



# *Board Briefs*

Hickman Mills C-1 School District  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **HMC-1 Board of Directors Regular Board Meeting Summary Thursday, May 21, 2026**

The Hickman Mills C-1 School District Board of Education met to celebrate student success, review district updates, and discuss future plans. One of the highlights of the meeting was recognizing the Warford Elementary students for their production of “Finding Nemo,” in partnership with Starlight Theatre and Disney Musicals in Schools. Students spent 17 weeks working with Disney-trained teaching artists to prepare for the performance, building confidence, teamwork, and stage skills along the way.

District leaders also shared financial and operational updates. The district has received about \$80.5 million in revenue so far this school year, which is nearly 88% of the district budget. Expenses are currently at about 76% of the budget. The district’s financial outlook remains stable, and HMC-1 maintained its A- bond rating from S&P. District leaders also shared that cost-saving efforts connected to the “Road to a Sustainable Destiny” plan have resulted in approximately \$906,000 in savings through restructuring and not filling certain open positions after retirements and resignations. Preparations are also underway for the district’s summer school reconfiguration and building moves, which begin June 1.

The Board received several positive academic updates. End-of-year testing, including MAP, EOC, iReady, and ACT testing, has been completed. The Class of 2026 graduated 328 students this year, and summer graduation is scheduled for June 29. Nine HMC-1 students qualified for the State Special Olympics Games. Summer school enrollment is now full at most grade levels, with waiting lists established except at the middle school level. Student and Family Support Services is also partnering with Communities That Care to help provide free summer camp memberships and activities for students.

The Board approved several partnerships and contracts to support student achievement, literacy, behavior support, career education, nutrition services, technology, and district operations. These included continued partnerships with iReady, Exact Path, Lavinia Group literacy coaching, Cornerstones of Care, and T&L Welding. Nutrition services contracts were also renewed with vendors that help provide fresh fruits, vegetables, dairy products, bread, and other meal services for students.

During Superintendent comments, Dr. Dennis Carpenter welcomed Dr. Marquis Hall, the new principal of the Brooks-Sharp Sixth Grade Center at Santa Fe, to the HMC-1 team.

The meeting concluded with Board members thanking staff, students, families, and community members for their continued support and involvement throughout the school year. Upcoming events include the last day of school on May 22, the Cooperating School Districts Annual Meeting on June 3, and the next Board Work Session on June 4.

**Upcoming Events/Points of Note:**

- Optimist Club Board Donation for Ruskin High School Debate Team - \$10,000 – towards the national debate tournament.
- Last Day of School is May 22, 2026
- Cooperating School Districts of Greater Kansas City Annual Meeting – June 3, 2026

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**

- June 4, 2026 – Board Meeting, Working Session
  - Closed Session – 5:00 pm
  - Open Session Board Meeting – 6:00 pm