



# *Board Briefs*

Hickman Mills C-1 School District  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **HMC-1 Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting Summary Thursday, December 4, 2025**

The Board of Directors met on Thursday, December 4, for its regular monthly meeting. After the welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, roll call, and adoption of the agenda, the evening moved into several highlights from across the district.

The Board celebrated students from Hickman Mills Middle School, Alvin Brooks Middle School, and Ruskin High School for their strong showing at PREP-KC's Regional Math Relays in November. Nearly 300 students from across the metro participated, and our scholars held their own on the regional stage. Mr. Feller from Alvin Brooks Middle School attended with several students to share their experience and the preparation that went into the event.

The Executive Director of Business and Finance presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending November 30, 2025. Updates included continued monitoring of revenues and expenditures, as well as the district's progress in strengthening financial practices.

Ms. Starks of Hardwick Law Firm, LLC, presented proposed ballot language for two April 2026 measures:

- **No Tax Increase General Obligation Bond:**  
This proposal would decrease the Debt Service Levy from \$1.10 to \$.80 and provide funding to help operate the district.
- **Debt Service Levy Transfer:**  
This measure would move \$.30 from the debt service fund to the operating fund, helping the district pay down existing debt.

Together, these measures could generate an estimated **\$3.4 to \$3.5 million annually** without raising taxes for community members.

During Community Comments, community member John Sharp expressed support for the district's progress on these ballot proposals and encouraged continued clarity around budget oversight.

During Board Comments, Board members shared words of appreciation and updates from the community:

- **Irene Kendrick** thanked teachers and staff for their continued dedication and noted the upcoming Grandview Arts Council Jazz Showcase on December 11.
- **Clifford Ragan** highlighted a Ruskin High School writing class producing impressive student work and shared his appreciation for their creativity.
- **Bonnaye Mims** acknowledged the challenge of navigating change and emphasized the Board's commitment to listening, supporting, and moving forward alongside the community.

During Superintendent Comments, Dr. Carpenter noted several bright spots across the district, including an outstanding performance of "The Prince of Egypt," which he described as nearly Broadway-level. Real-World Learning students recently pitched a proposal to add a store to the Mill Café, and contracted services and supply costs are down by more than \$1 million due to heightened oversight. He also discussed plans to meet with Truman Elementary Principal Ms. Owens and leadership teams as they prepare for the future transition to the Alvin Brooks Middle School campus. Dr. Carpenter referenced a recent article stating that the district needs two consecutive years of 70+ comprehensive scores to earn accreditation. He stressed the importance of our team staying focused, consistent, and committed to the work ahead.

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **Board Candidate Filing**

- Three seats (three-year terms) are open.
- Filing opens **Tuesday, December 9, at 8:00 am.**
- Filing closes **Thursday, December 30, at 5:00 pm.**  
(The district office will be open from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on the final filing day.)

The meeting was adjourned.

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## **Next Board Meeting**

- January 8, 2026 – Work Session Board Meeting