



Millsap ISD Board Briefs



Regular Meeting | February 24, 2025

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

MEETING SUMMARY

Board Members Present

Chad Edwards, Board 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

MMS Jr Beta Members Kara Kemp and Kyleigh Marbut presented the colors and led the audience in the pledges.

Recognitions

- **Recognized MHS Band All Region, All Area, and All State**

The Pride of Millsap Band continues to shine as MHS students earn more honors. Congratulations to the students who were named to the All Region, All Area, and All State Bands. A tremendous applause went out to our Junior who earned Second Chair All-State – what an accomplishment and for the 2nd consecutive year!

Our bands hard work and dedication are truly paying off. It's great to see their efforts being recognized on such a big stage. What an amazing accomplishment for the band program! Congratulations to the entire band and Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Gibbs, our outstanding Directors!

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

Congratulations to Lisa Davison – MES, Jamie Foster and Melissa Williams – MMS, Lakrecia Johnston – MHS, and Cathy Bradshaw - MISD. Donnie Reddell was also honored as he was not able to attend the January meeting.

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Open Forum

No one signed up to speak during Open Session.

Minutes

Approved minutes from the Special Board meeting on January 20, 2025 and the Regular Board Meeting on January 20, 2024. Click [HERE](#) to see board approved minutes.

New Business

- **2023-2024 Annual Report Presentation and Public Hearing**

Mr. Latham presented the annual report comprising six data reports. The report includes the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR), district accreditation status, campus performance objectives, information on violent or criminal incidents, and information on the performance of the previous year's graduates in their first year of college, as reported by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. You can view the full report [HERE](#),

- **2024-2025 District Auditor Selection**

The board approved the auditing firm of Snow, Garrett, Williams to perform the MISD audit for the 2024-2025 school year. Annually, the district selects a firm to perform an independent financial audit of the district's current school year financial data.

- **Adoption of the 2025-2026 School Calendar**

The board was presented with three calendar options that were built in alignment to survey feedback on calendar priorities and committee feedback on proposed calendars. An employee staff survey netted 130 responses with 75% voting for calendar option A. The board approved the administration's recommendation of Calendar Option A.

[Click here](#) to see the 2025-2026 board approved district calendar.

- **Approved Texas Education Agency Attendance Waivers**

Millsap ISD was impacted by two days of low attendance due to widespread illness on January 30th and January 31st (student attendance of 83.63% and 81.2% respectively). The attendance rate on these dates falls below the 10 percentage points from average attendance for the prior year. The Texas Education Agency allows districts to apply for waivers to exclude days meeting requirements from Average Daily Attendance and Foundation School Program Funding calculations. The board approved the waivers to be submitted to the Texas Education Agency.

After board approval, the waivers were submitted to the Texas Education Agency and have already been officially granted.

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Superintendent's Report

- Reviewed the attendance/enrollment report

As of 2/21/25, MISD had an enrollment of 1099 students, up thirteen students since January 2025. This is the highest enrollment Millsap ISD has had after the 4th six weeks in over 5-years! As of February 21st, the enrollment of MHS, MMS, and MES was 300, 259, and 540, respectively.

Each month, Millsap ISD monitors student attendance. Due to widespread illness, our attendance rate for the 4th six weeks fell to 92.47%. However, our year-to-date attendance rate remains at 95.09%, just short of our goal of 96%.

- Reviewed the Superintendent's Civic and Professional Duties Report

- Reviewed facility/construction update

We look forward to completing our new safety and security vestibules at MMS and MHS! Following is an update as to the progress. During the week of February 2, 2025, demolition of the old storefront and the new storefront for the office and vestibule at MMS were completed. The finish work is expected to be completed over Spring Break and the access control systems the next week!

The framing of the new vestibule at MHS has been completed. The HVAC system has been installed and the fire suppression system has been updated and renovated in the vestibule area. Stucco work and the new storefront will be installed when delivered.

- Reviewed District Vulnerability Assessment

All districts will receive a District Vulnerability Assessment once every three years. This is a state assessment to verify that the district is in compliance with safety mandates for facilities and documentation.

Consent Items

- **Donations (Acceptance of Gifts)**

So many kind donations this month! Thank you, Millsap Athletic Booster Club, Dr. Robert and Debra Patterson, Sergio's Landscape and Irrigation, Valerie Light, Millsap Education Foundation, and Pitchford Pest Control. Your generous support of our students is greatly appreciated.

- **Memorandum of Understanding with Tarleton State University**

The board approved an MOU with Tarleton that promotes an ongoing partnership between MISD and Tarleton to further the educational mission of each institution.

Executive Session Per Texas Government Code

Board adjourned to Executive Session

Reconvene from Executive Session

After approval at the March 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.