



4-H Camp



Fifty campers, teens, and adult volunteers attended overnight 4-H Camp last week at the West Ky 4-H Camp in Dawson Springs.



Hayden Cameron prepares to take a pie to the face during the 4-H Camp Mega Relay.



Hagen Miller waves his team flag during the Mega Relay at 4-H Camp.



Leah and Piper Craighead prepare to push off in their canoe at 4-H Camp.

Board of Education Approves Fall School Start and End Times at Latest Meeting

By Jennifer Wimmer

The Hancock County Board of Education approved the start and end times for the '25/'26 school year at last month's meeting. The board also completed Superintendent Robby Asberry's 2024-25 Evaluation, and he received an Exemplary assessment.

School Calendar '25/'26

South Hancock Elementary School times are set at 7:50 a.m.-2:50 p.m. North Hancock Elementary, Hancock County Middle School, and Hancock County High: 7:55 a.m.-2:55 p.m. The first day for students is Monday, August 25th, 2025 and the tentative last day for students is Friday, May 22nd, 2026.

The full '25/'26 HC School System Calendar can be viewed on the website: hancock.kyschools.us. From the homepage, tap on the top, righthand corner and select 'Calendar' from the menu. Like and follow the Hancock County Public Schools Communication Facebook page to stay informed.

HCMS

The next step was taken toward adding the Hancock County Middle School construction project to the District Facility Plan (DFP). Board members approved a Public Hearing Officer Report and final DFP to be submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education. The DFP is then presented to the Kentucky Board of Education for final approval.

Charitable Gaming License

The Charitable Gaming License application was approved, which will allow HC Schools to have raffles and 50/50 pots.

Community Education Grant

The fiscal year 2026 Community Education Grant was approved, which is a \$20K grant opportunity focused on community education.

KSBA Updates

The first reading of the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) updates was completed. The KSBA recommended policy changes to make HC Schools compliant with any new laws that were enforced as of the first of this month.

Diesel Facility Agreement with GN

The Diesel Facility Advertising Agreement with GN Excavating & Trucking Corp. was approved for the naming rights to the GN Diesel Room.

Pledge of Collateral

First Financial Bank has agreed to keep 103 percent of the average daily balance available to HC Schools, as a "Pledge of Collateral." The pledge, or promise, secures that the bank will set aside assets worth at least 103 percent of the average amount of money the school district keeps in its accounts. This safety measure is put into place so that if the bank ever fails, these pledged assets can be used to recover the school district's funds, and the board formally approved this arrangement.

Food Service Debt

The current Food Service Debt of \$1,067.47 was approved by the board.

Communication System

Approval was made for the use of Apptegy as the district's official traceable communication system. All electronic communication between school staff, volunteers and students must occur exclusively through this monitored platform in accordance with Senate Bill 181 (KRS 160.145). This action guarantees that parents can access and review communications. It further increases student safety by prohibiting the use of personal emails, texts or social media for school-related messages, unless parents provide

vide written consent.

The board approved various insurance policies as well, including student accident, worker's compensation, cyber, auto, educators legal, umbrella, and property insurance, as well as unleaded fuel bids. Additionally, the members gave final approval to the revised Certified Evaluation Plan as was recommended by the Certified Evaluation Plan Committee.

The yearly contract for students attending Owensboro Innovation

Academy (OIA) was renewed. This provides transportation for students attending OIA, and the Owensboro School System bills HC Schools for the students' instruction.

Treasurer's Report

Director of Finance Trey Anderson's report reflected a balance at the beginning of June at \$5,058,685.91. The total received for the month was \$689,811.04. Total expenditures were \$1,148,132.47. The balance at the close of the month was \$4,619,578.93.

Summer Food Program

The Summer Food Service Program Grab-N-Go Meals for ages 18 and under will run from June 2nd through July 2nd, and resume on July 7th through August 8th. Each child receives lunch for that day, and breakfast for the next day. Limit one visit per child, per day. Serving Sites & Times: HCMS-11 a.m.-11:45 a.m.; Vastwood-11 a.m.-11:15 a.m.; Hawesville Library-11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.; Clay St. Apartments-noon-12:15 p.m.; Lewisport Baptist Church-11 a.m.-11:15 a.m.; Lewisport Library-11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.; Poplar Grove Apts.-noon-12:15 p.m.; Snyder Trailer Court-11 a.m.-11:15 a.m.; Mt. Eden Baptist Church-11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.; and South Hancock Park-12:15 p.m.-12:30 p.m.



Hancock County offers 3 convenient recyclables drop-off locations

*Hancock County Road Dept.
695 Hawes Blvd., Hawesville

*Lewisport Boat Dock
Riverview Dr., Lewisport

*Weber Store
9367 State Route 69, Hawesville

Accepting plastic #1 & #2, cardboard, newspaper, magazines and aluminum