

Called Meeting  
Monday, September 25, 2023 7:15 AM

Dr. Jim Vaszauskas Center for the Performing  
Arts  
1110 W. Debbie Lane  
Mansfield, TX 76063

## **Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Closed Session**
  - 3.1. Adjourn to closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074, Personnel, to deliberate regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee; or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee, 551.071, Consultation with the Board's attorney; 551.072, real property; and 551.076 to conduct deliberations regarding security devices or security audits.
4. **Reconvene**
  - 4.1. Reconvene to Public
5. **Public Comments**
  - 5.1. The correct procedure for addressing the Board during Public Comments is as follows: Each speaker should address the Board from the podium microphone and state his or her name before speaking. All speakers will be limited to three minutes to make comments regarding items on the agenda, unless modified by the Board president based on Board Policy BED (LOCAL). Copies of presentations should be made available to all trustees and the Superintendent. Board policy prohibits the discussion of complaints against district employees during an open forum.
6. **Business Items Requiring Board Action**
  - 6.1. Discussion and Possible Action to join A-F Accountability Lawsuit
7. **Adjourn**
  - 7.1. Adjourn



**Board of School Trustees  
Mansfield Independent School District**

TITLE: Discussion and Possible Action to  
join A-F Accountability Lawsuit

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**Action Item**

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Commissioner of the Texas Education Agency intended to release ratings for the 2022-23 school year on September 28, 2023, retroactively changing accountability standards in the accountability system that would lower the rating of thousands of schools. He has now pushed back the release of those ratings to late October, early November after acknowledging he did not have valid baseline data for growth measures in Domains 2A and 3. Several Texas school districts have filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction to prevent the Commissioner from issuing new ratings using the retroactively applied, yet-to-be finalized, measures, methods, and procedures in determining accountability ratings for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

**BENEFIT OF ACTION:**

Adoption of this agreement would direct the Superintendent to take the necessary steps to join the litigation challenging the Commissioner's failure to provide Texas school districts advanced notice of the measures, methods, and procedures to be used in the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years prior to the start of each of those school years in violation of state law.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The superintendent recommends approval to join the A-F Accountability and approval of the legal services agreement with O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo.

**MOTION:**

"I move that we approve joining the A-F Accountability Lawsuit and also approve the legal services agreement of O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo."