

Marble Falls Independent School District
Board Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2026

Alex Payson, President, called the regular meeting to order at **6:00 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, Gary Boshears, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Board Members Absent:

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

Members of the Press: None

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Special Recognitions

Superintendent's Award

Marble Falls High School Principal Patrick Hinson honored seniors Kenadi Dalton and Cooper Womack as the April Superintendent's Award recipients. Mr. Hinson highlighted their leadership, strong character, and the meaningful impact they have made on the campus. Each student received a campus gift, and Dr. Gasaway presented a certificate and gift card in recognition of their accomplishments.

Going the Extra Mile Award

Patrick Hinson recognized Crystal Perez as the April *GEM* Award recipient. Mr. Hinson shared the many reasons Ms. Perez was selected including her constant willingness to step in and help on campus anywhere that is needed. For her recognition, Ms. Perez received a gift from her campus and an award and certificate from the District.

Spotlight on Excellence

Dr. Gasaway recognized MFISD Transportation's Ted Gulden as the Spotlight on Excellence recipient for April. The presentation began with a video of his nomination highlighting the many reasons he is so deserving of the honor. Mr. Gulden was presented an award and certificate for outstanding contributions to the District.

Spotlight on Engagement

Yarda Leflet recognized Highland Lakes Elementary dual-language teacher Irene Pacheco as the April Spotlight on Engagement recipient. Ms. Leflet commended Ms. Pacheco for creating strong foundations in learning to all of her students through her creative, loving, and engaging classroom environment. Ms. Pacheco received an award from Ms. Leflet and a certificate presented by Dr. Gasaway.

PCAT Bus Driver of the Year

Gina Solorzano recognized MFISD Transportation's Jim Loden as the PCAT Driver of the Year, marking his dedication, reliability, and commitment to student safety. She also highlighted his daily contributions to the department and its staff. Mr. Loden was presented with a crystal award in honor of this recognition.

Powerlifting State Qualifiers

Keri Timmerman introduced Coach Carl Bielfeldt and members of the MFHS Powerlifting Team in recognition of their outstanding season which included qualifying for the state meet. Coach Bielfeldt then introduced the athletes, highlighting their individual accomplishments and contributions to the team's success.

Boys Soccer State Semi-Finalist

Keri Timmerman presented the MFHS Boys Soccer team and Head Coach Ryan Craven in honor of their outstanding state semi-finalist season. Coach Craven reflected on the team's exceptional year, highlighting their many accomplishments and emphasizing the unique bond they share which he attributed as a key factor in their success.

BPA, Skills USA and TSA State Qualifiers

Ashley Bernard introduced students and sponsors from MFMS and MFHS who participated in various CTE competitive events. Sponsors from each group recognized their students, highlighting the contests in which they competed and their individual accomplishments. Several students were also acknowledged as state qualifiers, reflecting a high level of achievement across all of the programs.

Information Items

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

Board President to Announce Board Continuing Education Credit Hours

Board President Alex Payson announced that all Board Members have exceeded the required number of training hours.

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

Transportation Update

Gina Solorzano updated the Board on the Transportation Department including the current fleet inventory and Senate Bill 546 compliance regarding seat belt requirements. Ms. Solorzano also shared projected needs of the department including additional buses in the near future.

Budget Update

Bill Orr shared an update on the current budget and the projected 2026-2027 school year budget.

Purchase of Additional Band Uniforms

Bill Orr presented a request for the purchase of additional band uniforms to add to the current inventory to accommodate program growth. He further stated that this add-to-set order is needed as the band is only half-way through the current uniform cycle.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, seconded by Gary Boshears, the Board approved the purchase of additional band marching uniforms at a cost of \$49,245.00 from Fred J Miller out of Bond funds.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Possible Selection of General Contractor for Band Hall, Auditorium, Dance, and Cheer Facilities

Stan Whittle presented a request to use Core Construction for the projects to reorganize and modernize the campus fine arts and performance program spaces to better support the Band, Dance, Cheer, and Auditorium programs. Additionally, Mr. Whittle shared that Core Construction is a TIPS and BuyBoard approved vendor.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, seconded by Crystal Tubig the Board approved Core Construction as the General Contractor for the bond projects including the Band Hall, Auditorium, Dance and Cheer Facilities.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

The Board took a brief recess at 7:53 p.m. and returned at 7:57 p.m.

Possible Renovation of MFHS Cooling Towers

Eric Humiston outlined a request from the Maintenance Department to renovate the cooling towers at MFHS, originally installed in 2009 and serving the campus HVAC system. The proposed work includes replacement of key components and repairs to address deterioration in the north towers. A proposal from Trane U.S. Inc. was presented in support of the project.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Larry Berkman the Board approved the renovation of the four High School cooling towers by Trane U.S. Inc. for the amount of \$1,310,562.00 from the Bond Deferred Maintenance Budget.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Staff Development Waiver

Yarda Leflet presented a request for approval to apply for a waiver allowing up to 2,100 minutes (five days) of professional development during the 2026–2027 instructional calendar, including instructional planning days and early release/professional learning days. She noted that Board approval is required prior to submission to the Texas Education Agency and indicated the request will be brought forward for action at the May Board meeting.

Possible Purchase of Frontline

Dr. Shana Bunch-Fancher requested approval to purchase Frontline Education as the District’s Special Education and Section 504 student management system, effective July 1, 2026. The current system requires significant manual oversight, creating inefficiencies, increasing workload, and elevating compliance risk, while the proposed system is intended to streamline processes and better support staff and student services.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, seconded by Mandy McCary the Board approved the purchase and implementation of Frontline Education as Marble Falls ISD’s Special Education and Section 504 Student Management System, effective July 1, 2026, as presented.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Technology Aging Network Equipment Replacement

Nathan Fink shared a request for the purchase and replacement of aging network equipment, noting that the District’s IDF fiber distribution switches, originally installed in 2014, have reached end-of-life and require replacement. The proposed upgrade includes replacing fiber switches and those supporting wireless access points, increasing bandwidth and improving reliability and overall wireless performance across the District.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Gary Boshears the Board approved the purchase of Network Equipment from Computer Solutions for \$296,194.57.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

T-Mobile Non-Disclosure Agreement

Nathan Fink presented a request to enter into a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with T-Mobile regarding the District’s Educational Broadband Service (EBS) wireless license issued by the FCC. The District does not currently utilize the license, and the NDA is required to allow discussions related to the potential purchase. Mr. Fink also informed the Board that District legal counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement.

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, seconded by Kevin Naumann the Board approved the signing of the Non-Disclosure Agreement with T-Mobile in order to start negotiations for purchase of the EBS Wireless License.

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, seconded by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the following as presented:

- Minutes from March 23, 2026 Board Meeting
- Instructional Materials Certification
- Recommendation for Purchase of Instructional Materials

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Mustang Stadium Bleacher Replacement

Eric Humiston recapped the proposal from Sturdisteel to replace the reserved seating at Mustang Stadium which was presented for first read at the March 2026 Board meeting. As requested by the Board, Mr. Humiston presented samples of the seats to assist in making color selections.

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, seconded by Kevin Virdell the Board approved purple and light grey for the purchase of 1,377 seating chairs and their installation from Sturdisteel Grandstand and Press Box for the amount of \$399,450.00.

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, May 18, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, June 10-13, 2026 - SLI San Antonio
- Monday, June 15, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At **8:29 p.m.**, the Board convened in executive session to discuss Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074) including the Renewal/Extension of Teacher's Contracts and Possible Approval of Superintendent's Contract (TX Govt. Code 551.074)

The Board reconvened from executive session at **9:02 p.m.**

Discussion & Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

Possible Approval of Renewal/Extension of Teacher's Contracts

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, seconded by Kevin Virdell the Board approved Personnel List #1 as presented in executive session.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, seconded by Kevin Naumann the Board approved Personnel List #2 as presented in executive session.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** Larry Berkman

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Gary Boshears the Board approved Personnel List #3 as presented in executive session.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

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

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

Against: None **Abstain:** Alex Payson

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, seconded by Gary Boshears the Board approved Dr. Shana Bunch-Fancher as Assistant Superintendent of Special Services.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Upon a motion by Gary Boshears, seconded by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the Superintendent's Contract as presented in Executive Session.

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 **9:06 p.m.**

Approved:

Alex Payson, President

Crystal Tubig, Secretary