

**Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees
Special Meeting**

{{Date }} at 6:30 PM

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Notice is hereby given that on **August 27, 2020** the **Board of Trustees of the Medina Valley Independent School District** will hold a **Special Board Meeting at 6:30 PM at {{Location: Meeting Location.}}** The subjects to be discussed are listed on the agenda which is attached to and made part of this notice.

Members of the public who desire to address the Board during Public Comments will need to sign up to speak prior to the start of the meeting by providing their name, and the topic they wish to address to the Board on the sign in sheet provided. At Regular Board Meetings the Board of Trustees shall permit public comment on any topic. At all other Board Meetings public comments will be limited to items on the agenda posted with the notice of the meeting. All public comments are limited to 5 minutes.

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For Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees:

Scott Caloss ED.D., Superintendent of Schools

Medina Valley ISD
Called Meeting
August 27, 2020

{{Name: Agenda Item Name}}

I. **First Order of Business**

A Establish a Quorum

II. **Public Comment (on agenda topics)**

III. **Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 Budget and Tax Rate**

A Budget Presentation 4

B Receive Public Comments on the proposed 2020-2021 tax rate and the proposed 20-21 budget

IV. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**

A Consider 2019-2020 Final Amended Budget 9

B Accept the Certified Appraisal Rolls for Medina Valley Independent School District 10

C Consider Adoption of 2020-2021 Budget 13

D Consider No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2020 for Medina Valley Independent School District 15

E Consideration and Approval of Ordinance to set the Medina Valley Independent School District Tax Rate for 2020-2021 17

F Consider Endorsement of Candidate for TASB Board of Directors 19

G Consider Interlocal Agreement with Medina County 22

H Consider Letter of Engagement with McNelis and Associates 25

V. **Closed Session**

A Consultation with Attorney (TX Govt. Code Section 551.071)

B **Personnel Matters (TX Govt. Code Section 551.074)**

- 1 Discuss and consider possible pursuit of sanctions against a district certified educator for abandonment/untimely resignation of contract pursuant to Policy DFE (Legal) and (Local)

VI. Continued Discussion and Possible Action Items

- A Consider professional contract recommendations
- B Consider possible action regarding pursuit of sanctions against a district certified educator for abandonment/untimely resignation of contract pursuant to Policy DFE(Legal) and (Local)
- C Consideration of future meeting dates

VII. Adjournment



2020-2021
PUBLIC HEARING
AUGUST 27, 2020



TAX RATE

✿ HB 3

- ◆ Annually districts must recalculate their Maintenance and Operations tax rate, which will be based on state and local value growth.
- ◆ Districts have the discretion to raise their tax rate without voter approval by .05, with unanimous board approval.



TAX RATE RECOMMENDED

- ✿ Maintenance and Operations (General Fund)
 - ◆ Recommended Tax Rate - \$0.8813
- ✿ Interest and Sinking (Debt Service Fund)
 - ◆ Recommended Tax Rate - \$0.47289
- ✿ Total Tax Rate
 - ◆ Recommended Tax Rate - \$1.35419
- ✿ MVISD Lowered their total tax rate from 1.425 to 1.35419

2020-2021

MEDINA VALLEY ISD PROPOSED BUDGETS

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>National School</u> <u>Breakfast/Lunch Fund</u>	<u>Debt Service Fund</u>
<u>Estimated Revenues</u>	<u>(199)</u>	<u>(240)</u>	<u>(599)</u>
5700 Local and Intermediate Revenues	\$ 21,186,077	\$ 777,629	\$ 12,290,706
5800 State Program Revenues	\$ 31,983,066	\$ -	\$ 119,594
5900 Federal Revenues	\$ 475,000	\$ 1,795,926	\$ -
Total Revenues	\$ 53,644,143	\$ 2,573,555	\$ 12,410,300
Proposed Appropriations			
11 Instruction	\$ 31,087,462		
12 Instructional Resources and Media Services	\$ 521,698		
13 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	\$ 666,022		
21 Instructional Leadership	\$ 1,220,908		
23 School Leadership	\$ 2,774,561		
31 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	\$ 1,765,040		
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34 Student Transportation	\$ 3,586,985		
35 Food Services	\$ 44,247	\$ 2,573,555	
36 Extracurricular Activities	\$ 1,686,975		
41 General Administration	\$ 1,582,333		
51 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	\$ 6,419,685		
52 Security and Monitoring Services	\$ 345,297		
53 Data Processing Services	\$ 1,590,567		
61 Community Services	\$ 25,483		
71 Debt Service	\$ -		\$ 12,410,300
81 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	\$ -		
95 Payments to JJAEP	\$ 5,000		
99 Other Intergovernmental Charges	\$ 400,000		
Totals	\$ 54,755,107	\$ 2,573,555	\$ 12,410,300
Surplus/Deficit	\$ (1,110,964)	\$ -	\$ -
Projected 2019-2020 Fund Balance	\$ 21,132,570	\$ -	\$ 2,195,643
Projected 2020-2021 Fund Balance	\$ 20,021,606	\$ -	\$ 2,195,643



QUESTIONS?

PROPOSED AUGUST FINAL BUDGET AMENDMENT

2019-20 GENERAL FUND

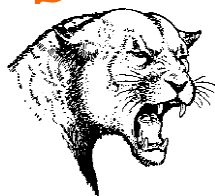
	2019-2020 ADOPTED BUDGET (AS OF 9/01/19)	2019-2020 AMENDED BUDGET (AS OF 8/17/20)	2019-2020 CURRENT AMENDMENTS (AS OF 8/27/20)	2019-2020 AMENDED BUDGET (AS OF 8/27/20)
Estimated Revenues				
5700 LOCAL AND INTERMEDIATE REVENUES	\$ 22,174,000	\$ 22,174,000	\$ -	\$ 22,174,000
5800 STATE PROGRAM REVENUES	\$ 28,521,324	\$ 30,521,000	\$ -	\$ 30,521,000
5900 FEDERAL REVENUES	\$ 330,000	\$ 780,000	\$ -	\$ 780,000
7900 OTHER SOURCES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Estimated Revenue	\$ 51,025,324	\$ 53,475,000	\$ -	\$ 53,475,000
Appropriations				
11 INSTRUCTION	\$ 28,698,107	\$ 29,075,031	\$ 300,000	\$ 29,375,031
12 INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCES/MEDIA SERVICES	\$ 456,329	\$ 581,329		\$ 581,329
13 CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF DEVELOPMENT	\$ 531,777	\$ 678,285		\$ 678,285
21 INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP	\$ 1,021,222	\$ 1,134,888		\$ 1,134,888
23 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	\$ 2,389,050	\$ 2,665,550		\$ 2,665,550
31 GUIDANCE, COUNSELING & EVALUATION SERVICES	\$ 1,265,928	\$ 1,621,023	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,631,023
32 SOCIAL WORK SERVICES	\$ 327,569	\$ 392,569		\$ 392,569
33 HEALTH SERVICES	\$ 672,346	\$ 672,346		\$ 672,346
34 STUDENT (PUPIL) TRANSPORTATION	\$ 3,065,615	\$ 4,196,455		\$ 4,196,455
35 FOOD SERVICE	\$ -	\$ 60,000		\$ 60,000
36 EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	\$ 1,577,691	\$ 1,577,691		\$ 1,577,691
41 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	\$ 1,499,732	\$ 1,524,732		\$ 1,524,732
51 PLANT MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS	\$ 6,728,960	\$ 6,188,960		\$ 6,188,960
52 SECURITY AND MONITORING	\$ 960,033	\$ 366,960		\$ 366,960
53 DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	\$ 1,330,425	\$ 1,873,686		\$ 1,873,686
61 COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$ 45,540	\$ 75,540		\$ 75,540
81 FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
95 JUVENILE JUSTICE ALTERNATIVE	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000		\$ 5,000
99 OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL CHARGES	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000		\$ 400,000
8911 OTHER USES	\$ -	\$ 300,000		\$ 300,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 51,025,324	\$ 53,390,045	\$ 385,000	\$ 53,775,045
Net (Revenues Less Appropriations)	\$ -	\$ 84,955	\$ (385,000)	\$ (300,045)

* Increases are requested in order to ensure we comply with TEA requirements of not exceeding a functional budget.

** These additional increases are based on the projections with the final payroll posted, all current encumbrances, projected TRS On Behalf and Payroll Accruals

***The total deficit does not represent the expected end of year financial position of the district.

MEDINA VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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MEMORANDUM

To: Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach, Superintendent
Re: Accept the Certified Appraisal Roll for Medina Valley Independent School District
Date: August 24, 2020

The Chief Appraisers of the Bexar Central Appraisal District and Medina County Appraisal District have certified and submitted the appraisal rolls as approved by the Appraisal Review Boards for the calendar year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020 and have delivered to Melissa Lutz, Tax Assessor-Collector for the Medina Valley Independent School District, a statement of the total amount of appraised, assessed and taxable value of property as of January 1, 2020. Also included is the value for properties under protest at the time of submission for the assessment rolls lying within the Medina Valley Independent School District.

Recommendation: Accept the certified appraisal rolls.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ROLL
FOR TAX YEAR 2020
Medina Valley Independent School District
Bexar County, Texas**

The Chief Appraiser of the Bexar County Appraisal District has certified and submitted the appraisal roll as approved by the Appraisal Review Board, for calendar year beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, and has delivered to Melissa Lutz, Tax Assessor Collector for the Medina Valley Independent School District, a statement of the total amount of appraised, assessed, and taxable value of property as of January 1, 2020. Also included is the value for properties under protest at the time of submission for the assessment rolls lying within the Medina Valley Independent School District.

*** Certified Appraisal Roll:**

Plus:	Market Value of Real Property	1,421,217,132
Less:	Agricultural Exclusion	(207,991,589)
Plus:	Gross Taxable Personal Property	25,541,831
Less:	Value Cap on Homesteads	(4,278,299)
	Assessed Value	1,234,489,075

Less:	Homestead Exemptions	(57,102,161)
	Over 65 Exemptions	(4,215,178)
	Disabled Veterans	(54,323,713)
	Disabled Residential Homestead	(435,135)
	Freeport Exemption	0
	Absolute Exemptions	(86,961,479)
	Other	(4,238,420)
		<u>(207,276,086)</u>
	Net Certified Taxable Value	1,027,212,989

Chief Appraiser Estimate of Uncertified Roll:

Plus:	Protested Accounts (Real Property)	141,267,353
Less:	Estimated Agricultural Exclusion	(33,123,450)
Plus:	Protested Accounts (Personal Property)	4,118,310
Less:	Value Cap on Homesteads	(484,344)
	Uncertified Assessed Value	111,777,869

Less:	Homestead Exemptions	(3,467,000)
	Over 65 Exemptions	(250,000)
	Disabled Veterans	(521,454)
	Disabled Residential Homestead	(10,000)
	Freeport Exemption	0
	Absolute Exemptions	0
	Other	(39,240)
		<u>(4,287,694)</u>
	Net Uncertified Taxable Value	107,490,175

Net Taxable Appraisal Roll Before Tax Freeze **1,134,703,164**

Less:	Taxable Value of Over 65 & Disabled Persons with Frozen Taxes	<u>(65,235,819)</u>
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2020 Total Taxable Value After Tax Freeze **1,069,467,345**

* Includes \$125,699,186 of New Improvements.

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE CERTIFIED APPRAISAL ROLL
FOR TAX YEAR 2020
Medina Valley Independent School District
Medina County, Texas**

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*** Certified Appraisal Roll:**

Plus:	Market Value of Real Property	2,338,713,616	
Less:	Agricultural Exclusion	(666,561,802)	
Plus:	Gross Taxable Personal Property	103,485,180	
Less:	Value Cap on Homesteads	(14,343,057)	
	Assessed Value	1,761,293,937	

Less:	Homestead Exemptions	(117,680,322)	
	Over 65 Exemptions	(15,566,958)	
	Disabled Veterans	(124,200,150)	
	Disabled Residential Homestead	(1,488,691)	
	Freeport Exemption	0	
	Absolute Exemptions	(28,199,170)	
	Other	(621,158)	
		<u>(287,756,449)</u>	
	Net Certified Taxable Value	1,473,537,488	

Chief Appraiser Estimate of Uncertified Roll:

Plus:	Protested Accounts (Real Property)	960,400	
Less:	Estimated Agricultural Exclusion	(403,760)	
Plus:	Protested Accounts (Personal Property)	3,026,290	
Less:	Value Cap on Homesteads	0	
	Uncertified Assessed Value	3,582,930	

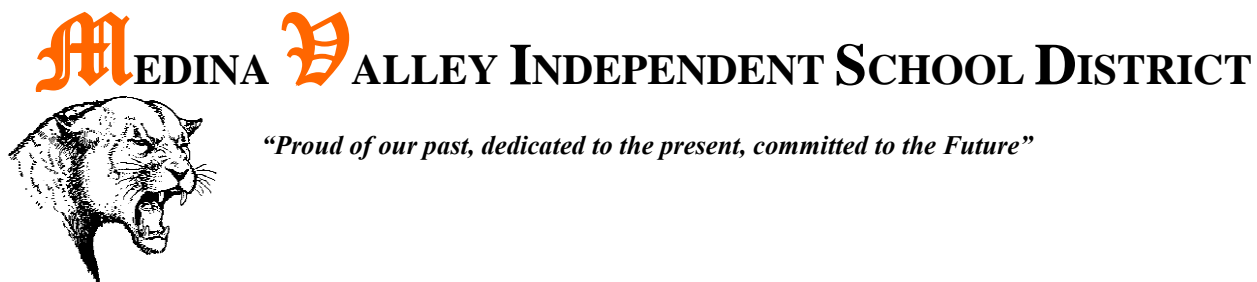
Less:	Homestead Exemptions	0	
	Over 65 Exemptions	0	
	Disabled Veterans	0	
	Disabled Residential Homestead	0	
	Freeport Exemption	0	
	Absolute Exemptions	0	
	Other	0	
		<u>0</u>	
	Net Uncertified Taxable Value	3,582,930	

Net Taxable Appraisal Roll Before Tax Freeze **1,477,120,418**

Less:	Taxable Value of Over 65 & Disabled Persons with Frozen Taxes	<u>(208,687,493)</u>
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2020 Total Taxable Value After Tax Freeze **1,268,432,925**

* Includes \$77,804,132 of New Improvements.



MEMORANDUM

To: Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach, Superintendent
Re: Consider Adoption of 2020-2021 Budget
Date: August 24, 2020

In developing the proposed 2020-2021 budget, several important items were considered. These include:

- The District used historical trends to estimate enrollment and special populations with no real way of knowing how COVID will impact our ability to continue to meet these projections.
- The District assumptions used the certified values for revenue projections since the state uses these values for calculation of the tax rate.
- We anticipate any loss of value due to the appeals process, will be made up in state funding.
- Tax collections are based on a 96% collection rate.
- The District incorporated \$400,000 in one-time payments that the district will receive for successfully appealing prior year values.
- The District incorporated salary step increases as per the teacher pay schedule.
- The District incorporated an increase to health insurance contribution in the amount of \$1200 annually per employee who takes the health insurance offered by the District.

Recommendation: Approve the 2020-2021 budget as presented.

2020-2021
MEDINA VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGETS

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MEMORANDUM

To: Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach, Superintendent
Re: Consider No-New-Revenue Tax Rate and Voter-Approval Tax Rate for Tax Year 2020 for Medina Valley Independent School District
Date: August 24, 2020

Section 26.04 of the Property Tax Code requires that the no-new-revenue tax rate and the voter approval tax rate be submitted to the Board of Trustees. This was previously referred to as the roll-back tax rate.

Recommendation: Accept the no-new-revenue tax rate and voter-approval tax rate for tax year 2020 for the Medina Valley Independent School District as recommended.

2020 Property Tax Rates

in Medina Valley Independent School District

The following presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's no-new-revenue tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's Voter-approval tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a tax ratification election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustment as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's maintenance and operation tax rate	\$0.9700/\$100
Last year's debt rate	\$0.4550/\$100
Last year's total tax rate	\$1.4250/\$100

This year's no-new-revenue tax rate: \$1.359858/\$100

This year's voter-approval tax rate:

This year's voter-approval maintenance and operation tax rate	\$0.881300/\$100
This year's debt rate	\$0.472890/\$100
This year's voter-approval tax rate	\$1.354190/\$100

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MEMORANDUM

To: Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees

From: Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach, Superintendent

Re: Consideration and Approval of Ordinance to set the Medina Valley Independent School District Tax Rate for 2020-2021

Date: August 24, 2020

It is recommended to adopt an M&O tax rate of \$0.8813 and an I&S tax rate of \$0.47289, for a total tax rate of \$1.35419. Last year's total tax rate was \$1.4250. The total tax rate for this year is a decrease from last year of \$0.07081.

Recommendation: Approval of the district order to adopt the tax rate of \$.8813 for the Maintenance and Operations and \$.47289 for the Interest and Sinking for tax year 2020 for Medina Valley Independent School District as recommended.



MEDINA VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORDINANCE TO SET TAX RATE

August 27, 2020

On this date, we, the Board of Trustees of the Medina Valley Independent School District, hereby levy or set the **tax** rate on \$100 valuation for the District for the 2020-2021 school year at a total tax rate of \$1.35419, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified assessor and collector as follows:

\$0.8813 for the purpose of maintenance and operation, and

\$0.47289 for the purpose of payment of principal and interest on debts.

Such taxes are to be assessed and collected by the tax officials designated by the District.

**THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE
AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.**

IN CERTIFICATION THEREOF:

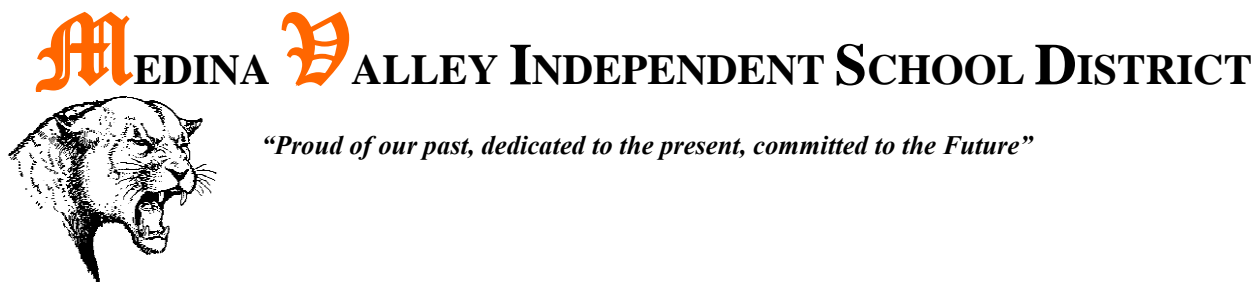
Signed: _____

President

Attest: _____

Vice President





MEMORANDUM

To: Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach, Superintendent
Re: Consider Endorsement of Candidate for TASB Board of Directors
Date: August 24, 2020

TASB directors serve a term of three years. Medina Valley ISD is represented on the TASB Board by the Region 20, Position A seat. Local school districts (Active Members) within a TASB region containing a vacancy or expiring position can endorse a nominated candidate by submitting the TASB Endorsement Form on or before August 31 at 11:59 pm. If a nominated individual has received endorsements from a majority of the Active Members in the TASB Region, one more than 50%, that individual is elected to the Board and will take office after the final convention session in the year elected. If no individual has received a majority of the endorsements, the Delegate Assembly ballot will include the TASB Nominations Committee's nominees and will also list any nominated individuals who have received endorsements from at least 25 percent of the Active Members within their TASB Region. Nominees for Region 20, Position A include:

Lisa M. Brown	Fort Sam Houston ISD
Luis Fernandez	Uvalde CISD
JD Rodriguez	Dilley ISD
Rolinda Schmidt	Kerrville ISD (Incumbent)

Recommendation:



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TASB Director Candidates

Region/Open Position	Candidate	District
Region 4, Position B	Darlene Breaux	Alief ISD
	Page Rander (I)	Clear Creek ISD
Region 4, Position D*	Anne Sung (I)	Houston ISD
Region 4, Position H*	Rose Avalos (I)	Aldine ISD
Region 8	Thomas Darden (I)	Cooper ISD
	Clifton Fendley	Paris ISD
	Jason Hudson	Cumby ISD
Region 10, Position D	Kevin Carbó (I)	Mesquite ISD
	Stephanie O'Dell	McKinney ISD
	Jeff Pendill	Community ISD
	Jeff Striplin	Bland ISD
Region 11, Position B*	Jacinto Ramos (I)	Fort Worth ISD
Region 11, Position C	Douglas Chadwick	Denton ISD
	Justin Chapa	Arlington ISD
	Julie Cole	Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD
	DeLeon English	Little Elm ISD
	Karen Marcucci	Mansfield ISD
Region 13, Position B	Ryan Ray	Crowley ISD
	Earl Foster	Burnet CISD
	Mary Jane Hetrick (I)	Dripping Springs ISD
	Margie Villalpando	San Marcos CISD
	Greg Welch (I)	Clyde CISD
Region 14	Raymond P. Meza (I)	San Felipe Del Rio CISD
Region 20, Position A	Lisa M. Brown	Fort Sam Houston ISD
	Luis Fernandez	Uvalde CISD
	JD Rodriguez	Dilley ISD
	Rolinda Schmidt (I)	Kerrville ISD
	Karen Freeman (I)	Northside ISD-Bexar County

* Large District Position

(I) Incumbent seeking reelection

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**TASB ENDORSEMENT FORM**

DATE: _____

Our school board endorses the candidacy of the following individual nominated to fill a position on the TASB Board of Directors.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

NAME: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

This endorsement was approved by our school district's board of trustees at a duly called meeting on

_____.
(Date)

Best regards,

(Signature of board president or officer)

PRINTED NAME: _____

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

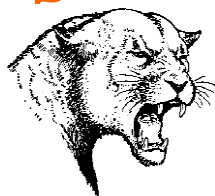
This form is to be used to endorse a nominated individual from a board of trustees within your TASB Region who is a timely candidate for a position on the TASB Board of Directors.

Must be received by TASB on or before AUGUST 31, 2020.

RETURN TO: E-mail: boardcommunications@tasb.org

FAX: 512.467.3554

MEDINA VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



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MEMORANDUM

To: Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach, Superintendent
Re: Consider Interlocal Agreement with Medina County
Date: August 24, 2020

The Medina County Commissioner's Court authorized \$500,000 of their CARES Act funds to be shared with Medina County school districts to be used on PPE and other safety equipment for the 20-21 school year. In order to participate in the program, each school district must enter into an interlocal agreement with the County.

Recommendation: Approve the Interlocal Agreement with Medina County.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

This Interlocal agreement ("Agreement") is executed by and between the Medina Valley Independent School District ("School"), and the County of Medina, Texas (hereinafter referred to collectively as "participating Political Subdivisions").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS the Participating Political Subdivisions are authorized by the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Texas Government Code §791 (the "Act"), to enter into cooperative agreements among themselves, and with and among other political subdivisions of the State of Texas, for the purpose of fulfilling and implementing their respective public and governmental purposes, needs, objectives, and programs; and

WHEREAS the services made the subject of this Agreement are a governmental function and the Participating Political Subdivisions desire to contract in a manner to require each entity to, respectively, provide, receive and utilize the services set forth in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS the participating Political Subdivisions have determined that this Agreement will result in improved services being provided more economically and efficiently and will increase public safety for the students and employees of the Medina Valley ISD and the County;

NOW THEREFORE, the Participating Political Subdivisions have agreed, and do hereby agree, as follows:

The County shall purchase items requested by the School as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The school agrees to use said items to aid the education of students as well as the health and safety of the students, teachers and all employees of the school.

Notices provided by any party to this Agreement to the other party shall be in writing and directed via U.S. Mail or hand delivery, and facsimile, to the other party at the following addresses:

Medina Valley ISD:
8449 FM 471 South
Castroville, Texas 78009

Medina County:
1502 Avenue K
Hondo, Texas 78861

The headings and section numbers are for convenience only and shall not be considered in interpreting or construing this Agreement.

Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be simultaneously executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall be considered fully executed when all parties have executed an identical counterpart, notwithstanding that all signatures may not appear on the same counterpart.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed and attested this Agreement by their officer's thereunto duly authorized as of the date below.

EXECUTED AND DELIVERED by and between Medina Valley ISD and the County of Medina, Texas, on this the _____ day of _____, 2020.

MEDINA VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
President, Board of Trustees

By: _____
Secretary, Board of Trustees

COUNTY OF MEDINA, TEXAS

By: _____
County Judge

By: _____
County Clerk

MEDINA VALLEY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



"Proud of our past, dedicated to the present, committed to the Future"

MEMORANDUM

To: Medina Valley ISD Board of Trustees
From: Dr. Kenneth Rohrbach, Superintendent
Re: Consider Letter of Engagement with McNelis and Associates
Date: August 24, 2020

Sean McNelis of McNelis and Associates is recommended to serve as district counsel for property acquisition and construction projects. Mr. McNelis is experienced in this area of law and is very familiar with the growth that we are facing as a district. I am confident that he will represent the district well.

Recommendation: Approve the Letter of Engagement with McNelis and Associates.

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August 19, 2020

Mr. Mario De Leon
Board President
Medina Valley Independent School District ("MVISD")
8752 FM 471 South
La Coste, Texas 78039

Re: Engagement Letter for Representation by **McNelis + Associates, PLLC**

Dear Mr. De Leon:

I appreciate the opportunity to provide our firm's legal expertise in support of MVISD's property acquisition and construction projects intended to fulfill the needs of the District's growing student population. I look forward to working with you and the Board in the successful completion of all legal matters assigned to **McNelis + Associates, PLLC**. I would like to take this opportunity to advise you of the firm's current charges and billing practices. This letter will serve as an all-encompassing fee engagement agreement between MVISD and **McNelis + Associates, PLLC** that will govern our relationship in this and any future matter.

Our firm normally charges for legal services at the hourly rate in effect for the attorney working on the matter at the time the services are rendered. I will be the principal attorney involved in this matter and will discount my current hourly rate to \$345.00 per hour for work performed on MVISD's behalf. Where desirable, a portion of the work may be performed by other attorneys in our office or by legal assistants who have lower hourly rates. In this regard, we look for opportunities to assign each type of work to the attorney or staff member who is most capable of handling the task at the lowest hourly rate in order to minimize fees. Please know that we reassess our standard hourly rates from time to time, and we will provide you with written notice of any change in our hourly rate.

McNelis + Associates, PLLC provides its clients with detailed fee statements for professional services performed, out-of-pocket expenses incurred, and in-house services provided by the firm. We will expect to be reimbursed for our actual costs for out-of-pocket expenses incurred on MVISD's behalf, including court costs, filing fees, courier fees and any out-of-county travel expenses incurred during the course of representation as well as in-house services such as photocopying. Set charges for these services have been established and are attached to this letter for your information. You are responsible for ensuring full and timely payment for our fees and expenses.

A P R O F E S S I O N A L L I M I T E D L I A B I L I T Y C O M P A N Y

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Fees and expenses may be billed on a monthly basis, and are payable by MVISD upon receipt. We kindly request prompt payment, and will give you notice should MVISD's account ever become delinquent. If the delinquency continues and you do not arrange for satisfactory payment terms, we reserve the right to withdraw from the representation and to pursue the collection of MVISD's account. Interest on unpaid accounts will accrue at the rate of ten percent (10%) per annum beginning thirty (30) days after the account or any portion thereof becomes payable under the terms of this agreement. In entering into this engagement, you agree to reimburse the firm for all costs associated with collecting a past due account, including attorneys' fees.

It is our practice to have our attorneys review each fee statement before it is sent to the client for payment to be certain that it is accurate and reflects good value to the client for the services that have been provided. We encourage you to review each statement and to call us immediately upon its receipt should you have any questions or concerns. Any objection not brought to our attention in writing within ninety (90) days of the statement date is deemed to have been waived by agreement.

We understand that individuals whom we consider to be our clients may sometimes request that our legal services be rendered to entities which they control and/or through which their business activities are conducted. In order to avoid any confusion in this regard, and in recognition of the fact that our services will be primarily for the benefit of the individual client, it is understood and agreed that this engagement will govern each related entity for whom we perform legal services. In the event that we are requested to render services for individuals, partnerships, corporations and other entities which are affiliated with each other and/or our principal client in a particular engagement, it is understood and agreed that all participants in the transaction will be jointly and severally liable for the payment of our fees and expenses. Unless other arrangements are made in advance, we will render our statements to, and will expect full payment from, our principal client before obtaining payment from the affiliated client. We will not be responsible for apportioning any fee statement or expense among related clients pursuant to a client's internal cost-sharing arrangement; such matters should be resolved internally by the clients.

You understand that we cannot provide assurance of any particular outcome, and that your obligation to pay for our services is not contingent on a settlement, judgment, award, the successful collection of a claim or any other factors. If at any time you believe further efforts against the opposing party are no longer warranted due to prudent business practices or otherwise, we ask that you let us know immediately in writing. It is also important that you know that the law firm of **McNelis + Associates, PLLC** cannot provide MVISD with any business, investment, insurance, tax or accounting advice or decisions. We recommend that you review your insurance policies and confer with your insurance carrier to determine whether you may have coverage for any liability and/or attorneys' fees and costs related to this matter. If you would like for us to investigate the issue of insurance coverage, please let us know in writing.

MVISD retains the right to terminate our representation at any time. In the event that it becomes necessary for us to withdraw from this representation, we reserve the right to do so as well. In such instances, we will do so in accordance with the applicable rules of professional responsibility in order to minimize any inconvenience or prejudice to you. We will also assist you in the transition of this matter to any new counsel you retain. If our engagement is terminated for any reason, you will, of course, remain obligated to pay us for all services and changes incurred up to the date of termination.

Please know that our firm judiciously works to comply with all professional obligations established by the Texas Bar Association and our Texas Rules of Professional Responsibility. Included in those professional duties is the requirement that we disclose to you any actual or apparent conflict of interest that may arise during the course of our representation and to promptly eliminate the conflict before proceeding with representing either client. In that event, **McNelis + Associates, PLLC's** representation of one or both parties would only be possible if we obtained the express written consent of both parties after providing the parties with reasonable notice of the nature, extent and associated risks of the dual representation. In no event would we represent another party in a legal matter that was adverse to MVISD while MVISD remained an active client of the firm in the absence of MVISD's express written consent.

Any dispute or claim arising out of or relating to our fees, charges, performance of legal services or other obligations reflected in this engagement letter, or other related matters, shall be resolved through binding arbitration in San Antonio, Texas utilizing the American Arbitration Association and its rules for expedited proceedings then in effect, and judgment on the award rendered may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. This agreement is binding and may be enforced by specific performance.

With matters involving new clients, the firm's policy is to require a retainer. Due to MVISD's standing in the community, however, no retainer will be required of the District in this matter.

As our client, we will rely on you to provide the information and cooperation we require to zealously represent you within the bounds of the law and the rules of professional conduct. We require that you fully and accurately disclose to us all relevant facts and matters, and keep us apprised of any developments relating to your matter and/or representation. We recommend that you maintain any records (whether maintained in electric format or otherwise) which may be relevant to litigation matters for which we have been engaged to avoid court sanctions or other adverse consequences.

We are pleased that you have asked **McNelis + Associates, PLLC** to assist MVISD in this matter, and look forward to working with you in the successful resolution of each matter entrusted to us. If you are in agreement with the foregoing and wish to engage our firm on these terms and conditions, please sign and date this letter to signify your approval of this engagement and return a copy to me today. I urge you not to hesitate to contact me should you ever have any questions about our fees or services.

Very truly yours,

McNelis + Associates, PLLC

By: 

Sean B. McNelis

Board Certified, Construction Law

AGREED TO ON BEHALF OF MEDINA VALLEY ISD:

By: _____

Mario De Leon
Board President

CLIENT CHARGES

Automated research such as Westlaw and Lexis/Nexis is charged to the client at no more than the published rates of the providers. Any volume discounts received by **McNelis + Associates, PLLC** are passed on to the client.

Long distance telephone charges: There is no charge for local or long-distance telephone charges.

Postage is charged as metered without markup. Costs for certification, registration and proof of mailing are passed along to the client at actual cost.

Facsimile or modem transmissions: There is no charge for local faxes. Long distance faxes are charged at the rate of 25 cents per page without any additional long distance charge.

Photocopies are charged at the basic rate of 15 cents per copy. If outside services are utilized on behalf of the client, the actual cost of such charges will be billed to the client without markup.

Deliveries and courier charges are charged to the client at actual cost.

Courthouse filings are billed at the rates charged by the court clerk for each filing.

Overnight delivery services are used only when an attorney determines that such services are desirable. The client is charged the actual cost of the overnight delivery service without markup.

Secretarial services, as a general rule, are not charged to the client. The cost of overtime may be charged to the client when due to extraordinary demands of the client's work.

Office supplies, as a general rule, are not charged to the client. The firm may ask to be reimbursed for any special supplies used in direct support of the legal project, such as exhibits for the courtroom, corporate kits and seals, video materials and the like. The client is charged the actual cost incurred by the firm without markup.

Out of county travel, if required, is billed at the following rates:

Mileage (personal automobile)	At the IRS' approved reimbursement rate
Lodging	At actual cost
Meals	At actual cost
Car rentals/Airline/Taxi/etc.	At actual cost

NOTICE OF OUR FIRM'S PRIVACY POLICIES

We, as lawyers, are required by law to inform our clients of our policies regarding privacy of client information. For **McNelis + Associates, PLLC**, this is nothing new. The sanctity of the lawyer-client privilege is at the heart of our profession. The Model Rules of Professional Conduct provide that we as lawyers may not reveal information relating to our representation unless our client consents after consultation. Nevertheless, to assure compliance with both the letter and spirit of the rules and applicable federal law, we are providing this notice of our policy. We have in the past and will always continue to protect your right of privacy.

Information We Collect About You

We collect nonpublic personal information about you only in connection with providing you with the legal services that you request. The types of nonpublic personal information that we collect vary according to the services that we perform for you, and may include:

- Information that we receive from you (such as your name, address, income, assets, social security information, and other financial or household information);
- Information about your relationship and past history with us and others (such as the types of legal services we provide to you, your invoice balances and payment history);
- Information that we receive, with your authorization, from third parties such as accountants, financial advisors, insurance agents, banking institutions and others.

How We Handle Your Information

We do not disclose to anyone outside our firm any public or nonpublic personal information about you that we have collected, except as authorized by you or required by law. For example, with your consent, we may disclose personal information to a third-party contractor, such as an expert or accountant, who is assisting us in providing services to you. In addition, we will release information to the extent required by law or regulation.

We do not sell client information to anyone or disclose client information to marketing companies.

We may disclose information regarding the type of legal services we have provided to you, your invoice balance, and your payment history as necessary to terminate our relationship, collect unpaid sums due to us and the like as necessary or desirable.

How We Protect Your Information

We restrict access to nonpublic personal information about you that we have collected to attorneys and staff members in our firm. All of our attorneys and employees are required to maintain the confidentiality of all nonpublic personal information about you. We maintain physical and procedural safeguards to protect the nonpublic personal information that we collect about you.

While the federal laws and regulations establish rules and disclosure requirements, they do not limit the attorney-client privilege or the confidentiality rules for information provided to attorneys. In circumstances where applicable federal laws may allow disclosure, we will continue to follow the stricter non-disclosure rules of attorney-client privilege and client confidentiality.

Please call if you have any questions, because your privacy, our professional ethics and the ability to provide you with quality legal services are very important to us.