

May 11, 2026 Board Minutes

Regular Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Hamlin School Board was held on Monday, May 11, 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 5:00 P.M. and adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

Item #14649 President Homola led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #14650 Motion by Abraham, second by Nelson to adopt the agenda adding Sara Evenson to action item #5 and Executive Session- Negotiation. 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: Riley Buck- Jr. Kindergarten.

Hamlin Highlight: Terri Gaikowski, Business Official.

Item #14651 Motion by Abraham, second by Stormo to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 26-05-01

The Hamlin School Board wishes to acknowledge Terri Gaikowski for her many years of making sure the district is financially stable. All voted aye.

Item #14652 Minutes of the April 13, 2026 regular Board Meeting were read and reviewed by the Board. Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Nelson to approve the minutes as presented. All voted aye.

Item #14653 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to approve the financial reports as submitted by the Business Official. All voted aye.

(see enclosed)

Item #14654 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Stormo to approve the May 2025-26 claims except Hamlin Building Center and Hamlin County Farmers Coop. All voted aye.

(see enclosed)

Item #14655 Motion by Abraham, second by N. Opdahl to approve the May 2025-26 Hamlin Building Center claims. 4-0 Homola abstained.

(see enclosed)

Item #14656 Motion by Abraham, second by Stormo to approve the May 2025-26 Hamlin County Farmers Coop claims. 4-0 N. Opdahl abstained.

(see enclosed)

Item #14657 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to accept the resignations: Angela Krein- Teacher, Dave Sheehan- MS Football and Kerri Sheehan- Jr. Class Advisor. All voted aye.

Item #14658 Motion by Abraham, Second by N. Opdahl to retract retirement/resignation for Val Strande- Teacher. All voted aye.

Item #14659 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to approve agreement with Johnson Controls. All voted aye.

Item #14660 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Nelson to approve 26-27 Certified Master contract, returning Certified contracts, Administrative contracts, Work agreements and Co-curricular contracts. All voted aye.

Item #14661 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to approve 26-27 Certified contracts and Co-curricular contracts: Jacqueline Blaha- Teacher \$62,000; Skylar Raw- Teacher \$48,825; Neveah Meyer- Teacher \$48,825; Brea Rip- Teacher \$48,825; Bethany Christensen- Asst. Jr Class \$1,620 and Sara Evenson- Teacher \$48,825. All voted aye.

Item #14662 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Nelson to approve adding Class of 2028 to Custodial fund. All voted aye.

Item #14663 Motion by Abraham, second by Stormo to approve SDHSAA Ballot and Amendments 1,2,3. All voted aye.

Item #14664 Motion by Stormo, second by Nelson to accept Locker-Room/Bathroom renovation project bids- base bid C. Eagle Construction \$391,250. Roll call vote: Abraham- aye, Nelson- aye, N. Opdahl- aye, Stormo- aye, Homola- nay. Motion carried 4-1.

Item #14665 Motion by Stormo, second by N. Opdahl to accept Locker-Room/Bathroom renovation project alternates: 1- \$13,800; 2- \$14,400; 3- \$22,500 and 5- \$39,400. All voted aye.

Item #14666 Discussion was held on the NESC Board meeting.

Item #14667 Administrative report was given to the Board.

Item #14668 Discussion was held on the FY26-27 Preliminary Budget.

Item #14669 Motion by N. Opdahl, second by Stormo to enter into executive session at 6:55 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 #14670 President Homola declared the Board out of executive session at 7:05 P.M.

Item #14671 The regular Board meeting for the month of June 2026 will be held Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Item #14672 There being no further business, President Homola declared the meeting adjourned.

Terri L. Gaikowski
Business Official

Joe Homola
President of the Board