

Marble Falls Independent School District
Board Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2025

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, Larry Berkman, Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

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

Members of the Press: None

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments

Special Recognitions

Superintendent's Award

Spicewood Elementary Principal Tiffany Brantley recognized fifth-grade students Millie Sue Rust and Eduardo Aguilar as the December Superintendent's Award recipients. Ms. Brantley shared reflections from the students' teachers and classmates, highlighting the character traits and positive contributions that made each student deserving of this recognition. Ms. Brantley then presented the students with gifts, and Dr. Jeff Gasaway concluded the recognition by awarding each student a certificate and gift card in celebration of their achievement.

Going the Extra Mile Award

Spicewood Elementary Principal Tiffany Brantley recognized fourth-grade teacher Danielle Harmon as the December GEM Award recipient. Ms. Brantley shared remarks from colleagues and students that highlighted Ms. Harmon's positive impact on the campus, her dedication to excellence in the classroom, and her genuine care for every student she serves. In recognition of this honor, Ms. Harmon received a gift from her campus administrators, along with an award and certificate presented by Dr. Jeff Gasaway.

Spotlight on Excellence

Dr. Jeff Gasaway recognized Highland Lakes Elementary teacher Jennifer Cline as the December Spotlight on Excellence Award recipient. A video message from Principal Suzie Neuenschwander was shared, highlighting the many qualities that led to Ms. Cline's nomination, including her strong connections with students, her caring approach, and her ability to make every child feel valued and supported. Dr. Gasaway concluded the recognition by presenting Ms. Cline with an award and certificate in honor of her achievement.

Spotlight on Engagement

Yarda Leflet recognized Colt Elementary first-grade teacher Tracy Farmer as the December Spotlight on Engagement recipient, highlighting the enthusiasm, purpose, and joy she brings to the campus each day. Ms. Leflet emphasized the meaningful and hands-on learning experiences Ms. Farmer creates in her classroom that students remember long after they leave her. In recognition of the honor, Ms. Farmer received an award from Ms. Leflet and a certificate presented by Dr. Gasaway.

TMEA Distinguished Educator

Marble Falls High School Choir Director Bryce Gage announced that High School Principal Patrick Hinson has been selected as a TMEA Distinguished Educator. Mr. Gage provided background information on the organization and outlined the nomination process, including the submission of an essay highlighting the many reasons Mr. Hinson was deserving of this recognition. He noted Mr. Hinson's steadfast support of fine arts, his leadership on campus, and his genuine commitment to students and staff, all of which reflect the values celebrated by the TMEA Distinguished Educator honor.

Information Items

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- Special Awareness Dates

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

Instructional Calendar 2026-2027

Yarda Leflet presented for first read the proposed 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar pointing out key dates and providing a breakdown of the total number of instructional days and how they fall within the two semesters. The proposed calendar will be presented again for approval at the January 12, 2026 regular Board Meeting.

Softball Facility Project Update

Mackie Price provided the Board with an update on the Softball Facility Bond Project, sharing photographs that illustrated the progress made thus far and outlining the anticipated timeline for completion. He explained that the work remains on schedule with turf installation identified as the next step towards conclusion of the project.

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 November 17, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting
- Minutes from December 8, 2025 Special School Board Meeting
- 2026 Public Information Request Calendar

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Policy Update 126

Yarda Leflet presented for Board approval Policy Update 126 noting that due to inclusion in the District's DOI plan, policies DGBA, EEP, EIA, FNG, GF would not be included in the approval. Ms. Leflet briefly reviewed each of these excluded policies in her presentation.

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Kevin Naumann the Board approved all policies under Update 126 except the following local policies due to inclusion in the District's District of Innovation Plan: DGBA, EEP, EIA, FNG, GF.

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

Against: None

Abstain: None

Upcoming Meetings & Board Training Requirements

-Monday, January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

-Monday, February 23, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

Executive Session

At **6:53 p.m.**, the Board convened in executive session to discuss Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074) and the Superintendent's Self-Evaluation.

The Board reconvened from executive session at **7:58 p.m.**

Discussion & Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

Discussion of Professional Personnel

No Action Taken

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at **7:59 p.m.**

Approved:

Alex Payson, President

Crystal Tubig, Secretary