

Marble Falls Independent School District
Board Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2024

Kevin Naumann, 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: Kevin Naumann, Larry Berkman, Crystal Tubig, Kevin Virdell, Gary Boshears

Board Members Absent: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary

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

Members of the Press: None

Special Recognitions

Superintendent's Award

Michael Haley, Principal at Marble Falls Elementary presented two of his 5th grade students as the December *Superintendent Award* recipients. Luna Martinez and Raylan Lawler were recognized for the positive impact they have on the campus and comments from their teachers as to why they were selected were shared. The students were given a crystal award from their Principal and Dr. Gasaway presented them with a certificate and gift card.

Going the Extra Mile Award

Danielle Hinson and Michael Haley introduced Marble Falls Elementary Teacher Fae Andersen as the *GEM Award* recipient for December. Mr. Haley shared remarks highlighting Ms. Andersen's positive presence on campus and her dedication to her students. Ms. Andersen received a gift from her Principals and an award and certificate from Dr. Gasaway.

Spotlight on Excellence

Dr. Gasaway honored Pam Pond of Falls Career High School as the December Spotlight on Excellence recipient. The presentation featured a video from MFEF Director Jeanna Jette, who commended Ms. Pond for her strong student connections and her role in creating the Falls Coffee Shop, a student-run project that funds scholarships. Two FCHS students also shared their appreciation for the opportunities the coffee shop has given them. Dr. Gasaway thanked Ms. Pond for her impact and presented her with an award and certificate.

Spotlight on Engagement

Yarda Leflet announced Spicewood Elementary Teacher Micki Bertino as the December *Spotlight on Engagement* recipient. Ms. Leflet listed some of the many reasons that Ms. Bertino was selected for this honor including that her classroom is full of joy and discovery and commending her dedication to her students. For her achievement, Ms. Bertino received an award and certificate.

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments

Information Items

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- Special Awareness Dates

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

Marble Falls ISD Community Advisory Committee Update/Recommendation

Community Advisory Committee Co-Chairs LeeAnn Johnson and Anna Womack presented a recommendation for a future Bond Election, outlining the committee’s process for identifying district needs and potential projects including costs. They also shared that the process was community-driven, with the group meeting six times over three months to reach the recommendation. Dr. Gasaway announced that the Board would hold a Special Called Meeting on January 13, 2025, to further discuss the recommendation.

Corrective Action Plan Agreement

Yarda Leflet and Stan Whittle shared the recent TEA compliance review in regard to student discipline involving student’s experiencing homelessness. The presentation included a summary of the compliance review, the district’s corrective action plan and the timeline the district will use to train required staff.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Virdell the board approved the Texas Education Agency Agreed Corrective Action Plan for Marble Falls ISD.

For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 2

Legislative Priorities

Dr. Gasaway shared the district’s Legislative Priorities for the 89th Regular Legislature Session. Dr. Gasaway highlighted some of the items in the list of priorities including school funding, teacher retirement and staffing, local control and accountability. Dr. Gasaway further stated the importance of contacting local and state representatives in regard to these important issues impacting education.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig the board approved the Marble Falls ISD Legislative Priorities as presented.

For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 2

Consider and Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Larry Berkman the Board approved the following as presented:

- Minutes from November 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from December 2, 2024 Special Called Meeting
- Minutes from December 9, 2024 Special Called Meeting
- 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar

- Possible Approval of Innovative Course for the 2025-2026 School Year
- 2025 Public Information Request Calendar

For: 5 Against: 0 Absent: 2

Upcoming Meetings and Board Training Opportunities

Monday, January 13, 2024 Special Called Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2025 Team of 8 Training
Monday, January 27, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
Monday, February 24, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At **6:56 p.m.**, the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074), Safety and Security (TX Govt. Code 551.076), Personally Identifiable Student Information (TX Govt. Code 551.0821), Real Property (TX Govt. Code 551.072) Superintendent's Self Evaluation (TX Govt. Code 551.074)

The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:08 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

No Action was taken

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved:

Kevin Naumann, President

Gary Boshears, Secretary