

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. Missy Barrington, Dr. Melissa Fields, Mackie Price, Patrick Hinson, Clark Fields, Dr. Pedro Garcia, Kara Gasaway, Tiffany Brantley, Melissa Fletcher, Suzie Neuenschwander, Eric Humiston, Ashley Bernard

Members of the Press: None

Citizen Comments

Katherine Terrell, Bill Neve, Leslie Rowe and Jason Welch each spoke regarding student GPA and Rankings.

***Gary Boshears arrived at 6:13p.m.**

Special Recognitions

Marble Falls High School Choir

Bryce Gage introduced the MFHS Choir, including eight members who received All-State recognition and recently performed at the TMEA State Concert. Mr. Gage shared information regarding upcoming special events and the choir sang two selections for the Board as a preview of those upcoming performances.

Superintendent's Award

Falls Career High School Principal Clark Fields recognized Serenity Choitz and Angel Castillo as the February Superintendent's Award recipients. Mr. Fields commended both students for their self-motivation, positive outlook, and their work ethic. The students each received a gift from their campus administrator, and Dr. Gasaway presented them with a certificate and gift card in honor of their achievement.

Going the Extra Mile Award

Dr. Missy Barrington recognized Falls Career High School Teacher Heather Greene as the February GEM Award recipient. Dr. Barrington highlighted Ms. Greene's journey in education that ultimately led her to Marble Falls ISD and commended her years of dedicated service. Ms. Greene received a gift from her principal, along with an award and certificate presented by Dr. Gasaway.

Spotlight on Excellence

Dr. Gasaway recognized Colt Elementary teacher Abby Rodriguez as the February Spotlight on Excellence Award recipient. A video featuring her nomination from Principal Melissa Fletcher highlighted the strong relationships Ms. Rodriguez builds with students meeting their individual needs and the ways she goes above and beyond for all students and families. Dr. Gasaway presented Ms. Rodriguez with an award and certificate in recognition of her achievement.

Spotlight on Engagement

Yarda Leflet recognized MFHS science teacher Mihaela Hammond as the February Spotlight on Engagement recipient. Ms. Leflet commended Ms. Hammond for her innovative instructional practices, consistent high expectations for students, and her ability to spark curiosity inspiring students to achieve beyond what they believed possible. In recognition of the honor, Ms. Hammond received an award from Ms. Leflet and a certificate presented by Dr. Gasaway.

Information Items

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- Proposed 2026-2027 School Board Meeting Dates
- Special Awareness Dates

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

MFHS Choir Out of Country Travel Request

Bryce Gage presented a request for the MFHS Choir to travel to Germany, the Netherlands, and Belgium during Spring Break 2027. Mr. Gage outlined the proposed itinerary, which includes visits to historical sites, city tours, and opportunities to perform at various venues. He also noted that adjustments to the schedule may be considered to help manage costs, as students will be fundraising to support the trip.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Kevin Naumann the Board approved the out of country travel for Choir for Spring Break 2027.

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

CTE Update

Ashley Bernard presented an overview of the CTE program, outlining the nine Career Clusters and sharing current student enrollment in each. Current CTE students then provided additional details on courses offered within the clusters and shared how the programs have positively impacted them.

The Board took a brief recess at 7:26 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m.

Public Hearings

Public Hearing #1-TAPR Report

Mr. Payson opened Public Hearing #1 at 7:32 p.m. Dr. Fields presented the District’s Academic Performance Report (TAPR), highlighting the eight sections of the report and providing a brief overview of the information included in each section. Dr. Fields pointed out key areas of interest and informed the Board on how to access the report online or in print. There were no questions or comments from the public and **Mr. Payson closed the hearing at 7:35 p.m.**

Public Hearing #2-Marble Falls ISD Targeted Improvement and Local Improvement Plans

Mr. Payson opened Public Hearing #2 at 7:35 p.m. Yarda Leflet presented information regarding the development and implementation of Local and Targeted Improvement Plans based on accountability ratings and support designations. Ms. Leflet stated that all plans are posted on the website and will be presented for Board approval at the March regular Board Meeting, with notification to TEA following approval. There were no questions or comments from the public and **Mr. Payson closed the hearing at 7:46 p.m.**

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

Inclement Weather Resolution

Stan Whittle presented an Inclement Weather Resolution addressing employee compensation for the school closures resulting from inclement weather on January 26, 2026 and January 27, 2026.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved Inclement Weather Resolution as presented.

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Senate Bill 11

Stan Whittle presented the Senate Bill 11 Resolution, providing an overview of the Bill, the timeline for bringing the Resolution to the Board, and key provisions that could potentially affect the District.

Kevin Virdell made a motion to vote on whether to adopt the Resolution to provide a period of prayer or reading of the Bible or other religious texts as provided by Section 25.0823 of the Texas Education Code. The motion was seconded by Kevin Naumann. The Board voted as follows:

For: Gary Boshears,

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

Abstain: None

The Resolution failed by a vote of 1- 6.

HB 2 Delay of Teacher Certification Requirements

Dr. Missy Barrington shared the HB2 Implementation Plan and the District’s request to delay implementation to allow currently employed uncertified foundation teachers to remain in place while completing certification requirements.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the MFISD Plan for Implementation of Teacher Certification Requirements as presented.

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Possible Purchase of Carpet for Colt Elementary School

Mackie Price outlined the District's proposal for new carpet at Colt Elementary School as part of the 2025 Bond. He shared photos illustrating the need for replacement and reviewed the project quote noting that a local vendor will be used.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Gary Boshears the Board approved \$58,523.00 to have Core Construction complete carpet replacement at Colt Elementary School.

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Possible Purchase of Tractor for Maintenance Department

Eric Humiston outlined a request for the purchase of a Kubota MX4900 tractor which would provide the maintenance staff with an upgraded machine that has the capacity to manage all District needs. Included were key features of the tractor and pricing noting the purchase would be from local vendor Ewald Kubota.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Larry Berkman the Board approved the purchase of a tractor and attachments from Ewald Kubota in Marble Falls for the amount of \$47,083.51.

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Consider and Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, second by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the following as presented:

- Minutes from January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting
- Minutes from February 12, 2026 Special Board Meeting
- Order of Cancellation for the May 2, 2026 Trustee Election
- Budget Amendment

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Upcoming Meetings & Board Training Requirements

- Monday, March 9, 2026 - Team of 8 Training
- Monday, March 23, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
- Monday, April 20, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At **8:41 p.m.**, the Board convened in executive session to discuss Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074), Safety & Security (TX Govt. Code 551.076) and Superintendent's Evaluation (TX Govt. Code 551.074)

The Board reconvened from executive session at **10:23 p.m.**

Discussion & Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

Discussion of Professional Personnel

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

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at **10:33 p.m.**

Approved:

Alex Payson, President

Crystal Tubig, Secretary