

Marble Falls Independent School District
Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2025

Kevin Virdell, Vice-President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 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 Virdell, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Mandy McCary, Alex Payson, Crystal Tubig

Board Members Absent: Kevin Naumann

Administrators Present: Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Stan Whittle, Yarda Leflet, Clark Fields, Dr. Melissa Fields, Nathan Fink, Melissa Fletcher, Pedro Garcia, Kara Gasaway, Rudy Gonzalez, Michael Haley, Danielle Hinson, Patrick Hinson, Dr. Heather Metzgar, Bill Orr, Soor-el Puga, Jeff Rowland

Members of the Press: None

Special Recognitions

Superintendent's Award

Rudy Gonzalez, Principal at Marble Falls Middle School presented two 8th grade students as the February *Superintendent Award* recipients. Emmerson Ramos and Travis Lutz were recognized for the positive impact they have on the campus and comments from their teachers and peers as to why they were selected were shared. The students were given awards from their Principal and Dr. Gasaway presented them with a certificate and gift card.

Going the Extra Mile Award

Danielle Hinson and Rudy Gonzalez introduced Marble Falls Middle School Teacher Shelley Cochran as the *GEM Award* recipient for February. Haley Wheeler shared remarks highlighting Ms. Cochran's dedication to her students and the overall positive impact she has on the campus. Ms. Cochran received an award and certificate from Dr. Gasaway as well as a gift from her campus.

Spotlight on Excellence

Dr. Gasaway recognized the February *Spotlight on Excellence* recipient Thomas Jacobs. The presentation featured a video of Kara Gasaway and Jeff Rowland explaining why they nominated Mr. Jacobs, highlighting his dedication to service that extends far beyond the school district and local community. Dr. Gasaway commended Mr. Jacobs for the many contributions he continuously makes in and out of the district and presented him with an award and certificate.

Spotlight on Engagement

Yarda Leflet announced Marble Falls High School Teacher Emily Mendoza as the February *Spotlight on Engagement* recipient. Ms. Leflet listed some of the many reasons that Ms. Mendoza was selected for this honor including going above and beyond for her students and her outstanding ability to teach them through unique and innovative lessons. For her achievement, Ms. Mendoza received an award and certificate.

Citizen Comments There were no citizen comments.

Information Items

-General Fund Summary

-Expenditure Report

-Proposed 2025-2026 Board Meeting Dates

-Special Awareness Dates

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

CTE Update

Ashley Bernard presented an update on the district's CTE program highlighting the many programs available to students at all levels. The presentation included a video showing students actively participating in these programs providing insight to the wide array of unique and valuable skills they have access to. Ms. Bernard also shared many of the successes of the students as they have competed across the state. Students from different areas of the CTE program were in attendance and showcased some of the award-winning projects they have made. The group also presented the board members with wooden end tables they crafted.

Consider adoption of an order authorizing and providing for the defeasance and redemption of certain outstanding obligations of Marble Falls Independent School District; authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement; and containing other provisions related thereto.

Bill Orr presented the proposed order authorizing and providing for the defeasance and redemption of certain outstanding obligations of the district.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Alex Payson the Board approved the adoption of an order authorizing and providing for the defeasance and redemption of certain outstanding obligations of Marble Falls Independent School District; authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement; and containing other provisions related thereto.

For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Policy Update 124

Dr. Gasaway began the update with a general overview of the policy changes pertaining to update 124 both legal and local. Also included in the presentation were MFISD Administrators Nathan Fink, Dr. Shana Bunch-Fancher, Yarda Leflet, Soor-el Puga, Dr. Heather Metzgar and Stan Whittle who each gave brief descriptions of policy updates related to their departments.

Consider and Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the following as presented:

Budget Amendments

Minutes from January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting

Minutes from January 31, 2025 Special Meeting

For: 6 Against: 0 Absent: 1

Upcoming Meetings and Board Training Opportunities

Monday, March 24, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting

Monday, April 28, 2025 - Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At **7:18 p.m.** the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074), Safety & Security (TX Govt. Code 551.076) and Personally Identifiable Student Information (TX Govt. Code 551.0821)

The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:17 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

No Action was taken

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at **8:18 p.m.**

Approved:

Kevin Naumann, President

Gary Boshears, Secretary