



# *Board Briefs*

Hickman Mills C-1 School District  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

## **HMC-1 Board of Directors Working Session Meeting Summary Thursday, August 20, 2026**

The Hickman Mills C-1 Board of Education held its Regular Session on August 20. The Board reviewed reports from district leaders, approved several items to support district operations, and welcomed students and staff back for the new school year.

### **District Reports Approved**

The Board approved the **Academics, Operations, and Business and Finance reports** that were presented during the August 6 Board Working Session.

These reports provided updates on student learning, district operations, finances, facilities, and preparations for the 2026-27 school year.

### **Board Policy Approved**

The Board approved an update to **Board Policy BBFA, Board Member Conflict of Interest Resolution**. The policy is reviewed and formally adopted every two years to meet requirements from the Missouri Ethics Commission.

### **Supporting Students, Staff and Schools**

The Board approved several items that support the day-to-day work of the district, including:

- **Crossing guard services** to help support student safety as more students walk to school following the district's school reconfiguration.
- **HVAC repairs** at Dobbs Elementary following theft and vandalism.
- **Technology services** to help manage and protect district devices.
- Continued partnership with **Kelly Education** to provide substitute teachers and support staff.

The Board also approved the ratification of contracts for literacy resources, school signage, teacher certification, emergency learning plans, visitor management, creative software, technology support, HVAC repairs at Truman Elementary and recruitment advertising.

### **Board and Superintendent Comments**

Board members thanked staff for supporting recent district events and celebrated the successful Convocation that helped kick off the new school year. The Board also discussed bringing committees focused on areas such as **academics and facilities** to future Board meetings for consideration. Superintendent Dr. Dawn Smith led the meeting and, on behalf of Superintendent Dr. Dennis Carpenter, thanked teachers, support staff, and central office employees for their work preparing for the new school year. She also welcomed students back. The Board was reminded about the upcoming **Because We Care** event, which will support HMC-1 families.

### **Upcoming Events/Points of Note:**

- **August 22:** Because We Care Event at Ruskin High School
- **August 24:** First Day of School
- **September 3:** Board of Education Working Session

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