

Minutes of Regular Meeting

The Board of Trustees Mabank Independent School District

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Mabank Independent School District was held on February 23, 2026 beginning at 6:30 P.M. in the Mabank ISD Board Room at 310 E. Market Street, Mabank, TX 75147.

1. Call to Order – Declaration of Quorum @ 6:31 P.M.

Board President Todd Grimes called the board meeting to order and established a quorum with all board members present. Board Members Present: Vice President Erik Tijerina, Secretary Robby Teague, Trustees' Dustin Conner, Brandon Parker, Bryan Miller, and John Litchfield.

2. Closed Session 6:31 P.M.

A. Personnel Matters Texas Gov't Code 551.074

3. Reconvene to Open Session @ 7:35 P.M.

No action taken coming out of the closed session.

4. Opening Activities

A. Invocation – Led by Trustee Bryan Miller.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the US & Texas Flag Led by Lakeview Elementary Superintendent Star Students Avery Branch, Brantley Spears, and Rylan Mahan.

C. Spotlight(s)

1. Superintendent Star Students – Central Elementary, Lakeview Elementary, Southside Elementary and Intermediate Campus:

Dr. Marshall introduced campus Principals. Principals introduced their superintendent star students and shared the reasons why students were selected. Students received a trophy from Dr. Marshall and pictures taken by parents and the media.

Central Elementary SSS: Allyson Wall, Alexa Solis, and Natalia Gallegos.

Lakeview Elementary SSS: Avery Branch, Brantley Spears, and Rylan Mahan.

Southside Elementary SSS: Emma Sosa, Blaikelee Harlan, and Joshua Castro.

Intermediate Campus Principal SSS: Daisy Juarez, Angel Vilaneuva, and Debora Urbina Pineda. Wesley Cruz was absent.

- 2. Junior High 8th Grade Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) Scholars:**
 JH Principal Michael Rowley and JH Counselor Tina Haney. Students introduced and level of award earned:
Bronze recipients: Yoselyn Castro Castillo, Nicholas Emrick, Theresa Finecy, Login Grogan, Samantha Lane, Steven Mulder, Stella Powell, Abigail Slack, Blake Stephen, Lexton Tieri, Jaydon Westbrook, and Kylee-Ann White.
Silver recipients: Colton Bush, Landry Chiselbrook, Jasper Dillard, Barush Garcia Galan, Brady Groschke, Mason Hodges, Victoria Hurtado Gaytan, Sophia Laughery, Brody Leonard, Skylan Lewis, Londyn Montgomery, Bryleigh Phillips, Harvest Schrenk, Christian Seng, Steven Shelton, Alonoso Torres Duran, and Brady Wells.
Gold recipients: Anabella Aguilera, James Bergren, Ryu Bui, Lane DeShazo, Connor Eads, Christian Gutierrez, Ellison Hyde, Landon Jones, Alexandra Lyons, Kayden Maze, Madelyn McDowell, Cheyenne Morrow, Maximillian Nguyen, Christopher Orduna, Lucas Porter, Ishaan Pyakurel, Elizabeth Ruiz, Rylie Santoro, and Lynlee Sutton.
90% Nationally on all 3 Areas: Cheyenne Morrow, Lynlee Sutton, Anabella Aguilera, Landon Jones, and Ishaan Pyakurel.
Special note: Cheyenne Morrow scored in the 99%.
- 3. High School National Qualifying Thespians Students**
- i. **Delilah Leos, National & State Qualifying Thespian in Solo Musical**
 - ii. **Cutter Pickens and Jackson Pirtle, National qualifying Thespian in Duet Acting.**
- High School Principal Michael Rowland introduced Theatre Teacher Katherine Montgomery. Ms. Montgomery introduced Dililah Leos, Cutter Pickens, and Jacson Pirtle to the Board of Trustees, praising them for their accomplishments.
- D. Public Comment: Hearing of Citizens**
 No public comments made at this time.
- 5. Consent Agenda Items**
- A. **January 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
 - B. **Monthly Financial Report**
 - C. **Check Register Report**
 - D. **Cash Position Report**
 - E. **Tax Collection Report**
 - F. **Monthly Donation Report – None.**
 - G. **Budget Amendments – None.**
 - H. **Property Tax Resale(s) –None.**
 - I. **Out-of-State Trip(s)**
 1. **Thespian Nationals June 21-26, 2026 at Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington IN.**

A motion was made by Trustee Dustin Conner and seconded by Secretary Robby Teague to approve all consent agenda items as presented. The

motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

6. Discussion / Action Items

A. Consider approval of the Library Material Purchase Lists

Presenter: Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction Charity Groom. A motion was made by Vice President Erik Tijerina and seconded by Trustee Dustin Conner to approve the campus library book purchase lists as presented, authorizing campuses to proceed with ordering in accordance with district policy and state law. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

B. Consider approval of the University of Texas Interlocal Agreement for the School Year 2026-2027

Presenter: Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction Charity Groom. A motion was made by Trustee Dustin Conner and seconded by Trustee John Litchfield to approve the UT Austin Interlocal Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

C. Consider approval of the Memorandum of Understanding renewal between MISD and the Lodge Assisted Living & Memory Care for Mabank High School's Career & Technical Education Health Science Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Clinicals for 2026-27 and 2027-28

Presenter: Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall and High School Principal Michael Rowland. A motion was made by Secretary Robby Teague and seconded by Trustee Dustin Conner to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between MISD and the Lodge Assisted Living & Memory Care for Mabank High School's Career & Technical Education Health Science Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Clinicals for 2026-27 and 2027-28 as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

D. Consider approval of the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between Mabank ISD and Summit Salon Academy Mabank to add an additional party to the original Agreement approved June 23, 2025

Presenter: Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall. A motion was made by Secretary Robby Teague and seconded by Trustee Dustin Conner to approve the Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding between Mabank ISD and Summit Salon Academy for 2025-26 as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

E. Consider delegating authority to the Superintendent to negotiate and execute any necessary utility easements for the 3-4 Elementary Campus, High School CTE Addition, and Junior High Renovation and Addition Construction Projects

Presenter: Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall. A motion was made by Trustee Dustin Conner and seconded by Trustee John Litchfield to approve delegating the Superintendent authority to negotiate and execute any necessary utility easements for the 3-4 Elementary Campus, High School CTE Addition, and Junior High Renovation and Addition Construction Projects as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

F. Consider approval of the Contract Renewal and/or Extensions of the Assistant Superintendent, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Chief Financial Officer, Directors, Principals, Assistant Principals, and Law Enforcement Officers

Presenter: Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall. A motion was made by Vice President Erik Tijerina and seconded by Trustee Dustin Conner to approve the Contract Renewal and/or Extensions of the Assistant Superintendent, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Chief Financial Officer, Directors, Principals, Assistant Principals, and Law Enforcement Officer as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

G. Consider Resolution to Establish a Daily Prayer Time and Reading of Religious Texts

Presenter: Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall and Assistant Superintendent Henry C. Tracy III. A motion was made by Trustee Dustin Conner and seconded by Trustee John Litchfield to decline the establishment of a daily Prayer time and reading of religious texts as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

H. Consider approval of a Resolution of the Board providing Authorization for Administrative Response to Winter Weather Emergency regarding Employee Compensation

Presenter: Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall. A motion was made by Vice President Erik Tijerina and seconded by Secretary Robby Teague to approve the Resolution of the Board providing authorization for Administrative Response to Winter Weather Emergency regarding Employee Compensation as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

I. **Consider Authorizing Superintendent to amend the 2025-2026 Mabank ISD School Calendar if additional Instructional Minutes are required due to an Emergency Closure**

Presenters: Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall. A motion was made by Secretary Robby Teague and seconded by Trustee Dustin Conner to approve authorizing the Superintendent to amend the 2025-2026 Mabank ISD School Calendar if additional Instructional Minutes are required due to an Emergency Closure as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

J. **Consider approval of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 2, 2026 Mabank ISD School Board Election**

A motion was made by Trustee Dustin Conner and seconded by Trustee John Litchfield to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates for the May 2, 2026 Mabank ISD School Board Election as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

K. **Consider approval of Order of Cancellation for the May 2, 2026 Mabank ISD School Board Election**

A motion was made by Trustee Dustin Conner and seconded by Secretary Robby Teague to approve the Order of Cancellation for the Mabank ISD School Board Election as presented. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

L. **Consider moving the May 25, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting Date**

A motion was made by Secretary Robby Teague and seconded by Trustee Dustin Conner to move the May 25, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting to May 18, 2026. The motion carries 7-0. All those in favor: Grimes, Tijerina, Teague, Miller, Conner, Litchfield, and Parker. All those opposed: 0.

7. Closing Activities

A. Construction Project Updates –

Presenter: Superintendent Dr. Russell Marshall. Mabank Elementary School 3/4

- Mabank Junior High School Additions + Renovations
- Mabank High School Career & Technical Education Center
- Superintendent Dr. Marshall reported: Projects are running on time. We can tour the campuses at a summer meeting in either June or July. Looking at the elementary bathrooms and foyer the at Central. At the Junior High, the competition gym floor, it needs a new one to keep it a competition gym – looking at that and new bleachers; will

bring that information to you at a later meeting. Afternoon pickup line at Junior High is receiving great reviews from parents.

B. Questions / Announcements -

President Todd Grimes:

- District held its first ever Annual Bird Show. It was reported over 1,200 birds registered, 2nd largest festival in the State to Blue Bonnet.

Stated two board members working hard with little league basketball - Trustee Conner & Trustee Parker: reported a successful little league (MYBA) season.

Secretary Robby Teague:

- Ag Dept. had a show in Fort Worth. Student Grady Clark had a big sale.
- This week students go to Kaufman County show, San Antonio and Houston, Henderson County after. After all the shows we'll have the annual auction.

Superintendent Dr. Marshall:

- Tomorrow night Spotlight Fine Arts Department at the HS from 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- Tomorrow night the Varsity Boys Basketball team plays in Tyler in a playoff game. Tied for 2nd place in district. Wish them good luck.
- Thursday night the Intermediate Campus is hosting a Live Museum 5:30-7 p.m.

President Todd Grimes thanked the Administrators for all the hard work they do – keep up the good work, he sees the changes they have made in the last two years.

8. Adjournment

President Todd Grimes adjourned the meeting at 8:32 P.M.

Todd Grimes, Board President

Robby Teague, Board Secretary