

Marble Falls Independent School District
Board Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2026

Alex Payson, President, called the regular meeting to order at **6:01 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, Gary Boshears, Larry Berkman, Kevin Naumann, Kevin Virdell

Board Members Absent:

Administrators Present: Dr. Jeff Gasaway, Yarda Leflet, Stan Whittle, Dr. Shana Fancher, Bill Orr, Nathan Fink, Soor-el Puga, Dr. Melissa Fields, Dr. Pedro Garcia, Mackie Price, Keri Timmerman, Patrick Hinson, Clark Fields, Rudy Gonzalez, Kara Gasaway, Tiffany Brantley, Melissa Fletcher, Suzie Neuenschwander

Members of the Press: None

Citizen Comments

There were no Citizen Comments.

Administration of Oath of Office

Julie Shaffer administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board members Mandy McCary and Larry Berkman.

Special Recognitions

2026 Retiree Recognition

Stan Whittle recognized this year's retirees, expressing gratitude for their years of service and dedication to the District. Mr. Whittle shared comments from their supervisors and they were each gifted a retirement bell in appreciation of their service.

Going the Extra Mile Award

Amy Hoffmans was awarded the May GEM Award. During the presentation, Dr. Barrington shared the many reasons Ms. Hoffmans was selected, highlighting her 22 years of dedicated service to the District and the vital role she has played in supporting all District operations. Dr. Fancher also spoke on Ms. Hoffmans' dedication in supporting her department, as well as students, parents, and staff across the District. In recognition of her service and contributions, Ms. Hoffmans received an award and certificate from the District.

Marble Falls High School State Track Qualifiers

Coach Silva and Coach Gonzalez recognized MFHS track athletes Madison Cuplin and Graham Goggans for their outstanding seasons and advancing to the State track meet. The coaches praised both athletes for their dedication, perseverance, and commitment leading to State where Madison earned both a Gold and Silver Medal, and Graham brought home a Silver Medal.

Marble Falls High School State Tennis Qualifiers

Head Coach Samuel Whitley along with Assistant Coach Nathan Redman recognized MFHS tennis players who qualified for the State tournament. Cooper Womack was recognized for qualifying in Boy Singles for the 3rd consecutive year, while Amaris Mitchell-Ochoa and Cooper Kelley were honored for qualifying in Mixed Doubles. Coach Whitley praised all three athletes for their commitment and dedication not only this season but all previous seasons as well.

Marble Falls High School Boys Golf State Qualifier

Coach John Berkman introduced Camilo Montez, who qualified for the State Golf Tournament this year. Coach Berkman highlighted several of Camilo's outstanding finishes and accomplishments throughout the season that led to his State appearance. He also commended Camilo for his dedication, hard work, and determination in representing MFHS at the highest level of competition.

Marble Falls High School Visual Arts Scholastic Event UIL State Qualifiers

Marble Falls High School Art Teacher Kimberly Thomas introduced students from her program who qualified for the State VASE UIL Scholastic Event. Isabella Atkinson, Lydia Crawford, Shelby McLean, and Ashley Ferreira were recognized for their artistic talent, creativity, and the hard work and dedication they demonstrated throughout this year's competition season.

The Board took a brief recess at 6:35 p.m. and reconvened at 6:47 p.m.

Information Items

- General Fund Summary
- Expenditure Report
- Special Awareness Dates

Presentation/Discussion Items and Possible Action

Delinquent Tax Collections Report

Noe Reyes of MVBA presented the 2026 delinquent property tax collections report.

Texas Strategic Leadership Presentation

Dr. Jeff Gasaway introduced the Texas Strategic Leadership (TSL) presentation to the Board, providing an overview of the timeline, collaborative process, and scope of work completed by the committee throughout the school year. Some of the District and campus administrators who served on the TSL Committee also spoke about the work completed during the process and highlighted goals, priorities, and plans for the District moving forward.

TASB Employee Survey Results

Stan Whittle presented the results of the recent TASB Employee Survey, highlighting areas of growth and success across the District, as well as identifying key areas of focus that will guide continued improvement efforts moving forward.

Possible Purchase of Middle School Weight Room Equipment

Stan Whittle presented a request to purchase a new weight room equipment package for Marble Falls Middle School as part of the District's ongoing facility improvements and support of student athletic programs. Mr. Whittle provided an overview of the proposal, which includes the purchase and installation of a collegiate-level strength training system designed to enhance training opportunities for student athletes.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Larry Berkman the Board approved the \$71,276 purchase for the Marble Falls Middle School weight room upgrade to support student wellness, athletics, and facility modernization.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Purchase of Social Studies Instructional Materials

Dr. Melissa Fields presented a proposal for purchasing Instructional Materials for 6-12 Social Studies, including pre and post tests for TIA. Dr. Fields stated that Exploros materials and pre and post tests were piloted this year by our social studies teachers and the feedback received was very positive. She also included that if approved, the materials would be purchased using funds from the Instructional Materials Allotment.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Crystal Tubig the Board approved the recommended Instructional Materials for Social Studies 6-12 not to exceed \$27,810.00.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Optional Flexible School Day Program 2026-2027

Yarda Leflet presented for first read the 2026-2027 Flexible School Day application, explaining the benefits of the program including flexible hours and days for qualifying students ultimately improving in graduation rates. Ms. Leflet stated that Administration will seek approval at the regularly scheduled June Board meeting.

Federal Funds Intent to Apply

Bill Orr shared an overview of the Federal & State grant fund sources for the District as well as an update on the grant funds planning amounts for the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Orr stated that this presentation was for first read only and at the June Regular Board Meeting the District will recommend the Board approve Administration moving forward to apply for federal and State grant funds for the 26-27 school year

Replacement of Classroom Projectors with Clevertouch Interactive Flat Panels

Nathan Fink presented a request to replace classroom projectors that have reached or exceeded their expected lifespan with Clevertouch interactive flat panels. Mr. Fink shared that the panels would provide a modern instructional solution to improve classroom engagement, enhance visual clarity, and support interactive teaching strategies. He also reviewed pricing for the project and the timeline for installation.

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, seconded by Kevin Virdell the Board approved the purchase and installation of 320 75" Clevertouch Interactive Flat Panels from Data Projections for \$812,865.00.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Annual Wireless License

Nathan Fink presented for first read a request for a one-year renewal of the wireless license through Aruba Central which currently provides centralized monitoring, configuration, management, and alerting for all 520 wireless access points across the District. Mr. Fink shared that the District is currently evaluating alternative wireless solutions that would eliminate or reduce this recurring annual licensing expense in future years.

Interlocal Agreement Between UT Austin and Marble Falls ISD

Nathan Fink shared a proposed Interlocal Agreement with UT Austin providing the District with a suite of cybersecurity services at no cost. These services include email security, endpoint protection, dark web monitoring, malicious DNS blocking, penetration testing, and additional safeguards. Mr. Fink Stated that participation only requires the District to enter into an interlocal agreement.

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Larry Berkman the Board approved entering into the Interlocal agreement between UT Austin and Marble Falls ISD.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Consider and Possible Approval of Action

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion by Kevin Virdell, seconded by Mandy McCary the Board approved the following as presented:

- Minutes from April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Staff Development Waiver
- Roof Replacements Budget

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Board Resolution for HB 3372

Dr. Gasaway shared a proposed Resolution of the Marble Falls ISD Board of Trustees granting approval for an employee personal services contract pursuant to House Bill 3372, 89th Texas Legislature,

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann seconded by Crystal Tubig the Board approved to adopt, approve and hereby certify the foregoing resolution presented to the Board of Trustees of Marble Falls Independent School District.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Upcoming Meetings & Board Training Requirements

- Monday, June 1, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting
- June 10-13, 2026 SLI San Antonio
- Monday, June 15, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting
- Wednesday, June 24, 2026 Special Called Board Meeting

Executive Session

At 8:35 p.m., the Board convened in executive session to discuss:

- Board Reorganization (TX Govt. Code 551.074)
- Professional Personnel (TX Govt. Code 551.074)
- Safety & Security (TX Govt. Code 551.076) Including District Audit Review
- Pursuant to TX Govt. Code Section 551.071, consultation with attorney regarding a proposed Asset Purchase Agreement and related Short-Term De Facto Transfer Lease Agreement with Clearwire Spectrum Holdings III, LLC related to the District's Educational Broadband Service ("EBS") License
- Pursuant to TX Govt. Code 551.072-Deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property including:
 1. A water line easement agreement for the property located at 301 RM 1431, Marble Falls, TX
 2. Interlocal Agreement with Burnet County for improvements to real property for student transportation and safety

The Board reconvened from executive session at 10:00 p.m.

Discussion & Possible Approval of Action Arising from Executive Session

Election of Board of Trustees Officers for 2026-2027

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, seconded by Kevin Virdell the Board approved the following as Officers: Alex Payson, President, Mandy McCary, Vice President and Crystal Tubig, Secretary.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Possible Approval of Professional Personnel

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, seconded by Mandy McCary the Board approved Professional Personnel as presented in executive session.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Possible Approval of the Sale of EBS Wireless License

Upon a motion by Kevin Naumann, seconded by Kevin Virdell the Board approved an Asset Purchase Agreement and related Short-Term Lease with Clearwire Spectrum Holdings III, LLC related to the District’s Educational Broadband Service License (EBS) WLX589. I further move the Board to authorize the Superintendent or designee to continue negotiating the agreements and execute all related documents in a form approved by legal counsel.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Possible Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Burnet County

Upon a motion by Crystal Tubig, seconded by Kevin Virdell the Board approved the Interlocal Agreement with Burnet County for improvements to real property related to student transportation and safety issues. I further move the Board to delegate authority on the Superintendent to negotiate the agreement in a form approved by legal counsel and delegate authority to the Board President to execute all necessary documents.

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

Against: None **Abstain:** None

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, the Board adjourned at **10:04 p.m.**

Approved:

Alex Payson, President

Crystal Tubig, Secretary