



Millsap ISD Board Briefs



Regular Meeting | December 16, 2024

Millsap ISD Board Briefs are timely summaries of the monthly board meeting & do not represent the approved board minutes. The December 2024 Board minutes are approved in January 2025.

MEETING SUMMARY

Board Members Present

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

Recognitions

- **Recognized MHS Volleyball Players**

MHS Volleyball players received many district superlatives honors including a record eleven players named Academic All-District. We are so proud of their hard work on and off the court.

- **Recognized MHS Football Players**

MHS Football players receiving superlative honors and named to All-District teams were recognized. They also showed hard work on and off the field with 17 players being named Academic All-District. Way to go Bulldogs!

- **Recognized Employees of the Month for November**

Congratulations to Jenny Moore and Valerie Turner – MES, Riana Beavers – MMS, David Bean – MHS, and Connie Wiese – MISD.

- **Special VIP Recognition for Millsap Middle School**

Millsap Middle School has been ranked as one of the 2025 Best Middle Schools by U.S. News & World Report. MMS was ranked #305 in Texas out of 1,993 middle schools.

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Open Forum

Pam Garretson spoke during Open Session.

Minutes

Approved minutes from the November 18, 2024 Regular Board meeting and the December 3, 2024 Special Board Meeting. Click [HERE](#) to see board approved minutes.

New Business

- **2023-2024 Financial Audit Presentation and Approval**

Rick Klein with the CPA firm Snow Garrett Williams presented the 2023-24 financial audit. Millsap ISD had a clean audit with no findings (highest possible audit score). The audit supports that MISD continues to be in sound financial condition.

- **Texas Education Agency (TEA) Attendance Waiver**

TEA allows school districts to request a waiver for a day when school was held but attendance was at least 10 percentage points below the overall average attendance rate for the district because of issues regarding inclement weather, health, or safety. On August 19, 2024, MISD had a late start due to safety concerns which resulted in low attendance. The Board of Trustees, approved the Low Attendance Waiver to be submitted to the TEA. Given the waiver is approved, the district will not encounter financial sanctions for the low attendance on August 19, 2024.

Superintendent's Report

- **Reviewed the attendance/enrollment report**

As of 12/6/24, MISD had an enrollment of 1083 students. As of December 6th, the enrollment of MHS, MMS, and MES was 301, 251, and 531, respectively. Since the beginning of the year, MISD's enrollment continues to increase, but remains down 1.0% from the same timeframe in the 2023-2024 school year. Declining enrollment in Texas public schools is a statewide concern. Thank you, Millsap Bulldogs, for helping us focus on student attendance.

- **Reviewed the Superintendent's Civic and Professional Duties Report**

- **Reviewed facility/construction update**

Millsap ISD is pleased to share that the contract to add a safety and security vestibule at MMS and MHS has been signed. At MHS, demolition/construction is set to begin during the Christmas break. Starting during the holiday break, the current entrance at MHS will be closed for the duration of construction. The start and completion of the vestibule at MMS is scheduled during the Winter Break, the week of February 3, 2025.

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Consent Items

- Donations (Acceptance of Gifts)

Thank you, Connie Wiese, Simmons Bank, and Millsap Athletic Booster Club. Your generous support of our students is greatly appreciated.

Executive Session Per Texas Government Code

Board adjourned to Executive Session

Reconvene from Executive Session

Board returned to Open Session. No action was taken.

Level Three Grievance Hearing, MISD Board Policy GF, Marcy Galle, Priority 3

Executive Session Per Texas Government Code

Board adjourned to Executive Session.

Reconvene from Executive Session

Board returned to Open Session and took the action to deny Level Three Grievance and uphold Administration's prior decision.

After approval at the January 20, 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.