

March 9, 2026 Board Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Hamlin School Board was held on Monday, March 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 8:22 P.M.

Item #14595 President Homola led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #14596 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Nelson to adopt the agenda adding approve Administrative Rule Waiver. 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: Teacher of the Year- Courtney Christensen  
Classified Staff of the Year- Mark McNamara and Aimee Beld

Item #14597 Minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular Board Meeting were read and reviewed by the Board. Motion by Abraham, second by Stormo to approve the minutes as published. All voted aye.

Item #14598 Motion by Nelson, second by N. Opdahl to approve the financial reports as submitted by the Business Official. All voted aye.

(see enclosed)

Item #14599 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to approve the March 2025-26 claims except Hamlin Building Center and Hamlin County Farmers Coop. All voted aye.

(see enclosed)

Item #14600 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Nelson to approve the March 2025-26 Hamlin Building Center claims. 4-0 Homola abstained.

(see enclosed)

Item #14601 Motion by Abraham, second by Stormo to approve the March 2025-26 Hamlin County Farmers Coop claims. 4-0 N. Opdahl abstained.

(see enclosed)

Item #14602 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to accept the following resignations: Nellie Schaefer- Teacher; Lisa Pedersen- Teacher; Amy

Brandriet- Teacher; Stacia West- Teacher; James DeSalvo- Teacher; Kylee Thue- Teacher; Stacey Quiram- Para and Sam Josephson- Teacher. All voted aye.

Item #14603 Motion by Abraham, second by Nelson to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution No. 26-03-01

The Hamlin School Board wishes to thank  
Lisa Pedersen for her 27 years and Nellie Schaefer for her 19 years  
of service to the Hamlin School District.

All voted aye.

Item #14604 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Stormo to approve open enrollments. All voted aye.

Item #14605 Motion by Stormo, second by N. Opdahl to approve 26-27 school calendar as presented. Motion failed. 3-2

Item #14606 Motion by Abraham, second by Nelson to approve 26-27 school calendar starting August 20, 2026. Motion passed. 3-2

Item #14607 Motion by Abraham, second by Nelson to approve Administrative Rule Waiver. All voted aye.

Item #14608 Discussion was held on the NESC Board meeting.

Item #14609 Administrative report was given to the Board.

Item #14610 Motion by Abraham, second by Stormo to enter into executive session at 8:07 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 #14611 President Homola declared the Board out of executive session at 8:21 P.M.

Item #14612 The regular Board meeting for the month of April, 2026 will be held Monday, April 13, 2026 at 5:00 P.M.

Item #14613 There being no further business, President Homola declared the meeting adjourned.

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Terri L. Gaikowski  
Business Official

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Joe Homola  
President of the Board