August 18, 2025

The Mount Calm ISD Board of Trustees met in Regular Session in the Mount Calm High School Panther University Room at 6:00 p.m. on Monday August 18, 2025.

The following members were present: Matthew Peterson, Jamie Ellison, Mae Oaties, Paul Pick, Janice Andrews, Katrina Carmean, and Keith McCaghren. Members absent: None. Also in attendance were Superintendent Jay Underwood, Principal Brittney Coy, and Business Manager Kristi Hawkins.

A quorum was established.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and a moment of silence was held.

A Public Hearing was held to discuss the proposed Budget and Tax Rate for the 2025-2026 School Year.
No action taken.

Public Comments: None

Welcome visitors:
No action taken.

The School Board went into executive session at 6:06 p.m.
No action taken.

The School Board came out of executive session at 7:02 p.m.
No action taken.

A motion was made by Katrina Carmean, with a second by Keith McCaghren to approve the Consent Agenda:

a. Minutes from July 21st Meeting.
b. Budget Amendments as presented.
c. Approval of Payment of Bills and Accounts.

The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Business Manager Kristi Hawkins presented the monthly financial report.
No action taken.

Superintendent Jay Underwood presented the Superintendent's Report:

a. Old Gym HVAC replacement
b. Football Concession Stand Concrete and Awning
c. Cafeteria Construction to begin after Labor Day- Oct 31 Completion Date

No action taken.

Brittney Coy gave the Principal's Report:

a. Window Screening
b. Football Field Sound System for Announcements
c. Cell Phone Policy

No action taken.

A motion was made by Paul Pick, with a second by Mae Oaties to approve the 2025-2026 Budget.
The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Janice Andrews, with a second by Jamie Ellison to set the Mount Calm ISD Property Tax Rate of $0.75520 for Maintenance and Operations (M&O), and $0.2801 for Interest and Sinking (I&S), with a total tax rate of $1.0353 per $100 valuation for the 2025-2026 School Year.
The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion was held on the possible purchase of a new activity bus and district white fleet vehicle from remaining bond funds.
No action taken.

A motion was made by Keith McCaghren, with a second by Janice Andrews, to approve the construction of visitor locker room in the new gymnasium using remaining bond funds.
The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion was held on Legislative Updates from 89th Legislative Session.
No action taken.

A motion was made by Keith McCaghren, with a second by Mae Oaties to approve the Resolution Adopting Prohibiting Assistance with Social Transitioning.
The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Janice Andrews, with a second by Jamie Ellison to approve the Resolution Adopting Policy to Prohibit Certain Employee Action on Controversial Topics.
The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Janice Andrews, with a second by Paul Pick to approve the Resolution Adopting Policy to Prohibit Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Duties.
The vote was 6 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mae Oaties, with a second by Jamie Ellison to approve the Resolution Approving Extracurricular Status of Hill County 4H Organization.
The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Janice Andrews, with a second by Katrina Carmean to hold a special, called meeting August 26th at 6:00 pm.
The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Pick, with a second by Keith McCaghren to adjourn.
The vote was 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Board President	Date
Board Secretary	Date