



# *Board Briefs*

Hickman Mills C-1 School District  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **HMC-1 Board of Directors Working Session Board Meeting Summary Thursday, February 5, 2026**

The Board of Education met on February 5 to review district updates, student progress, and future plans. Here are the key highlights:

### **Financial Update**

The district has received about **\$56.3 million** so far this year, which is about **61% of the yearly budget**. Spending is on track, with salaries and benefits as the highest costs. Due to changes in commercial property values and tax credits for seniors, the district expects about **\$2.96 million less in local tax revenue** this school year.

### **Operations and Student Services**

- Nurses have launched the **Stop the Bleed** safety program in partnership with the District Safety Team.
- Student surveys show that **89.3% of students now qualify for free or reduced-price meals**, up from 77.5% last year.
- The district also serves **750 additional students** through its evening supper program.
- A new partnership with the **Kansas City Royals Amateur Development System** will expand baseball and softball opportunities for students.
- An RFQ has been posted for architectural services in preparation for the upcoming school renovation bond.

### **Academic Progress**

- **Nine schools** have already surpassed last year's attendance goals.
- Students reading at or above grade level increased from **19% in the fall to 28% mid-year**.
- Compass Elementary showed the largest growth in both **reading (+15%) and math (+23%)**.
- Middle schools are also showing steady academic improvement.

- **MAP testing** begins April 13.
- **Early Childhood Screening** will take place May 27–29.
- **Summer School** is scheduled for June 4–20.

### **Policy and District Updates**

- MSBA's new policy updates include expanded **Stop the Bleed** safety requirements and improvements to **website accessibility** to meet ADA standards.
- The **District Naming Committee**, composed of board members, parents, students, and community members, is developing recommendations to be presented at the February 19 meeting.
- A new **career pathway partnership with Zeta Driving School** will allow students to complete training toward earning a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- February 10, 2026 – Community Engagement Committee Meeting, 6:00 pm
- February 19, 2026 – Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 pm (Closed Session at 5:00 pm)

For details on Board meetings, agendas, or documents, visit the Board Agenda Listing: [https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB\\_Meetings/SB\\_MeetingListing.aspx?S=223](https://simbli.eboardsolutions.com/SB_Meetings/SB_MeetingListing.aspx?S=223).

To watch the Board Meeting, visit the District's YouTube account: <https://www.youtube.com/@HickmanMillsC1SchoolDistrict>

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### **Next Board Meeting**

- February 19, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
  - Closed Session – 5:00 pm
  - Open Session Board Meeting – 6:00 pm