# HAMLIN COLLEGIATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
# BOARD OF EDUCATION
# MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
# August 11, 2025

The Hamlin Collegiate Independent School District Board of Education met in a regular session in the Board Room at the Hamlin Collegiate ISD Piper Center at 5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2025.

Members of the Board present: Kendon Gruben (Board President), Carrie Moore, (VP), Derek Moore, Sheila Darnell, and Sherman Bates. Dr. Chad White, and Jennifer Prater were not present.

Also present: Dr. Chanda Bloch-Superintendent, Lisa Gonzales, Becky Terry, Michelle Jones, Chris Kimball, Jacob Cox, Cristi Castanares, and Morganne Mandrell.

Kendon Gruben called the meeting/hearing to order at 5:03 p.m. Sherman Bates led the invocation, and Kendon Gruben led the Pledge of Allegiance.

No members of the community signed up to speak in Open Forum

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Kendon Gruben moved to the next item on the agenda, to approve the Consent Agenda,
and asked if there were any corrections to the Board minutes for the board meeting for the July 28, 2025 and the 4-H Adjunct Facility Resolution, and the Business Procedures Manual were also presented for approval.

**Sheila Darnell** made the motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**. **Derek Moore** seconded and the motion passed. (5-0 voting for the motion.)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**:

The 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget was presented to the Board. Dr. Bloch went over the revenue and expense in all budget funds then answered questions from the board. Becky Terry also discussed the preliminary Tax Rate for 2025-2026 School year, and the Federal and State Funding for 2025-2026. The board also set the date for the Public Hearing for Monday August 25, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Property/Casualty Insurance Proposals for 2025-2026

Jeremy Diller from HCDT Insurance Company presented the proposals via Zoom to the board. These proposals were for insurance coverage for property and casualty. Every year the district has seen a significant increase in rates. Mr. Diller discussed the different coverage and rates available to the school. The board took no action at this time and thanked him for his presentation.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**Consider Teacher Appraisal System, Policies and Calendar for 2025-2026**

1. T-Tess will be used as the teacher appraisal system for 2025-2026
2. Appraisal Calendar
    a. Fall appraisal period: September 8 – December 18 2025
    b. Spring appraisal period: January 8 – May 7, 2026
3. Primary Appraisers: Morganne Mandrell, Jacob Cox,
4. Secondary Appraisers: Michelle Jones; and Cristy Castanares.
5. The T-Tess information will be used as a factor for contract renewal decisions

**Derek Moore** moved the board consider/approve the **Teacher Appraisal System, Policies, and Calendar for 2025-2026** as presented. **Sheila Darnell** seconded and the motion passed. (5-0 voting for the motion.)

**Consider/Approve Policy Update 125**

**Carrie Moore** moved the board to approve **Policy Update 125** as presented. **Sheila Darnell** seconded and the motion passed. (5-0 for the motion).

**Consider/Approve Local Policies FNCE and EFB**

**Carrie Moore** moved the board consider/approve the **Local Policies FNCE and EFB** as presented.. **Derek Moore** seconded and the motion carried. (5-0 for the motion).

**Consider/Approve Local Policies FD, and FM regarding UIL SB 401**

**Sheila Darnell** moved the Board consider/approve **Local Policies FD, and FM** as presented. **Sherman Bates** seconded and the motion carried (5-0 for the motion).

**Consider/Approve HCISD Mission, Vision, and Beliefs Statements**

**Derek Moore** moved the board consider/approve the **HCISD Mission, Vision, and Beliefs Statements** as presented, **Sherman Bates** seconded and the motion passed, (5-0 for the motion).

**Consider/Approve the HCISD District Strategic Objectives**

**Derek Moore** moved the board consider/approve the **HCISD District Strategic Objectives** as presented. **Carrie Moore** seconded and the motion passed. (5-0 for the motion).

**Consider/Approve the Student Code of Conduct Handbook**

**Sheila Darnell** moved the board consider/approve the **2025-2026 Student Code of Conduct Handbook** as presented **Derek Moore** seconded and the motion carried. (5-0 for the motion).

**Consider/ Approve the HCISD Child Nutrition Procurement Manual**

**Sheila Darnell** moved the Board consider/approve **the HCISD Child Nutrition Procurement Manual** as presented. **Sherman Bates** seconded and the motion passed. (5-0 for the motion).

**SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**

D. Bloch reviewed the Financial Reports with the board.

Public Tax Hearing/Meeting August 25 2025 @ 5:00pm

First day of school is Tuesday August 12, 2025

**CLOSED SESSION- As per Texas Govt. Code Safety and Security** A Closed Session may be held under the provisions of Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 including, but not limited to, Section 551.071, Section 551.072, Section 551.074, Section 551.076, and Section 551.082, and Section 551.0821.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:01, by Kendon Gruben.

Kendon Gruben, President

Jennifer Prater, Secretary