

Marble Falls Independent School District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 19, 2024

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Administrators Present:** Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Stan Whittle, Yarda Leflet, Dr. Shana Fancher, Erika O'Connor, Dr. Heather Metzgar, Dr. Melissa Fields, Soor-el Puga, Kara Gasaway, Melissa Fletcher, Michael Haley, Patrick Hinson, Clark Fields, Megan Hamilton, Danielle Hinson, Bill Orr, Ashley Bernard, Suzie Neuenschwander, Tony Leflet, Lauren Berkman, LeeAnn Harkins, and Rudy Gonzalez

**Members of the Press:** None

### **Special Recognitions**

#### **Superintendent's Award- Falls Career High School**

Clark Fields recognized two students, Kamri Langley and James Canchola. Mr. Fields briefly described the trials and difficult paths that they each have been through. Mr. Fields expressed how proud he is of them both for changing their paths and completing school quickly and doing it really well. Dr. Gasaway gave them each a certificate and gift card.

#### **Going the Extra Mile Award**

Danielle Hinson introduced Ronnie Searce as the Going the Extra Mile Award recipient. Mr. Clark Fields described why Coach Searce was chosen and Larry Berkman spoke about how Coach Searce deserves this award. Coach Searce received a certificate and paper weight from Dr. Jeff Gasaway.

#### **BPA State Qualifiers**

Elizabeth Jones, BPA Sponsor, recognized the students that qualified and placed at the State BPA competition.

#### **Spotlight on Excellence**

Dr. Jeff Gasaway played a video of why Mrs. Julie Spelman was nominated and chosen for this award. Dr. Gasaway presented her with a certificate and award.

#### **Spotlight on Engagement**

Yarda Leflet recognized Johnna Najera for the spotlight on engagement award. Mrs. Najera received a certificate and award from Dr. Jeff Gasaway.

#### **Citizen Comments**

None

#### **Information Items**

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report

-Special Awareness Dates

**Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action**

**MFHS Out of State Travel Request**

Erika Kellogg shared a brief overview of the accomplishments of the theatre group and explained the travel request to attend the International Thespian Festival at Indiana University.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Alex Payson, the Board approved the Marble Falls High School theatre groups out of state travel request as presented.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**MFISD Band Trailer Purchase**

Stan Whittle requested approval to purchase a used travel trailer to be refurbished and personalized for Marble Falls High School Band. The MFISD band department continues to grow and have had to rent additional box trucks and use multiple vehicles to transport band instruments and equipment. This has created additional expenses to the band budget including the cost of the rental, paying for gas on multiple vehicles and the need to secure additional drivers for each vehicle.

Upon a motion by Alex Payson, second by Kevin Virdell, the Board approved \$148,783.39 to have Clubhouse Trailers custom build a marching band trailer for MFISD as presented.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**MFISD Day Cab Tractor Vehicle Purchase**

Stan Whittle requested approval to purchase a day cab tractor to pull a semi-trailer for band equipment. The MFHS Band and Transportation Directors were able to get 3 quotes and after careful consideration have decided to go with the

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved \$48,000 to purchase the 2017 Freightliner Cascadia Day Cab Tractor from Penske Trucks as presented.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Facilities Conditions Assessment**

Stan Whittle explained that a capital planning facility condition assessment will perform a lifecycle cost analysis of the existing building systems to include current capital investment, current operating costs, and future capital replacement costs. The assessment report will be related to system type, age, quantities and condition in order to construct accurate budget estimates.

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Gary Boshears, the Board approved \$43,635 to have Alpha Facilities Solutions to give the information needed for MFISD facilities as presented.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Falls on the Colorado Museum Repairs**

Stan Whittle explained that after having an initial structural assessment there are repairs that need to be addressed.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Larry Berkman, the Board approved \$245,551.76 to have Target Solutions complete the renovations to the Granite Building- Falls on the Colorado Museum as presented.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Possible Purchase of Embrace: Texas Student Management Software**

Dr. Shana Fancher is requesting approval to purchase Embrace to replace Frontline Education to document and monitor student plans. The special education leadership committee approved this software.

Upon a motion by Alex Payson, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved the purchase of EmbraceIEP, Embrace504 and EmbraceMTSS, to replace Frontline Education, in the amount of \$35,313 for a one-time implementation fee of \$13,000 and recurrent annual fees of \$23,313 as presented.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

The board to a recess at 7:30 p.m. and reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

**Possible Purchase of Computers for Marble Falls Middle School Engineering Classes**

Yarda Leflet requested to replace the computers in the engineering classroom because the current devices do not have the specifications to run the Project Lead the Way Revit program.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Alex Payson, the Board approved the purchase of 25 computers from DELL Technologies, out of bond funds, for an amount not to exceed \$41,750 as presented.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Possible Purchase of Welding Equipment for Marble Falls High School**

Yarda Leflet requested to purchase new welding equipment for the high school. Several pieces of equipment need to be updated and are either broken or not repairable.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved the purchase of welding equipment and supplies from AllTex Welding Supply, Inc. for an amount not to exceed \$90,853.96 as presented.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Academic Progress Report**

Yarda Leflet presented an overview of middle of the year universal screener data in grades PK-8.

**ESC Region 13 Board Election**

Dr. Jeff Gasaway explained the ballot for Place 4 on the Region 13 Board of Directors. The resumes were available for the board to review before voting on the given ballots.

**Consider and Possible Approval of Action**

**Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes from Regular Meeting held on February 20, 2024
- Order to Cancellation for May 4, 2024 Board of Trustees Election

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Staff Development Waiver Request for 2024-2025 School Year**

Upon a motion by Alex Payson, second by Mandy McCary, the Board approved administrations recommendation to approve MFISD administration to move forward in applying to the Texas Education Agency for the Staff Development Waiver for the 2024-2025 school year.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Recommendation for Curriculum Materials for Instruction for Prekindergarten Relating to the Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Violence, Dating Violence, and Sex Trafficking**

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Alex Payson, the Board approved administrations recommendation to approve the recommended prekindergarten curriculum materials for the District's instruction relating to the prevention of child abuse, family violence, dating violence, and sex trafficking.

For: 6                      Against: 1                      Absent: 0

**Upcoming Meetings and Board Training Opportunities**

Monday, April 15, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting  
 Monday, May 20, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting  
 Monday, June 3, 2024 – Special Called Board Meeting  
 Wednesday, June 12-15, 2024 – SLI- San Antonio  
 Wednesday, June 19-22, 2024 – SLI – Fort Worth

**Executive Session**

At 8:16 p.m., the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss professional personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074) including the renewal/extension of campus bases and central office administrators' contracts, discuss abandonment of contract by teacher upon refusal of the district to accept the resignation (TX Govt. Code 551.074), and discuss notifications to the Texas Education Agency for the teachers contract abandonment (TX Govt. Code 551.074).

The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:50 p.m.

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

**Possible Approval of Renewal/Extension of Campus Based and Central Office Administrators' Contracts**

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved Personnel List 1 as presented in closed session.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Kevin Virdell, the Board approved Personnel List 2 as presented in closed session.

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

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Alex Payson, the Board approved Personnel List 3 as presented in closed session.

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

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Mandy McCary, the Board approved Personnel List 4 as presented in closed session.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

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

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Mandy McCary, 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 Vanessa Canavan to abandon her employment contract with Marble Falls ISD and fail to comply with Texas Education Code provisions regarding resignations.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Consider and Possible Action Regarding Notifications to the Texas Education Agency for the Teacher Contract Abandonment**

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Gary Boshears, the Board approved to authorize the Superintendent to send a letter to the Texas Education Agency seeking sanctions against Vanessa Canavan's educator certification for abandonment of her teacher contract with Marble Falls ISD.

For: 7                      Against: 0                      Absent: 0

**Adjournment**

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**Approved:**

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Kevin Naumann, President

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Gary Boshears, Secretary