



Agenda of Special Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees McAllen Independent School District

VISION	The McAllen Independent School District is a multicultural community in which students are enthusiastically and actively engaged in the learning process. Students demonstrate academic excellence in a safe, nurturing and challenging environment enhanced by technology and the contributions of the total community.
MISSION	The mission of the McAllen Independent School District is to educate all students to become lifelong learners and productive citizens in a global society through a program of educational excellence utilizing technology and actively involving parents and the community.
GOALS	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Student Achievement/Student Focus2. People Development3. Facility Priorities4. Financial Priorities
STRATEGIES	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Branding2. Attract/Retain High Quality Staff3. Engaging Learning Environment4. Rigorous/World Class Standards to Customize for Every Learner5. Partnerships with Business/Civic/Education/Organizations6. Future Ready Students7. Financial Priorities

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the McAllen Independent School District will be held Friday, June 3, 2022, beginning at 6:30 PM Dr. Ricardo Chapa Board Room/Administration Building of the McAllen Independent School District, 2000 North 23rd Street, McAllen, TX 78501.

Items listed on this agenda may be taken in an order other than as shown on this agenda. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

At this meeting there may be discussion and action by the Board on the item(s) and subject(s) listed as follows:

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
3. **BOARD RESOLUTION TO TASB CALLING ON LEGISLATION TO USE AVERAGE DAILY (ADM) FUNDING MODEL** 3
4. **ADJOURNMENT**

If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in a closed meeting, the Board will conduct a closed meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapters D and E. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.127, a member or employee of a governmental body is authorized to participate remotely in a meeting of the governmental body through a videoconference call, as long as a quorum of the governmental body is physically present at the location of the Board Meeting. Any video conference conducted pursuant to this section will comply with the technical requirements of this section.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.129, the Board of Trustees may use a telephone conference call, video conference call, or communications over the internet to conduct a public consultation with its attorney in an open meeting of the governmental body, or, a private consultation with its attorney in closed meeting of the governmental body.

The notice for this meeting was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meeting Act on May 31, 2022 at 4:00 P.M.

*Natalia Goza
on behalf of the Board of Trustees*

BOARD AGENDA REPORT
MCALLEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEETING DATE: June 3, 2022

SUBJECT: Board Resolution to TASB calling on Legislation to use Average Daily Membership (ADM) Funding Model

REFERENCE: Goal 4 – Financial Priorities: Strategy 7 – Financial Priorities

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION: The McAllen ISD School Board of Trustees advocate to promote the vision and engage the community in developing and fulfilling the vision. The board advocates on behalf of Texas public schoolchildren. The Board:

- Demonstrates its commitment to, and advocates on behalf of, the shared vision and goals by clearly communicating them to the superintendent, staff, and community.
- Builds collaborative relationships and partnerships with families and community, business, nonprofit, higher-education, education support organizations, and governmental leaders to influence and expand educational opportunities and meet the needs of students.
- Recognizes the respective roles of and provides input and feedback to the legislature, State Board of Education, and the Texas Education Agency to ensure maximum effectiveness and benefit to Texas schoolchildren.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS/FACTS AND ANALYSIS: Between March and June of every year, school boards may submit proposals for Resolutions to the Texas Association School Board (TASB) for recommendation to the TASB Delegate Assembly. Resolutions subsequently adopted by the Delegate Assembly will guide TASB’s responses on other issues that might arise before the Legislature and other governmental entities during the two-year period for which the Advocacy Agenda is adopted. TASB bylaws allow for local school boards to submit a Resolution proposal by June 15, 2022. Proposed resolutions are first reviewed by the TASB Resolutions Committee and thereafter by the TASB Board.

Texas schools are largely funded based on students who show up to class. An approach which measures with the potential to undercount students in low-income communities. Education finance experts state that by using an attendance-based funding model exacerbates inequities. Funding school districts based on enrollment would also make the budgeting process much more predictable and stable. Much of a school district’s expenses are fixed costs based on how many students are enrolled; schools need the same number of textbooks and teachers regardless of whether some student membership is absent.

State and local funding constitute district revenue nationwide. States use an enrollment number of some kind to allocate state-calculated revenue to districts on a per-pupil basis. The consequence of under-counting is an underfunded school district. This count typically happens through one or a combination of the following methods:

- Average Daily Attendance (ADA): The average number of students in seats in district schools calculated over a state-determined period of time (for example, October, August through October, etc.).
- Average Daily Membership (ADM): The average number of students enrolled in a district calculated over a state-determined period of time.
- Seat Count(s): Students in seats on a given “count day.”

LEGAL REVIEW: None

BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS: None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:The Board advocates for TASB to call upon the Texas Legislature to amend current law to replace the Average Daily Attendance funding model (ADA) to instead utilize the Average Daily Membership (ADM), the average number of students enrolled in a district calculated over a state-determined period of time.

SUBMITTED BY: _____


SUPERVISOR: Tony Forina (May 31, 2022 14:15 CDT)

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Approved for presentation to the Board of Education:



Advocacy Resolution

Please note:

- TASB member boards may propose a new resolution or a resolution adopted by a previous Delegate Assembly. **Resolutions must be submitted on this form.** Attachments will not be considered, and each resolution must have its own member rationale supporting its adoption.
- Express each proposal as a **short, simple sentence** stating the position your board wishes TASB to take regarding a matter of interest to your school board.
- Use copies of this form if submitting more than one resolution.
- Express **in paragraph form** your board’s rationale for the proposed resolution in the “statement of reasons” section below.
- The language of the proposal and rationale will be edited for length, style, and clarity. Substantive changes in the language of the proposed resolution or amendment shall be referred to the board for approval by a board representative.
- Similar submissions will be combined. Each board will then appear as a cosponsor of the combined proposal.

Proposed resolution: TASB advocate for a call upon the Texas Legislature to amend current law to replace the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) to instead utilize the Average Daily Membership (ADM), the average number of students enrolled in a district calculated over a state-determined period of time.

Statement of reasons: _ The mission of the Texas public education is to educate every student to become lifelong learners and productive citizens in a global society through a program of educational excellence utilizing technology and actively involving parents and the community. Texas schools are largely funded based on students who show up to class. An approach which measures with the potential to undercount students in low-income communities. Education finance experts state that by using an attendance-based funding model exacerbates inequities. Funding school districts based on enrollment would also make the budgeting process much more predictable and stable. Much of a school district’s expenses are fixed costs based on how many students are enrolled; schools need the same number of textbooks and teachers regardless of whether some student membership is absent. Districts acknowledge, advocate for and are dedicated to ensure every student is in the classroom actively engaged in academic programs and services with their teachers and supported by the whole community

I hereby certify that the above proposed resolution was approved by our board on June 3, 2022.
(Date of meeting)

Board president’s signature _____

Name of school district McAllen Independent School District

County-district number Hidalgo County-District #108906

Please e-mail your board’s proposed resolution(s) by June 15, 2022, to Athena Frangeskou with TASB Governmental Relations at athena.frangeskou@tasb.org.