

Marble Falls Independent School District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
June 15, 2026

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Alex Payson, President, called the regular meeting to order at **6:02 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:** Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Gary Boshears, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

**Board Members Absent:**

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Yarda Leflet, Stan Whittle, Dr. Shana Bunch-Fancher, Bill Orr, Nathan Fink, Soor-el Puga, Dr. Melissa Fields, Dr. Pedro Garcia, Mackie Price, Gina Solorzano, Patrick Hinson, Clark Fields, Kara Gasaway, Tiffany Brantley, Melissa Fletcher, Suzie Neuenschwander

**Members of the Press:** None

**Citizen Comments**

There were no Citizen Comments.

**Special Recognitions**

**Marble Falls High School UIL Academic State Qualifier**

Marble Falls High School student Anna Moyer was recognized for her outstanding UIL Academic season, earning a second-place finish in Literary Criticism at the UIL State Academic Meet. UIL Academic Sponsor Kate Jackson highlighted Anna's hard work, dedication, and commitment throughout her journey to state competition.

**Marble Falls High School One Act Play State Champions**

Marble Falls High School Principal Patrick Hinson introduced the State Champion One Act Play cast and invited Head Director Jon Clark to share highlights from their historic season. Each student introduced themselves and the role they portrayed in the production. As a surprise to the cast, Marble Falls Education Foundation Executive Director Jeanna Jette announced that the Foundation would be purchasing State Champion rings for the entire group to commemorate their outstanding accomplishment.

**Marble Falls High School Band All State Solo and Ensemble**

Marble Falls High School Band Director Tony Leflet recognized band students who recently competed at the All-State Solo & Ensemble competition. Mr. Leflet introduced the students and highlighted their respective events, while the students shared the instruments and selections they performed. He also shared their path to advancement to the state competition and celebrated their outstanding performances and final placements.

**Spotlight on Excellence**

Dr. Gasaway introduced Sgt. Cory Munoz, Marble Falls ISD's Head School Resource Officer, as the June Spotlight on Excellence recipient. The recognition included a video featuring district staff members sharing their appreciation for Sgt. Munoz's dedication to student safety, positive relationships with students and staff, and unwavering commitment to the district. Dr. Gasaway commended Sgt. Munoz for the impact he has made across the district and presented him with a certificate and award in recognition of his service.

**Information Items**

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- GT Annual Update
- SHAC Annual Report

**Public Hearing**

**2026-2027 Proposed Budget**

Board President Alex Payson opened the public hearing at **6:29 p.m.** regarding the MFISD 2026-2027 budget. Bill Orr presented the proposed budget to the Board. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Payson closed the public hearing at **6:39 p.m.**

**Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action**

**Approval of 2025-2026 Final Budget Amendment**

Mr. Orr presented the final budget amendment for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, providing an overview of each item and explaining the purpose behind the revisions.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Dr. Gary Boshears the Board approved the 2025-2026 Final Budget Amendment as presented.

**For:** Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

**Against:** None

**Absent:** None

**Approval of 2026-2027 Compensation Plan**

Chief Financial Officer Bill Orr presented the proposed compensation plan, including HB 2 Teacher Retention Allotment increases for eligible teachers and adjustments to Steps 0, 1, and 2 from the version presented on first read. Mr. Orr also pointed out that changes to employee-only health insurance premiums have increased from \$484 to \$521 per month, while the current budget would keep the district contribution at \$484 per month. Trustee Kevin Naumann asked what the cost would be to raise that contribution to cover the \$521 per month premium.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Dr. Gary Boshears the Board approved the 2026-2027 compensation plan as submitted with the change of increasing the basic insurance premium to \$521.00.

**For:** Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

**Against:** None

**Absent:** None

**Fiscal Year Change**

Chief Financial Officer Bill Orr presented a proposal to change the district's fiscal year end to August 31. He explained that the change would provide more accurate information for budget development, better align the district's fiscal calendar with state legislative and appraisal district timelines, and allow the tax rate and budget

to be adopted concurrently. Mr. Orr noted that board approval and approval of the meeting minutes are required prior to June 30 in order to implement the change.

Upon a motion by Dr. Gary Boshears, second by Mandy McCary the Board of Trustees of the Marble Falls Independent School District approved to change the district's fiscal year to end on August 31st. The 2026-2027 fiscal period will start on July 1, 2026 and end on August 31, 2027.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Absent: None

### **Adoption of 2026-2027**

Bill Orr presented the 2026-2027 proposed budget for adoption sharing the breakdown among the three funds and noting that the presented budget covered a fourteen-month fiscal period.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the adoption of the 2026-2027 Budget with the adjustment of \$220,000.00 added to function 11 instruction.

**For:** Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

**Against:** None

**Absent:** None

### **Purchasing Contracts**

Bill Orr presented software contract renewals for IXL Learning, NWEA MAP, Edify, and Edgenuity/Imagine Learning. He explained that the contracts were being presented as a single agenda item to align the programs on the same purchasing and renewal cycle. Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Yarda Leflet also spoke, providing a brief overview of each program and its role in supporting student learning and instructional goals.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Larry Berkman the Board approved the purchase contracts presented totaling \$255,287.50 for the 2026-2027 school year.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Absent: None

### **EIC (Local) Academic Achievement-Class Ranking**

Yarda Leflet presented proposed revisions to EIC (LOCAL) regarding Academic Achievement: Class Ranking. She explained that the revisions provide guidance for credit by examination used to earn high school credit for the first time, clarify the treatment of pass/fail coursework transferred into Marble Falls ISD, and establish additional criteria related to valedictorian and salutatorian selection for the Class of 2029 and beyond.

Upon a motion by Dr. Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig the Board of Trustees approved to adopt the proposed changes to Board Policy EIC (Local) as presented and additionally direct administration to review the transcripts of students currently enrolled who transferred into MFISD who have GPA bearing classes assigned a pass/fail grade or are in the credit awarding process for a pass/fail grade and assign the grades earned and recorded on the original transcript from the unaccredited school.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Absent: None

### **Fine Arts Update**

Patrick Hinson presented the Fine Arts Update which provided a “Year in Review” for the high school’s Art, Band, Choir, Dance and Theatre Departments. Teachers from each of these programs gave presentations highlighting the many exciting projects and accomplishments their students have been part of throughout the year. The update captured the meaningful work taking place not only on campus, but also within the community and beyond and showed how these programs are making positive impacts on the students and staff alike.

### **Special Education/Special Service Update**

Dr. Shana Bunch-Fancher provided an update on the Special Education/Special Services Department. Her presentation included spotlighting the many programs the department offers throughout the district. She also shared district and individual campus data showing the number of students benefiting from the various programs.

### **Bilingual/ESL Report**

Dr. Pedro Garcia gave an update on the District's Bilingual/ESL Program. His presentation included data on students being served by the programs in his department including areas demonstrating growth and identifying areas requiring additional focus. He also shared some of the various types of professional training that staff has received to better serve students in the programs.

**The Board took a brief recess at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 8:08 p.m.**

### **2026-2027 Student Handbook**

Stan Whittle presented the 2026-2027 Student Handbook for first read. His presentation included highlighting the changes made by TASB. Mr. Whittle stated the Student Handbook would be presented for approval at the June 24, 2026 Special Called Meeting.

### **2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct**

Stan Whittle presented the 2026-2027 Student Code of Conduct for first read. His presentation included highlighting the changes made by TASB. Mr. Whittle stated the Student Handbook would be presented for approval at the June 24, 2026 Special Called Meeting.

### **2026-2027 Extracurricular Code of Conduct**

Stan Whittle presented the 2026-2027 Extracurricular Code of Conduct (ECOC) for first read. Mr. Whittle shared that the only change to the ECOC was the updated UIL Eligibility Calendar. Mr. Whittle stated the ECOC would be presented for approval at the June 24, 2026 Special Called Meeting.

**Possible Purchase of Wash Bot Machine**

Gina Solorzano presented a request to purchase a Wash Bot Machine for the transportation department. Ms. Solorzano shared a video of the machine and outlined the many features it has and the benefit it would be to the department.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Dr. Gary Boshears the Board approved the purchase of a Bitmec International Inc Wash Bot Model 626-EZ in the amount of \$38,000.00

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Absent: None

**Possible Purchase of Digital Marquees**

Stan Whittle presented a proposal to purchase eight digital marquees for the district. He shared renderings of the marquees, along with the proposed project scope and total cost. Following discussion, Board members requested more detailed site-specific renderings showing the proposed placement of each marquee. Mr. Whittle indicated that he will return with that information for Board consideration at the July meeting.

**Policy Update 127**

Dr. Gasaway, Mr. Puga, Mr. Orr, and Mr. Whittle presented TASB Policy Update 127 and reviewed the recommended policy revisions applicable to their departments. The presentation provided an overview of the key changes included in the update and the impact on district operations and procedures. The item was presented for first read.

**Consider and Possible Approval of Action**

**Consent Agenda**

Upon a motion by Dr. Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Virdell the Board approved the following as presented:

- Minutes from May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from June 1, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting
- Optional Flexible School Day Program 2026-2027
- Federal Funds Intent to Apply
- Annual Wireless License

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Absent: None

**Upcoming Meetings & Board Training Requirements**

- Wednesday, June 24, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 20, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting SLI Debrief - 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 20, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

**Executive Session**

**At 9:05 p.m., the Board convened in executive session to discuss:**

-Professional Personnel Including the Hiring of the Marble Falls Middle School Principal (TX Govt. Code 551.074)

-Superintendent Goals (TX Govt. Code 551.074)

**The Board reconvened from executive session at 9:53 p.m.**

**Discussion & Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session**

**Possible Approval of Professional Personnel**

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, seconded by Larry Berkman the Board approved Professional Personnel as presented in executive session.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Absent: None

**Adjournment**

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at **9:54 p.m.**

**Approved:**

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Mandy McCary, Vice-President

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Crystal Tubig, Secretary