



Board Briefs

Hickman Mills C-1 School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION

HMC-1 Board of Directors Working Session Board Meeting Summary Thursday, January 8, 2026

The Hickman Mills C-1 Board of Directors held a Working Session meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2026, to review district financial information and discuss long-term planning related to the district's budget.

The meeting opened with a welcome, the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call, and adoption of the agenda, which was approved unanimously.

During the Superintendent's Report, the Executive Director of Business and Finance presented the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2025. The report included a review of year-to-date income and expenditures, the anticipated ending fund balance for the current fiscal year, and financial projections for the next three school years. District expenditures were reported at approximately 44 percent of the budget, below the expected 50 percent at the end of December. The Executive Director also discussed preliminary findings from the district's independent auditor, Westbrook, P.C., as the audit process nears completion.

Under New Business, district leadership presented the "Road to a Sustainable Destiny," outlining multiple options being considered to address the district's budget deficit. Following the presentation and discussion, the Superintendent recommended continuing the planning process. The Board will host a Community Hearing at 5:00 pm, prior to its regular Board Meeting at 6:00 pm next week, to provide an additional opportunity for public input.

During Audience Comments, community member Rose Williams shared questions regarding arts opportunities and academic readiness. Ms. Williams noted that her granddaughter attends Hickman Mills Middle School and has been selected to join the National Junior Honor Society. She asked how the district supports the arts and whether

students transferring to another district would be academically on grade level. A member of the HMC-1 Leadership Team will follow up with Ms. Williams to address her questions and concerns.

There were no Board Comments at this time.

In closing, the Superintendent thanked those in attendance for staying through the lengthy presentation and expressed appreciation for the staff whose work supports student success across the district.

The meeting adjourned following a motion that was approved by the Board.

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Next Board Meeting

- January 15, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting
 - Closed Session – 4:00 pm
 - Community Hearing – 5:00 pm
 - Open Session Board Meeting – 6:00 pm