



Millsap ISD Board Briefs



Regular Meeting | January 20, 2025

Millsap ISD Board Briefs are timely summaries of the monthly board meeting & do not represent the approved board minutes. The January 2025 Board minutes are approved in February 2025.

MEETING SUMMARY

Board Members Present

Chad Edwards, Board President
Jon Hartman, Board Vice President
Beth Adkins, Secretary
Ross Beavers, Board Member
Daniele Clark, Board Member
Dr. Heather Hester, Board Member
Dr. Heidi Ritthaler, Board Member

Presentation of Colors

MHS Beta Members Charley Clark and Corbin Vollmer presented the colors and led the audience in the pledges.

Recognitions

- **Recognized MES UIL Academic Awards**

MES continues to build a strong UIL Academic competition program in their second year of participation after a long hiatus. We are extremely proud of all the participants and congratulate those earning medals in their events.

- **Recognized MMS UIL Academic Awards**

In their second year of competition, MMS doubled their student participation and tripled their successes at the UIL Middle School Meet. We are so proud of all the participants and the 35 medals MMS students earned at their meet!

- **Recognized MISD Employees for the Month of December**

Congratulations to Missy Dunn – MES, Dr. Mallory Bownds – MMS, Tracy Blum – MHS, and Donnie Reddell – MISD (who will be honored at the February 2025 meeting).

- **Recognized MISD Board of Trustees for School Board Appreciation Month**

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Open Forum

No one signed up to speak during Open Session.

Minutes

Approved minutes from the December 16, 2024 Regular Board meeting. Click [HERE](#) to see board approved minutes.

New Business

- **Resolution for Texas House Bill 3: Armed Security Required at Each Campus**
House Bill 3 requires the board to ensure that an armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus. Instead, MISD has one School Resource Officer (SRO) districtwide. In accordance with The Texas Education Code, Section 37.0814(c), the board approved a resolution to claim a Good Cause Exception legally allowing the district to continue supporting school safety with one SRO districtwide and a robust Guardian Program.

Millsap ISD is committed to student & staff safety and has always been in compliance with this law. The board adopted the Good Cause Exception in July 2023. The January 2025 action was to provide an official Resolution declaring the Good Cause Exemption. This will not result in any district changes in practice as we will continue to uphold safety first.
- **Region 10 ESC Multi-Regional Purchasing Cooperative**
The board approved a single year agreement with the Region 10 ESC Multi-Region Purchasing Cooperative. This R10MRPC organizes and administers the child nutrition cooperative purchasing and commodity processing program for CEs located in the state of Texas. The cooperative is a free service to Millsap ISD and allows the district to access substantial savings on food service items through volume purchasing.
- **Board of Trustee General Election and Special Election**
The board called a Board of Trustee General Election and Special Election for May 3, 2025. Per board approval, Millsap ISD will contract with Parker County Elections Office to conduct the elections. Two MISD Board of Trustee positions expire in May resulting in a General Election. Additionally, one MISD Board of Trustee position was appointed June 24, 2024 to fill a vacant board position. A Special Election was ordered to fill the remaining one-year term on the appointed position. More information may be found at <https://www.millsapisd.net/Page/899>.

Superintendent's Report

- **Reviewed the attendance/enrollment report**
As of 1/08/25, MISD had an enrollment of 1086 students, up three students since December 2024. As of January 8, the enrollment of MHS, MMS, and MES was 301, 254, and 531, respectively. Each month, Millsap ISD monitors student attendance. I am proud to share that the middle of the year attendance rate was 95.87%, higher than student attendance over the past 5 years. MISD's student attendance goal is 96%. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this great attendance pattern - keep up the good work!

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- Reviewed the Superintendent's Civic and Professional Duties Report
- Reviewed facility/construction update
Demolition work is complete on the MHS Security Vestibule Project that began over Christmas break. The framing of the new vestibule began January 6 and the electricity has been wired. During the February Winter Break, we expect the MMS Vestibule to be completed and the MHS project to make great strides!
- HB3-CCMR Fall Report
As of Fall 2024, 87% of the upcoming 24-25 graduating class has met their CCMR (College, Career, and Military Readiness) indicator criteria! The remaining 13% of students are in the process and on track to meet the criteria. This is amazing as the state of Texas CCMR indicator average is only 76% of students earning this designation. Excellent work MHS!
- Donations (Acceptance of Gifts)
Thank you, Hilltop Holdings, Richard and Sara Heizer, Edwards Risk Management, and Clifford and Yvonne Clinton. Your generous support of our students is greatly appreciated.

Consent Items

- Pay During Emergency Closure Resolution
Due to inclement weather and subsequent school closing for January 9-10, 2025, district employees were not able to work. The board approved a resolution to continue wage payments to employees affected by the closure.

Executive Session Per Texas Government Code

Board adjourned to Executive Session

Reconvene from Executive Session

The board of trustees unanimously made a motion to extend Dr. Martin's contract one year, with a new ending date of June 30, 2028. The motion came with the addition of a raise of 2% on Dr. Martin's gross salary.

After approval at the February 24, 2025 MISD School Board Meeting, minutes will be posted on the MISD website.

See <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1603> for complete Board Approved Minutes.