



Board Briefs

Hickman Mills C-1 School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION

HMC-1 Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting Summary Thursday, January 15, 2026

The Board of Education met on January 15, 2026, to review the district's financial situation, discuss cost-saving plans, and consider future school changes. Below are the main updates.

Financial Decisions

The Board approved the December financial report and reviewed the district's plan to address a **\$14 million budget deficit**.

Board members approved **Option 1**, which includes position eliminations, job reclassifications, contract adjustments, and other budget changes. These actions are expected to save about **\$9.76 million**. Board members shared that these were difficult decisions but necessary to keep the district financially stable.

School Reconfiguration Plan

The Board also approved **Option 2** of the school reconfiguration plan, which is expected to save about **\$3.12 million**.

The plan would reorganize schools to include:

- One middle school for grades 7–8
- One sixth-grade center
- Six elementary schools
- One high school
- Two pre-kindergarten schools

Board members shared that while the changes may be challenging, they are focused on keeping the district strong and financially stable for students.

Community and Staff Voices

Community members, parents, and staff shared thoughts during public comments. Many expressed appreciation for the Board's work while also raising concerns about staffing reductions, particularly for positions that support reading, math, and library services. Others encouraged more volunteers and community involvement to help support students during this transition.

Superintendent Message

Superintendent Dr. Carpenter thanked staff, families, and community members for their involvement throughout the process. He shared that the district has shifted from focusing on ideals to essentials to address the financial shortfall. Two ballot measures planned for the April election will also help support the district's financial future.

The district remains committed to working together as a community to ensure students continue to learn, grow, and succeed.

Upcoming Meetings:

- January 16th, 2026; MCC MLK Luncheon 10:00 am
- January 21st, 2026; the Mills Café's First Anniversary, 8:00 am at the Mill
- January 27, 2026; 6:00 pm, next Board Engagement Meeting

For details on Board meetings, agendas, or documents, visit the Board Agenda Listing: 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>

Next Board Meeting

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