

September 8, 2025 Board Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Hamlin School Board was held on Monday, September 8, 2025. Board members present were: Abraham, Homola, Nelson, N. Opdahl and Stormo. Absent: none. Also present were Superintendent Hulscher, Business Official Gaikowski and patrons of the District. The meeting, called to order by President Homola, and held in the Hamlin Education Center Conference Room, began at 7:00 P.M. and adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Item #14485 President Homola led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #14486 Motion by Nelson, second by Stormo to adopt the agenda as presented. All voted aye.

CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE: "an inquiry for conflicts disclosure prior to the consideration of any substantive matters; the person subject to this Act publicly discloses his or her interest in a contract, direct benefit or other conflict with any matter on the agenda; the person is excused from discussion and consideration of such matters; the board determines the matter underlying the conflict is fair, reasonable, and not contrary to the public interest; and the disclosure is included in the minutes which are publicly available".

Public Comment: none

Hamlin Highlight: Recognized Guillermo Cruz Arroyo and chaperone Kathy Jensen for their work at the recent International Space Settlement Design Competition located at Kennedy Space Center, Titusville, Florida.

Item #14487 Minutes of the August 11, 2025 regular Board Meeting were read and reviewed by the Board. Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Abraham to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye.

Item #14488 Motion by Abraham, second by Nelson to approve the financial reports as submitted by the Business Official. All voted aye.

(see enclosed)

Item #14489 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to approve the September 25-26 claims except Hamlin Building Center and Hamlin County Farmers Coop. All voted aye.

(see enclosed)

Item #14490 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Stormo to approve the September 25-26 Hamlin Building Center claims. 4-0 Homola abstained.

(see enclosed)

Item #14491 Motion by Abraham, second by Nelson to approve the September 25-26 Hamlin County Farmers Coop claims. 4-0 N. Opdahl abstained.

(see enclosed)

Item #14492 Motion by Nelson, second by Stormo to approve FY26 Budget Amendment: General Fund increase In-Service \$51,000, increase Fund Balance

\$51,000, Capital Outlay- decrease Ad Valorem Taxes \$197,000, increase Fund Balance \$197,000, Special Education- decrease Ad Valorem Taxes \$100,000, increase Fund Balance \$100,000. All voted aye.

Item #14493 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Nelson to approve FY26 Tax Request: General Fund- Maximum allowed
Capital Outlay Fund- \$2,168,000
Special Education Fund- \$938,000.
All voted aye.

Item #14494 Motion by Nelson, second by Stormo to approve FY26 resignation: Liana Ciftci- Bus Driver. All voted aye.

Item #14495 Motion by Abraham, second by N. Opdahl to approve FY26 certified contracts/addendum/work agreements/co-curricular contracts: Maren Fischer- Teacher \$60,000; Dan Poppen- Teacher \$59,033 (165 days); Doug Strande- CTE Teacher \$48,250; Paul Jongeling- was MA \$60,958, now MA+15 \$61,583; Valeria Martinez- Cook \$17.75/hr.; Gail Kangas- Bus Driver \$118.95/day; Kate Rich- SpEd Para \$15.75/hr.; Jacob MacDonell- SpEd Para \$16.00/hr., MS Football Coach \$2,309 and Dave Sheehan- MS Football Coach \$2,309. All voted aye.

Item #14496 Motion by Stormo, second by N. Opdahl to approve FY25 Annual Report as accepted by the State. All voted aye.

Item #14497 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Nelson to call for FY26 snow removal bids. All voted aye.

Item #14498 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to approve FY26 Pre-Tax Flex System Plan Document. All voted aye.

Item #14499 Motion by Stormo, second by N. Opdahl to approve FY26 Gymnastics Coop with Deuel. Roll Call Vote: Stormo- aye, N. Opdahl- aye, Nelson- aye, Abraham- aye, Homola- nay. Motion carried.

Item #14500 Discussion was held on the NESC Board meeting.

Item #14501 Administrative report was given to the Board.

Item #14502 Motion by Stormo, second by N. Opdahl to enter into executive session at 8:21 P.M. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as amended, to discuss the qualifications, competence, performance, character, or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. All voted aye.

Item #14503 President Homola declared the Board out of executive session at 8:42 P.M.

Item #14504 The regular Board meeting for the month of October, 2025 will be held Monday, October 13th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Item #14505 There being no further business, President Homola declared the meeting adjourned.

Terri L. Gaikowski
Business Official

Joe Homola
President of the Board

