

**MARBLE FALLS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

September 21, 2026 - 6:00 p.m.
Marble Falls ISD Central Office Community Room

President Alex Payson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Board Members Absent: Larry Berkman
Members of the Press: None
Administrators Present: Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Stan Whittle, Yarda Leflet, Dr. Shana Fancher, Charlie Orr, Soor-el Puga, Nathan Fink, Dr. Pedro Garcia, Mackie Price, Eric Humiston, Patrick Hinson, Dacarie Haskett, Kara Gasaway, Melissa Fletcher, Suzie Neuenschwander, Tiffany Brantley

Marble Falls High School Student Nina Garcia led the Invocation. Kevin Naumann led the Pledge to the Flags, and Crystal Tubig read the District Vision Statement.

Citizen Comments

Machell Morrison addressed the Board regarding TEA campus ratings.

Special Recognitions

Spotlight on Excellence

Marble Falls Elementary teacher Sarah Geringer was recognized as the September Spotlight on Excellence recipient for her dedication to students and contributions to her campus. A video of her nomination was shared, which included comments from her principal and Dr. Gasaway highlighting her commitment to meeting the individual needs of her students and supporting their academic and behavioral growth.

Spotlight on Engagement

Colt Elementary teacher Maria Aguilar was recognized as the September Spotlight on Engagement recipient. Ms. Leflet highlighted Ms. Aguilar's ability to create an engaging bilingual kindergarten classroom where students are actively learning and excited to participate. She commended Ms. Aguilar for setting high expectations for her students and advocating for bilingual education.

Information Items

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- 2026 STAAR Report
- Special Awareness Dates

Public Hearing

Board President Alex Payson opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

FIRST Report

Charlie Orr presented the District's 2025-2026 FIRST report, based on 2024-2025 financial data. He reported that the District received a perfect score and reviewed selected indicators, including current ratio, budgeted versus actual revenues, and the administrative cost ratio. He also explained changes to the administrative cost ratio calculation and shared his analysis of how the revised methodology could affect school district scores. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Board President Alex Payson closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m.

Presentation/Discussion Items & Possible Action

2026-2027 Tax Rate Adoption

Charlie Orr reviewed the adopted budget and proposed tax rate. The proposed 2026-2027 total tax rate was \$0.8805 per \$100 valuation, consisting of \$0.6652 for Maintenance and Operations and \$0.2153 for Interest and Sinking. He explained the statutory language comparing the adopted rate to the no-new-revenue rate and noted that the District's total tax rate decreased from the prior year.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved the tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.880500, which is effectively a 1.21 percent increase in the tax rate.

The Motion Passed

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Larry Berkman

Local Policies: AF, BQA, BQB, DGBA, EFB, EIA, FDA, FNG and GF

Yarda Leflet presented the first read of proposed local policy revisions recommended by TASB to align Board policy with the District's District of Innovation (DOI) Plan. She reviewed the primary revisions and clarified that the changes document existing DOI exemptions and practices. This item was presented for first read only and will be included on the October Board agenda for possible approval.

Additional ED-Pact Services

Yarda Leflet reviewed proposed additional services through ED-Pact under the LASO Cycle 4 LIFT Grant. The additional support, primarily for Highland Lakes Elementary School and other campuses as needed, includes leadership coaching, capacity building, expanded coaching, and assistance monitoring improvement-plan action steps.

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Mandy McCary, the Board approved additional work by ED-Pact, the approved Texas Education Agency provider for Marble Falls ISD, as allowed in the LASO Cycle 4 Texas Education Agency Grant for the 2026-2027 school year, for an amount not to exceed \$77,500.

The Motion Passed

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Larry Berkman

Engineering Services for Spicewood Elementary Driveway and Site Improvements

Stan Whittle presented the proposed civil engineering work for the Spicewood Elementary driveway and site improvement project included in the 2025 Bond Program. The project is intended to improve traffic flow and safety by developing additional vehicle queuing capacity. Kimley-Horn and Associates will provide engineering design, traffic queuing analysis, drainage and water-quality design, LCRA permitting assistance, project coordination, and limited construction-phase services.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, second by Kevin Naumann, the Board approved the proposal from Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for professional engineering services associated with the Spicewood Elementary driveway and site improvement project in the amount of \$57,750.

The Motion Passed

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Larry Berkman

Possible Purchase of Sliding Gate System at Maintenance Facility

Stan Whittle presented a proposal for a programmable sliding gate system at the Maintenance Facility to improve security and access control. The proposal from Gate Specialties totaled \$30,924. Savings realized from another bond-funded maintenance equipment purchase were identified to cover the amount above the original gate allocation. Mr. Whittle also stated the District maintenance staff will complete the electrical power and conduit work in-house.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved the purchase and installation of a sliding gate system at the Maintenance Facility from Gate Specialties, Inc. in the amount of \$30,924.

The Motion Passed

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Larry Berkman

Possible Purchase of New Buses

Stan Whittle presented the proposed purchase of seven 2027 IC CE 77-passenger school buses through Longhorn Bus Sales as part of the 2025 Bond Program's phased bus replacement plan. The total purchase, including the BuyBoard fee, was \$1,116,663. The buses are built to order, with an estimated delivery timeline of approximately five to nine months.

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Kevin Virdell, the Board approved the purchase of seven new IC school buses through Longhorn Bus Sales in the amount of \$1,116,663.

The Motion Passed

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Larry Berkman

Utility Line Easement Agreement

Dr. Jeff Gasaway reviewed the proposed utility line easement affecting District property near Mustang Drive and FM 1431. He recommended approval of the resolution and related permanent access easement agreement, with execution to occur after confirmation of the appropriate authorized signer for Rockpile Church, Inc.

Upon a motion by Mandy McCary, second by Crystal Tubig, the Board approved the resolution regarding granting a Utility Line Easement Agreement and a related Permanent Access Easement Agreement with Rockpile Church, Inc. on the District property described as 13,433 sq. ft. of land in the City of Marble Falls, Texas. I further move the Board to delegate authority on the Superintendent to finalize negotiations and executed any and all required documents in a form approved by legal counsel.

The Motion Passed

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Larry Berkman

Consider & Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, second by Kevin Naumann, the Board approved the following as presented:

- Minutes from the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Stadium Seating Budget
- Annual Renewal of Phone System Licensing
- Possible Purchase of Triton Ultra Detection Sensors

The Motion Passed

For: Alex Payson, Mandy McCary, Crystal Tubig, Dr. Gary Boshears, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell
Against: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Larry Berkman

Upcoming Meetings & Board Training Opportunities

- Monday, October 19, 2026
- Monday, November 16, 2026

Dr. Gasaway announced the Michael Phillips Maintenance Facility renaming ceremony will be held on Friday, October 2, 2026, at 8:00 a.m. at the MFISD Maintenance Facility.

Executive Session

At **6:57 p.m.**, the Board adjourned into Executive Session to discuss Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074).

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Action Arising from Executive Session

No action was taken arising from Executive Session.

Adjourn

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Alex Payson, President

Crystal Tubig, Secretary