasting impact on the District and the Marble Falls community.

Upon a motion by Dr. Gary Boshears, seconded by Larry Berkman, the Board approved the naming of the new Marble Falls High School baseball field and softball field to be named *Scearce Field*.

The Motion Passed 6-0

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

Possible Purchase of Weight Room Equipment for Marble Falls High School Multipurpose Activity Center

Stan Whittle presented the proposed purchase of strength and conditioning equipment for the new Multipurpose Activity Center as part of the 2025 Bond Program. Mr. Whittle provided an overview of the equipment purchase and its role in supporting the District's athletic programs and student training needs. The purchase will be funded through the 2025 Bond Program.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Dr. Gary Boshears, the Board approved the purchase of weight room equipment from Power Lift in the amount of $789,504.58, utilizing the BuyBoard Cooperative Purchasing Contract, as part of the 2025 Bond Program.

The Motion Passed 6-0

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

Adoption of Legislative Priorities for the 90th Legislative Session

Dr. Gasaway presented the District's proposed Legislative Priorities for the 90th Texas Legislative Session, highlighting several key areas, including school funding, teacher retirement, staffing, local control, and accountability. During the discussion, Dr. Boshears requested stronger language in the school funding portion of the priorities to more clearly address the financial challenges school districts face as a result of inadequate funding provided by the state Legislature. Dr. Gasaway stated that he would make the requested revisions and provide the Board with an updated version by the end of the week, with plans to present the final draft for possible approval in November.

Consider & Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Kevin Naumann, the Board approved the consent agenda as presented.

-Local policies AF, BQA, BQB, DGBA, EFB, EIA, FDA, FNG and GF
-September 21, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

The Motion Passed 6-0

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

Upcoming Meetings and Board Training Opportunities

-Monday, November 16, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
-Monday, December 14, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At **8:14 p.m.,** the Board adjourned into executive session under Texas Government Code Sections 551.074 and 551.076 to discuss professional personnel matters, including counselor and ARD facilitator contract abandonment and TEA notifications, and safety and security.

The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:54 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Abandonment of Contract by Counselor Upon Refusal of the District to Accept Resignation

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Dr. Gary Boshears, the Board approved to issue a finding in accordance with Texas Education Code, Sec. 21.105(c)(2) and 19 Texas Administrative Code, Sec. 249.14(j), that good cause did not exist for Shanna Gatlin to abandon her Counselor Contract with Marble Falls ISD and fail to comply with Texas Education Code provisions regarding resignations.

The Motion Passed 6-0

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

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Abandonment of Contract by ARD Facilitator Upon Refusal of the District to Accept Resignation

Upon a motion by Dr. Gary Boshears, seconded by Kevin Naumann, the Board approved to issue a finding in accordance with Texas Education Code, Sec. 21.105(c)(2) and 19 Texas Administrative Code, Sec. 249.14(j), that good cause did not exist for Guadalupe Castillo to abandon her ARD Facilitator Contract with Marble Falls ISD and fail to comply with Texas Education Code provisions regarding resignations.

The Motion Passed 6-0

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

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Notification to the Texas Education Agency for the Counselor Contract Abandonment

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, seconded by Kevin Virdell, the Board approved to authorize the Superintendent to send a letter to the Texas Education Agency seeking sanctions against Shanna Gatlin's certification for abandonment of her Counselor contract with Marble Falls ISD.

The Motion Passed 6-0

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

Consideration and Possible Action Regarding Notification to the Texas Education Agency for the ARD Facilitator Contract Abandonment

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, seconded by Dr. Gary Boshears, the Board approved to authorize the Superintendent to send a letter to the Texas Education Agency seeking sanctions against Guadalupe Castillo's certification for abandonment of her ARD Facilitator contract with Marble Falls ISD.

The Motion Passed 6-0

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

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at **8:58 p.m.**

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Alex Payson, President Crystal Tubig, Secretary