

MERCEDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Mercedes, Texas

The Mercedes Independent School District Board of Trustees held a Regular Meeting on February 23, 2021 at the Culinary Arts Center 950 West Sixth Street Mercedes, TX 78570.

Present:

Don Vogel, President
Daniel R. Salinas, Vice President
Elvia Sandoval, Secretary

Brian R. Acosta, Member
George Cardenas, Member
Mario T. Garcia, Member
Ron McVey, Member

Present from the District:

Dr. Daniel Trevino Jr., Superintendent
Dr. Dana Yates, Asst. Superintendent
Olga Hinds, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Andrea Cruz, Exec. Dir. Human Resources
Lisa Cantu-Reyes, Federal Programs Director
Cindy Cardenas, CNS Director
Jesus Carrillo, Director Const. & Facilities
Edward Churchill, Safe Schools Director
Dr. Cynthia Wise Galvan, ACE Program Dir.
Delia Garcia, Business Office Acctng Dir.
Gloria F. Garza, Director Bilingual/ESL
Pearl Guerrero, Director TLI Grant
Paulita Guzman, SP ED Co-op Director
Rolando Handy, Technology Director
Adan Vallejo, Transportation Director

Debbie Winslow, CTE Director
Patricia Masso, MHS Principal
Jeanne Venecia, MECA Principal
Heather Garza, MAA Principal
Orlando Rodriguez, MJHS Principal
Rene Guajardo, JFK Principal
Michelle Guajardo, Hinojosa Principal
Elva Rivera, North Principal
David Aguirre, Taylor Principal
Delia Miguel Chacon, Principal Travis
Evangelina Gracia, MECC Principal
Guy McKinney, Band Director
Cesar Lopez, Purchasing Agent
Attorney Tony Torres
Martha Saenz, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Trustee Mr. Howell

INVOCATION by Trustee Mr. Hernandez

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENT

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Curriculum Writing Presentation

ACTION AGENDA

A. **Business Office**

1. Report and Discussion on 2020-2021 Financial Outlook
2. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MERCEDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "MERCEDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2021A"; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DISTRICT STAFF TO EXECUTE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO
3. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AN ORDER BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MERCEDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "MERCEDES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, TAXABLE SERIES 2021B"; LEVYING A CONTINUING DIRECT ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS; DELEGATING THE AUTHORITY TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DISTRICT STAFF TO EXECUTE CERTAIN

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER MATTERS
INCIDENT AND RELATED THERETO

4. Discussion and possible action to award RFQ#01142-349 Insurance Consultant and delegation of authority to Superintendent of Schools for matters incident thereto
5. Discussion and possible action to approve Renewal of External Auditor Contract RFQ#062019-337

B. Curriculum & Instruction

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the submittal of the Missed School Day waiver for February 15, 2021 to February 19, 2021 to the Texas Education Agency

C. Human Resources

1. Discussion and possible action to approve MISD School Closure Compensation Resolution

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Business Office

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Check Payments for January 2021
2. Discussion and possible action to approve Investment Report ending December 2020
3. Discussion and possible action to approve Tax Collections Report for December 2020
4. Discussion and possible action to approve Revenue & Expenditure Report for December 2020

B. Governance

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Minutes for the following meeting:
 - a. Board Workshop Training, January 27, 2021
 - b. Regular Board Meeting, January 19, 2021
2. Discussion and possible action to approve TASB Policy Update 116 affecting local policies:
CQB(LOCAL): TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES - CYBERSECURITY
DCD(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES - AT-WILL EMPLOYMENT
DCE(LOCAL): EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES - OTHER TYPES OF CONTRACTS
FFAC(LOCAL): WELLNESS AND HEALTH SERVICES - MEDICAL TREATMENT
GKA(LOCAL): COMMUNITY RELATIONS - CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PREMISES

C. Safe Schools

1. Discussion and possible action to approve 2020-2021 Student Out of District Transfer Requests
2. Discussion and possible action to approve Donations to Mercedes ISD

D. Superintendent

1. Discussion and possible action to approve Interlocal Cooperative Agreement and Business Associate Agreement between the County of Hidalgo and Mercedes ISD

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel, pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and Attorney consultation pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code

1. Resignations, terminations, appointments, evaluations, reassignments, duties, and discipline of Professional, Paraprofessional and Non-Contract Employees; Teacher Substitutes and Substitutes for Maintenance, Transportation, and Cafeteria Department

- B. Discussion and Private Consultation with Attorney Regarding Pending or Contemplated Litigation, Settlement Matters, and/or Matters Where the Professional Duty Under State Board Requires Private Consultation with the School Attorney

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- A. Discussion and possible action on items discussed in Executive Session

INFORMATION AGENDA

(5 minutes maximum for all items, inclusive)

Reminder...

March Regular Board Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Elvia Sandoval, Secretary

Don Vogel, President