

Marble Falls Independent School District
Board Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026

Alex Payson, President, called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 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, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Board Members Absent: Gary Boshears

Administrators Present: Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Stan Whittle, Yarda Leflet, Bill Orr, Nathan Fink, Soorel Puga, Dr. Shana Bunch-Fancher, Dr. Missy Barrington, Dr. Melissa Fields, Mackie Price, Keri Timmerman, Patrick Hinson, Clark Fields, Rudy Gonzalez, Kara Gasaway, Tiffany Brantley, Melissa Fletcher, Suzie Neuenschwander

Members of the Press: None

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments

Special Recognitions

Superintendent's Award

Marble Falls Elementary Principal Kara Gasaway recognized fifth-grade students Evelyn Perez and Charlie Moyer as the November Superintendent's Award recipients. Ms. Gasaway shared comments from the students' current and former teachers who spoke to the qualities that make each student deserving of this recognition. Evelyn and Charlie each received a gift from their campus administrator, and Dr. Jeff Gasaway presented them with a certificate and gift card in honor of their achievement.

Going the Extra Mile Award

Dr. Missy Barrington, HR Director, and Marble Falls Elementary Principal Kara Gasaway recognized Kristy Brewer, Reading Specialist at Marble Falls Elementary, as the January GEM Award recipient. Dr. Barrington highlighted Ms. Brewer's years of dedicated service to Marble Falls ISD, and Ms. Gasaway shared comments from fellow teachers and staff praising the meaningful connections Ms. Brewer builds with students and colleagues across the campus. Ms. Brewer received a gift from her Principal, along with an award and certificate presented by Dr. Jeff Gasaway.

Spotlight on Excellence

Dr. Gasaway recognized Marble Falls Middle School Spanish teacher Rumaldo Martin as the January Spotlight on Excellence Award recipient. A video featuring his nomination from Pam Pond highlighted the special connections Mr. Martin builds with students, the respect he consistently demonstrates, and his ability to present lessons in a clear, engaging manner. Dr. Gasaway expressed his appreciation and presented Mr. Martin with an award and certificate in recognition of his achievement.

Spotlight on Engagement

Yarda Leflet recognized Highland Lakes Elementary teacher Kayla Markert as the January Spotlight on Engagement recipient. Ms. Leflet highlighted Ms. Markert’s engaging classroom and her ability to foster a learning environment where every child feels seen, valued, and excited to learn. In recognition of the honor, Ms. Markert received an award from Ms. Leflet and a certificate presented by Dr. Gasaway.

Information Items

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- Quarterly Investment Report
- Special Awareness Dates

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

Approval of the 2024-2025 Annual Finance Report

Bill Orr introduced Chris Pruitt of Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP who presented a summary of the results of the 2024-2025 Annual Finance Report for the District. Mr. Pruitt shared key points of the audit and took questions from the Board.

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the annual financial report as presented.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Abstain: None

Branching Minds

Dr. Shana Bunch-Fancher presented the District’s proposal to purchase the *Branching Minds* Student Support Platform for implementation beginning with the 2026–2027 school year. Dr. Fancher highlighted the benefits of using a consolidated platform, explaining that *Branching Minds* would significantly improve the District’s current reliance on multiple disconnected systems, which can be limiting and contribute to learning gaps in student support.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Kevin Naumann the Board approved the purchase of *Branching Minds* for implementation beginning the 2026–27 school year in the amount of \$46,196 for Year 1, pursuant to the BuyBoard cooperative contract.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Abstain: None

District Wide Hardware

Mackie Price presented the proposal to utilize JC Commercial for the MFISD Door Hardware and Rekeying project included in the 2025 Bond Program. Mr. Price reviewed the scope of work, outlined the key benefits of the project, and discussed the overall cost. He also highlighted that the work from JC Commercial would include all labor, materials, accessories, coordination, and documentation necessary for a complete and code-compliant door hardware installation.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Larry Berkman the Board approved \$1,777,775.20 for JC Commercial to complete the MFISD Door Hardware and Rekeying project as part of the 2025 Bond Program.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Abstain: None

Energy Efficiency Bond Project

Stan Whittle presented the District’s request to contract with E3 Entegral Solutions, Inc. for the Energy Efficiency Bond Project, which includes the purchase and installation of solar panels. Mr. Whittle provided an overview including the proposed scope of work, cost, and timeline for the project. Vince Zubicek from E3 Entegral Solutions, Inc. was also present and responded to questions from the Board.

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Kevin Naumann the Board approved \$1,948,491 to have E3 Entegral Solutions, Inc. complete the solar panel installation as called for under Prop A of the 2025 Bond Program.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Abstain: None

Consider and Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the following as presented:

- Order of Election for May 2, 2026 Board of Trustees
- Minutes from December 15, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
- 26-27 Instructional Calendar

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Abstain: None

Upcoming Meetings & Board Training Requirements

- Monday, February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Monday, March 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At **7:33 p.m.**, the Board convened in executive session to discuss Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074).

The Board reconvened from executive session at **7:44 p.m.**

Discussion & Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

Discussion of Professional Personnel

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Mandy McCary the Board approved Professional Personnel as presented.

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Against: None

Abstain: None

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at **7:45 p.m.**

Approved:

Alex Payson, President

Crystal Tubig, Secretary