

Marble Falls Independent School District
Board Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025

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, Larry Berkman, Kevin Virdell, Gary Boshears

Kevin Naumann arrived at 6:06

Board Members Absent:

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

Members of the Press: None

Citizen Comments None

Information Items

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- Quarterly Investment Report
- Annual Investment Report

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

Announcement of Board Continuing Education Credit Hours

Mr. Payson announced the Board Continuing Education Credit Hours stating that typically the announcement is made during the April Board Meeting and therefore he announced the hours as they stood on April 28, 2025 and where they currently stand. He also stated that the Board would be earning hours needed through an upcoming scheduled training on July 29th as well as through online courses.

Resolution Urging Release of Federal Funds to Public School Districts

Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Superintendent, provided a brief update regarding the current hold on federal education funds critical to maintaining essential student programs throughout the District. In response to these challenges, Dr. Gasaway presented a Resolution Urging the Release of Federal Funds to Public School Districts. He further stated the intent was to send the resolution to relevant State and Federal agencies advocating for the funds to be distributed.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Naumann the Board approved the Resolution Urging Release of Federal Funds to Public School Districts so that Marble Falls ISD can sustain critical student programs as presented.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Public Worker's Compensation Program (PWCP) Addendum

Dr. Gasaway gave the Board an update regarding MFISD's ongoing participation in the Public Workers' Compensation Program (PWCP). He noted that MFISD is currently under an interlocal agreement with PWCP, which automatically renews annually. He presented the PWCP addendum and explained it would lock in the District's current compensation rates for the next five school years.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Gary Boshears the Board approved interlocal Agreement between Marble Falls ISD and PWCP with the five-year addendum as presented.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Possible Approval of Additional Innovative Course for 2025-2026 at Marble Falls Middle School

Yarda Leflet introduced a proposal to add one additional innovative course at Marble Falls Middle School for the 2025-2026 school year. The proposed course would mean changing the PEIMS coding on the current 8th Grade Level-Up Course to General Employability Skills where students will learn and demonstrate the skills required in the General Employability. She explained that the addition of the course will be of no extra cost to the district and in fact would result in additional funding.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved Marble Falls ISD to offer the state innovative course General Employability Skills as 8th Grade Level-Up for all students.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Renewal of Phoenix Center Contract

Yarda Leflet delivered the administration's recommendation for continuing a long-standing partnership with the Phoenix Center to provide school-based therapy services through individual counseling and therapy groups for MFISD Students.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Kevin Virdell the Board approved the Phoenix Center Proposal for School-Based Therapy Services for the 2025-2026 school year for an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Assessment Contracted Services-Edify Education

Yarda Leflet presented the administration's recommendation for a renewal with Edify Education Services for the 2025-2026 school year. Edify Education Services will provide professional development, expanded curriculum-based assessment creation, and expanded data analysis services across all campuses for the 2025-2026 school year.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Larry Berkman the Board approved the purchase of Edify Education Services, not to exceed \$83,975.00.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Marble Falls High School Choir Out of State Travel Request

The Board received the proposed student travel request for the Marble Falls High School Choir to perform at the Southwestern American Choral Directors Association Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico, in March 2026. Yarda Leflet presented the agenda item stating that the choir was one of only four high school mixed choirs selected from Texas, and the only non-6A school to receive the honor. She also stated that the Choir would fundraise to pay for the trip.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Mandy McCary the Board approved for the Marble Falls High School choir to travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico to perform at the Southwestern American Choral Directors Association Convention.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Designation of Burnet County 4-H Organization as an Extra-Curricular Activity in MFISD

Yarda Leflet shared the annual resolution and faculty agreement between Marble Falls ISD and the Burnet County 4-H Organization. The resolution allows for 4-H activities to be counted as extra-curricular activities and the agreement grants adjunct faculty status to the Burnet County 4-H Extension agents working with MFISD Students.

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the resolution and faculty agreement between Marble Falls ISD and the Burnet County 4-H Organization.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Burnet CAD Resolution No. 6-19-2025

Bill Orr presented the Burnet CAD's resolution stating the need to renovate the county tax office workspace to provide a safer facility for staff and patrons. The resolution indicates that Texas Property Tax Code Section 6.051 requires acquisition or conveyance of real property or renovation of a building by an appraisal district be approved by the governing bodies of three-fourths of the taxing units entitled to vote on the appointment of Board members.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Kevin Naumann the Board approved the Burnet Central Appraisal District's resolution authorizing the renovation of the real estate located at 215 S. Pierce, Burnet, Texas as presented.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Elementary iPad Cart Replacements

Nathan Fink shared a proposal to replace the aging Elementary iPad carts in the district. Mr. Fink noted that the purchase through B&H Photo would provide new updated carts that will enhance functionality and stability and will take up less space in the classrooms than the current outdated carts being used.

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Kevin Virdell the Board approved the purchase of 110 replacement elementary classroom carts from B&H Photo for a total of \$63,250.00.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

PK-2nd iPad Replacements

Nathan Fink shared a proposal from Apple to replace iPads across our Elementary Campuses for students in Pre-K-2nd grade. Mr. Fink stated that the current iPads were purchased in 2017 and have limitations that risk instructional continuity. Purchasing new devices would ensure students have access to testing and educational applications that require newer operating systems.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Larry Berkman the Board approved the purchase of 900 replacement iPads from Apple for a total of \$291,600.00.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

PK-2nd iPad Cases

Nathan Fink brought before the board a proposal to purchase new iPad cases for our Elementary campuses. He shared that the current cases in the district are no longer compatible with the latest generation of iPads and that the proposal was for an upgrade to the “Gumdrop FoamTech Cases” which will provide much more protection for the devices.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the purchase of 950 replacement iPad cases from CDW for a total of \$20,187.50.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Consideration and Possible Action to Amend Board Policy FM (Local)

Stan Whittle provided an overview of SB 401, which gives school districts the option to allow or disallow non-enrolled students to participate in UIL activities. He shared that the district’s recommendation is to decline participation for non-enrolled students. A draft of FM (Local) reflecting this recommendation was also presented.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Gary Boshears the Board approved to adopt the amendment to Board Policy FM(Local) as presented.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Selection of Construction Manager at Risk for the 2025 Bond Projects

Stan Whittle and Mackie Price recapped the Board’s decision to use the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) method for all 2025 Bond projects, as it offers the best value for the District. He noted that the Administration evaluated and ranked the responses received during the procurement process and is recommending American Contractors as the CMAR. The firm was selected through a one-step procurement process in accordance with the Texas Government Code.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the ranking of construction managers at risk for the 2025 Bond Projects as presented by Administration and delegate authority to the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate a contract (using the form that was prepared by legal counsel and included in the bid package) with the top-ranked contractor and to execute a contract, and if a contract cannot be negotiated with the top-ranked contractor, then for the Superintendent to terminate negotiations with

the top-ranked and go on to the next-ranked until a mutually agreeable contract can be executed in a form approved by legal counsel.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Solar Energy Project Professional Service

Stan Whittle presented a proposal from E3 Integral Solutions, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for solar photovoltaic projects at various MFISD facilities. He shared that the scope of services includes mechanical, structural, and electrical engineering related to solar installations, as well as the development of a turnkey installation cost proposal and contract.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Nauman the Board approved E3 Integral Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$51,000.00 for mechanical, structural, and electrical engineering services related to solar energy efficiency projects at Marble Falls ISD.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Louver Replacement at MFHS

Stan Whittle reviewed a proposal for the replacement of a damaged and leaking louver above the Principal Secretaries office at Marble Falls High School, which has been causing water intrusion. The scope includes removal of the existing louver, installation of a new wind-driven louver, sealing, and site cleanup.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Mandy McCary the board approved \$47,890.00 to have LBK Roofing remove and replace the leaking louver with a new one at Marble Falls High School.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

District Wide HVAC Replacement

Stan Whittle outlined the current need for HVAC replacement across the district stating that there are 197 aging HVAC units using discontinued R22 refrigerant being recommended for replacement with high-efficiency Trane units utilizing updated 454B refrigerant. The project includes removal, proper disposal, installation, startup, safety checks, and cleanup. Administration recommended Trane, a BuyBoard-approved vendor, for the project

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Larry Berkman the board approved Trane as the contractor to make improvements to HVAC units district-wide in the amount of \$6,820,201

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

25-26 Student Handbook

Stan Whittle presented for first read the 25-26 Student Handbook which has been updated to reflect changes from the current legislative session as well as some district level revisions. Mr. Whittle highlighted some of the changes and stated that the district would be meeting with campus administration to review and make revisions if needed and the Board would receive a complete student handbook update as well as a request for approval at the next available Board Meeting.

25-26 Student Code of Conduct

Stan Whittle introduced the updated 25-26 Student Code of Conduct explaining that the new version included TASB revisions from the latest legislative session. During his presentation he highlighted some of the revisions of particular interest as they relate to new laws recently passed. He also stated that there were no district level changes to the code of conduct.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Virdell the board approved the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

25-26 Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct

Stan Whittle presented the 25-26 Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct to the Board stating that other than updating the eligibility calendars there were no changes from the previous school year.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell second by Mandy McCary the board approved the 2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct as presented.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Consider and Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

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

Minutes from June 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting
Minutes from June 26, 2025 Special Called Board Meeting
Minutes from July 14, 2025 Special Called Board Meeting
Policy Update 125
Tax Penalty Waiver Request

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

CW(Local)

Stan Whittle presented Board Policy (CW Local) for approval. Mr. Whittle gave a short recap of the policy which was presented as first read at the June regular Board Meeting. Dr. Gasaway commented on the Policy and its intent moving forward in regards to the dedication and naming of facilities.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Larry Berkman the board approved the adoption of Board Policy CW (Local) as presented.

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Upcoming Meetings and Board Training Opportunities

Tuesday, July 29, 2025 5:30 p.m. -Training, Texas Education Code Update

Monday, August 18, 2025 6:00 p.m.- Regular Board Meeting

Monday, September 15, 2025 6:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At **7:57 p.m.** the Board adjourned into executive session to discuss Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074) and Discussion of Real Property (TX Govt. Code 551.072)

The Board reconvened from executive session at 8:44 p.m.

Discussion and Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

Discussion of Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074)

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

For: 7 Against: 0 Absent: 0

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Approved:

Alex Payson, President

Crystal Tubig, Secretary