

March 31, 2025

The Board of Education of the McKinney Independent School District met in a Regular Board of Trustees meeting on March 31, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the McKinney ISD Stadium and Event Center, 4201 South Hardin Blvd., McKinney, Texas 75070. Board President, Philip Hassler, called the meeting to order 6:00 PM and established a quorum.

Members Present

Philip Hassler, Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca,
Larry Jagours, Stephanie O'Dell
Chad Green, Lynn Sperry

Members Absent

Administration Present

Superintendent, Shawn Pratt,
Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources,
Alana Chisum
Assistant Superintendent of Teaching Learning &
Accountability, Dr. Amber Epperson
Executive Director of Elementary Leadership, Molly Hovan
Sr. Director of Legal Affairs, Aretha Jackson
Chief Information Officer, Stephen McGilvray
Chief Financial Officer, Marlene Harbeson
Deputy Superintendent of Leadership, Melanie Raleeh
Assistant Superintendent of Public Relations &
Communications, Dr. Shelly Spaulding
Chief Operations Officer, Greg Suttle
Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations &
Technology, Dr. Dennis Womack
Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Azaleah
Barreto

Call to Order

First order of Business

Announcement by the president whether a quorum is present, that the meeting had been duly called and notice of the meeting had been posted for the time and manner required by law.

Invocation led by Board Member, Lynn Sperry

Pledges of Allegiance led by Board Member, Lynn Sperry

Recognitions

We Are McKinney Superintendent Award

Assistant Superintendent of Public Relations & Communications, Dr. Shelly Spaulding
Presented the We Are McKinney Award to Allie Stephenson from Evans Middle
School and Jack Sears from McNeil Elementary School

Every Student, Every Day Award

Assistant Superintendent of Teaching & Learning, Dr. Amber Epperson presented the Every Student, Every Day Award to Kalen Fassnacht from Slaughter Elementary School And Ryan McLaughlin from Wilmeth Elementary School

McKinney ISD Lives Kind

Director of Guidance & Counseling, Errin French presented the MISD Lives Kind Award to Burks Elementary School Principal, Al Conley and the Burks Elementary Staff

Baylor TIP

Coordinator of Gifted and Talented, Trey Wright honored the Baylor Talent Identification Program recipients

Athletics State Qualifiers

Athletic Director, Jennifer Frazier recognized UIL State Qualifiers Swim/Dive Program from McKinney North High School. UIL State Qualifiers Wrestling from McKinney North High School, Boyd High School and McKinney High School. UIL State Spirit Competition Medalists from McKinney Boyd McKinney North High School

Texas Thespian Award Recipients

Director of Fine Arts, Dr. Jared Critchfield recognized Texas Thespian Award Recipients from McKinney Boyd, McKinney North, and McKinney High School

Public Comment on agenda and non-agenda items

1. Bennett Miles spoke on cuts to GT Alpha
2. Gabriel Evans spoke on save the GT Program
3. Jaxton Ramsey spoke on the budget cuts and restructuring for GT/Alpha program in MISD
4. Arianna Gimbel spoke on MISD Budget Update
5. Calista Williams spoke on budget amendments and personnel recommendation, cutting of the GT Program
6. Soleil Sutka spoke on Alpha program
7. Quinn Powell spoke on GT program
8. Kerri Dressel spoke on GT/Alpha program
9. Viviana Villegas spoke on Gifted and Talented programming cuts
10. Savannah Forshee spoke on Funding removal for GT
11. Kyle Buchanan spoke on Alpha being out
12. Julia McManis spoke on cuts to elementary GT
13. Sander Jacobs spoke on Alpha Program
14. Zoey Hurst spoke on GT Funding Plan
15. Samantha Sneller spoke on Gifted and Talented Program
16. Kensley Erickson spoke on Benefits of the Alpha Program
17. Britni Miles spoke on cuts to GT Alpha and Special Education
18. Jeremy Sutka spoke on Alpha program
19. Katie Buchanan spoke on Alpha Program -program and personnel cuts

20. Lauren Simpson spoke on Support for MISD professionals and discussion of budget deficit
21. Erin Hill spoke on Gifted and Talented budget cut
22. Rico Sneller spoke on Elementary GT Program
23. Maelynn Hudson spoke on Gifted and Talented Program
24. Joy Booth spoke on budget cuts
25. Samuel Hall spoke on Accountability
26. Mary Melton spoke on Gifted and Talented program cuts
27. Angie Bado spoke on Support for the district
28. Tom Klein spoke on Study: McKinney ISD Ranks lowest 2018-2024 in STAAR Testing Compared to Allen, Frisco, & Prosper
29. Shawn Hurst spoke on GT Funding
30. Rachel McManis spoke on cuts to elementary GT
31. Halcyon Ramsey spoke on GT budget cuts and program changes
32. Lee Moore spoke on MISD should evaluate the declining enrollment and making the very tough, but FINANCIALLY SOUND decision to close schools and reduce the \$1,948,467 upper management staff before cutting programs. Stop blaming the state for not giving handouts when MISD cannot manage their own house
33. Cheryl Hargrove spoke on MISD budget cuts-lack of public education funding from state
34. Michael Conway spoke on books
35. Travis Hudson spoke on McKinney ISD drastic GT Program reductions
36. Courtnee Kendrick spoke on Cutting of staff that directly impacts students

Board President, Philip Hassler announced the board will not be adjourning to Closed Meeting

Presentations

MISD Financial Update

Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations & Technology, Dr. Dennis Womack provided a district Financial Update

Board President, Philip Hassler announced the board would take a brief recess at 8:42 PM

Mr. Green left the meeting at 8:50 PM

Reconvene from Recess at 8:52 PM

Presentations

CTE/AVID Update

Senior Director of Career Technology Education, Jae Gaskill presented an update on CTE and AVID Programming

Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. February 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
2. February 28, 2025, Joint MISD & City Council Meeting Minutes

B. Financial Reports

1. Budget Amendments February 2025

- C. RFP2024-12-635 Catering, Fast Food, Food Trucks, Restaurants, and Refreshments
- D. RFP2024-12-636 Maintenance & Operations Equipment, Parts and Supplies
- E. RFP2024-12-638 Fine Arts Equipment, Supplies, and Services
- F. RFP2024-12-639 Athletics Equipment, Supplies, and Services
- G. RFP225-01-633 Walk-In Cooler(s), Walk-In Freezer(s) and Replacement Parts
- H. RFP2025-02-634 Sponsorship Marketing
- I. Participation in the Interlocal Agreement Between Collin County Mental Health Retardation Center DBA "LifePath Systems" and McKinney ISD
- J. Resolution Authorizing Salary Payments to District Employees for Closures due to Power Outages
- K. Additional 2024-2025 Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) Appraisers
- L. Personnel Recommendation: Employment
- M. Personnel Contract Type Changes
- N. District of Innovation Plan Amendment #4
- O. Evans Middle School Refresh Phase 2
- P. McKinney Boyd High School Refresh Phase 1
- Q. Finch Elementary School Refresh

Discussion / Action

No. 9488

Consider Approval of Consent Agenda

Motion was made by Stephanie O'Dell and seconded by Harvey Oaxaca to approve the consent agenda as presented with the additional Personnel Employment, Mason Norris. Personnel Separations-Retirement, Bertha Berkhardt and Personnel Separations, Alyssa Bunch, Bethany Crawford, Chyvonna Daniels, Laurie Derosé Leotaud, Emily Fleming, Molly Giles, Rosalyn Govan, and Makayla Marley.

YEAS Lynn Sperry, Stephanie O'Dell, Philip Hassler, Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

No. 9489

Consideration of Bond Committee

Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations & Technology, Dr. Dennis Womack presented a recommendation and authorization to form and convene a citizens Bond Committee to study future capital needs

Motion was made by Larry Jagours and seconded by Stephanie O'Dell to approve the Consideration of Bond Committee as presented

YEAS Lynn Sperry, Stephanie O'Dell, Philip Hassler, Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Larry Jagours

NAYS None

Monthly Written Reports

- A. Donations Less Than \$5,000
- B. Bond Report
- C. Energy Report
- D. Construction Report
- E. Transportation Report
- F. HR Report
- G. Quarterly English Learner Support Update
- H. LOTE Report
- I. Demographic Update

Future Business/Meetings/Events

- A. April 1, 2025, Elementary Open House (Various Times)
- B. April 3, 2025, 14th Annual Special Olympics: Track & Field, Ron Poe Stadium, 9:30 AM
- C. April 8, 2025, Serenity Breakfast, CEC, 8:00 AM
- D. April 10, 2025, Teacher of the Year Banquet, CEC, 6:30 PM
- E. April 21, 2025, Regular Board Meeting, CEC, 6:00 PM
- F. April 24, 2025, MEF Scholarship Ceremony, Sperry Performing Arts, 6:00 PM
- G. May 8, 2025, Distinguished Student Awards Banquet, CEC, 6:00 PM

Adjournment

Stephanie O'Dell made a motion to adjourn, Larry Jagours seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM

YEAS Lynn Sperry, Stephanie O'Dell, Philip Hassler, Amy Dankel, Harvey Oaxaca, Larry Jagours

NAYS None