

February 9, 2026 Board Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Hamlin School Board was held on Monday, February 9, 2026. 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 9:11 P.M.

Item #14568 President Homola led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #14569 Motion by Stormo, second by N. Opdahl to adopt the agenda adding resignation. 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: Cap Niemann- School Bus Driver Benefits

Hamlin Highlight: Elementary PLC- Lindsay Martenson.
School Board Recognition week.

Item #14570 Minutes of the January 13, 2026 regular board meeting were read and reviewed by the Board. Motion by Nelson, second by N. Opdahl to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye.

Item #14571 Motion by Abraham, second by Stormo to approve the financial reports as submitted by the Business Official. All voted aye.

(see enclosed)

Item #14572 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to approve the February 25-26 claims except Hamlin Building Center and Hamlin County Farmers Coop. All voted aye.

(see enclosed)

Item #14573 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Stormo to approve the February 25-26 Hamlin Building Center claims. 4-0 Homola abstained.

(see enclosed)

Item #14574 Motion by Abraham, second by Nelson to approve the February 25-26 Hamlin County Farmers Coop claims. 4-0 N. Opdahl abstained.

(see enclosed)

Item #14575 Motion by Stormo, second by Abraham to approve FY26 co-curricular contract: Wade Secrest- Wrestling Coach \$2,290. All voted aye.

Item #14576 Motion by Nelson, second by N. Opdahl to amend 25-26 calendar adding May 15th as last day with students and May 18th as teacher in-service day. All voted aye.

Item #14577 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to approve Supplemental Budgets 26-02-01, 26-02-02 and 26-02-03. All voted aye.

Resolution No. 26-02-01

ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET:

Let it be resolved, that the school board of the Hamlin School District 28-3, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.2 and after duly considering the proposed supplemental budget, hereby approves and adopts the following supplemental budget in total:

	General Fund
Appropriations:	
1250- Culturally Different	\$9,000.00
2219- Improvement of Instruction	\$1,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$10,000.00
Means of Finance:	
4160- Title III Immigrant	\$10,000.00
Total Means of Finance	\$10,000.00

Resolution No. 26-02-02

ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET:

Let it be resolved, that the school board of the Hamlin School District 28-3, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.2 and after duly considering the proposed supplemental budget, hereby approves and adopts the following supplemental budget in total:

	General Fund
Appropriations:	
1131- High School	\$11,685.00
Total Appropriations	\$11,685.00
Means of Finance:	
4161- Perkins	\$11,685.00
Total Means of Finance	\$11,685.00

Resolution No. 26-02-03

ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET:

Let it be resolved, that the school board of the Hamlin School District 28-3, in accordance with SDCL 13-11-3.2 and after duly considering the proposed supplemental budget, hereby approves and adopts the following supplemental budget in total:

	Capital Projects Fund
Appropriations:	
8110- Operating Transfers Out	\$445,000.00
Total Appropriations	\$445,000.00
Means of Finance:	
Fund Balance	\$445,000.00
Total Means of Finance	\$445,000.00
All voted aye.	

Item #14578 Motion by Nelson, second by N. Opdahl to approve increasing student breakfast to \$2.00 effective March 2, 2026. All voted aye.

Item #14579 Motion by Stormo, second by N. Opdahl to accept the following resignation: Val Strande- Teacher. All voted aye.

Item #14580 Motion by Nelson, second by Abraham to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 26-02-04

The Hamlin School Board wishes to thank
Val Strande for 25 years of service to the Hamlin School
District.

All voted aye.

Item #14581 Discussion was held on the NESC Board meeting.

Item #14582 Motion by Homola, second by Nelson to approve 26-27 school calendar as presented. Motion failed. 3-2

Item #14583 Administrative report was given to the Board.

Item #14584 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to enter into executive session at 8:27 P.M. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as amended, discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character, or fitness of any public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. All voted aye.

Item #14585 President Homola declared the Board out of executive session at 8:42 P.M.

Item #14586 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Stormo to accept Terri Gaikowski, Business Official, retirement effective 6/30/26. All voted aye.

Item #14587 Motion by Abraham, second by Nelson to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 26-02-05

The Hamlin School Board wishes to thank
Terri Gaikowski for 29 years of service to the Hamlin
School District.

All voted aye.

Item #14588 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Abraham to enter into executive session at 8:43 P.M. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as amended, discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of, or the educational program of a student. All voted aye.

Item #14589 President Homola declared the Board out of executive session at 8:56 P.M.

Item #14590 Motion by Nelson, second by N. Opdahl to enter into executive session at 8:57 P.M. pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2, as amended, preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives. All voted aye.

Item #14591 President Homola declared the Board out of executive session at 9:04 P.M.

Item #14592 Motion by Stormo, second by N. Opdahl to offer Principal contracts with salary to be determined. All voted aye.

Item #14593 The regular Board meeting for the month of March, 2026 will be held Monday, March 9, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Item #14594 There being no further business, President Homola declared the meeting adjourned.

Terri L. Gaikowski
Business Official

Joe Homola
President