HAMLIN COLLEGIATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING/PUBLIC HEARING
February 12, 2026

The Hamlin Collegiate Independent School District Board of Education met in a Regular Session/ Public Hearing in the Board Room at the Hamlin Collegiate ISD, Piper Center at 6:00p.m. on February 12, 2026.

Kendon Gruben called the meeting and Public Hearing for the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) to order at 6:00 PM, Dr. Chad White gave the invocation and Kendon Gruben led the Pledge of Allegiance. and announced to let the record show there is a quorum present with the following members in attendance:

Board Members	Present	Absent	
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Also present: Dr. Chanda Bloch-Superintendent, Lisa Gonzales, Michelle Jones, Jacob Cox, Chris Kimball, and Cristy Castanares.

Recognitions:

January was Board Appreciation Month, and with the cold and icy weather we encountered in January, the District was not able to celebrate our Board members until tonight. Board members and their families were treated to a meal to show the District's gratitude for the work and time given to our school.

Athletic Director, Jason Botos introduced several members of the Pied Piper Football team who received District Honors that include 1st and 2nd Team honors for offense and defense. Hamlin also had many Academic All District as well as 3 seniors receiving Academic All-State honors,

Vanessa Gonzalez HCISD Cheer Sponsor, introduced the Pied Piper Cheerleaders. These young ladies not only show up for football and Basketball games but also compete. This year, the group went to the State UIL Cheer Competition in Ft. Worth. The girls did not make the finals but still competed very well amongst the other schools despite having injuries and having to adjust routines last minute.

The Board congratulated all the students for a job well done and for representing Hamlin Collegiate High School. The students later posed for pictures with the board members.

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

Michelle Jones went over the TAPR (Texas Academic Performance Reports) with the Board, and addressed questions from the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes- 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 of November 20, 2025. No one requested any changes and Kendon Gruben asked for a motion.

Derek Moore moved the Board approve the **Consent Agenda** as presented**. Jennifer Prater**
seconded and the motion passed. (7-0 voting for the motion.)

Board Members	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Real Estate- MDD Dr. Randy Burks from the Municipal Development District sent the board a letter regarding the purchase of property previously purchased by the District. The Board addressed and discussed the information, but did not decide anything on said property.

School Bus Seat Belt Regulations- Maintenance Director Jimmy Fillingim addressed the board with the new TEA safety seat belt regulations that are to go into effect by 2029. TEA is asking that all school buses have the new 3-point seat belts retrofitted on current buses or purchase new buses with the required safety protocols already installed. The board was given estimates for the cost of updating our current fleet and the cost of buying new buses. No action was taken and will be further discussed at a future board meeting.

Emergency Management System The district has been using Raptor Technologies Emergency Management since January 2023. Raptor Technologies was a very cheap solution that allowed the district to meet the bare minimum requirements. Our subscription with Raptor Technologies is coming to an end, and the security team has begun looking into better options. After review, the team is recommending the district goe with Centegix. Many of the other schools in our county are moving towards Centegix as well. This will help Law Enforcement in the county to better respond without having to navigate different policies, for each district. Centegix is one of the more expensive management systems; it will be fully funded for the next 5 years, by the Phase 1 Security grant.

ACTION ITEMS:

Consider Approval of the Order of the May 2, 2026 General School Board Election

Carrie Moore moved the Board approve **the Order of the May 2, 2026 General School Board Election** as presented. **Sheila Darnell** seconded and the motion carried. (7-0 for the motion)

Board Members	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Consider Approval of HCISD Audit for FY ending August 31, 2025

Sheila Darnell moved the Board approve **HCISD Audit for FY Ending August 31, 2025** as presented. **Dr. Chad White** seconded and the motion carried. (7-0 for the motion)

Board Members	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Consider Approval of Centegix for the Provider of the District's Emergency Management System

Carrie Moore moved the board consider/approve of **Centegix as the Provider of the District's Emergency Management System** as presented. **Sherman Bates** seconded and the motion carried. (7-0 for the motion).

Board Members	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Consider Approval of Adoption or Opt Out of Senate Bill 11

Derek Moore moved the board to consider/approve to **OPT Out of Senate Bill 11** as presented. **Jennifer Prater** seconded and the motion carried.(7-0 for the motion)

Board Members	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 HCISD School Calendar

The HCISD staff was given the opportunity to weigh in on the 26-27 School Calendar through a survey, after reviewing comments, the leadership team worked together to make adjustments. This year in order to be compliant with grants, the district receives the district is required to be in school 165 days as opposed to the 157 for the 25-26 school year but in regards to more days being added, the school day has been shortened by 25 minutes each day. Still being mindful of the required 75,600 minutes, we still have adequate number of staff development days and the District of Innovation flexibility. This calendar is still a Hybrid School Calendar with the 4-day school weeks mainly occurring in the 2nd semester.

Jennifer Prater moved the board to consider/approve the **2026-2027 HCISD School Calendar** as presented. **Sheila Darnell** seconded and the motion carried. (7-0 for the motion).

Board Members	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

Consider Approval of the Education Certification Waiver

The District will present a plan of how HCISD will meet the statutory guidelines for teacher certification requirements and how the district plans to come in compliance with the requirements before the start of the 2029-2030 school year.

Jennifer Prater moved the board to consider/approve the **Submission of the Educator Certification Waiver** as presented. **Derek Moore** seconded and the motion carried. (7-0 for the motion).

Board Members	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater	x		
Derek Moore	x		
Dr. Chad White	x		
Sherman Bates	x		
Sheila Darnell	x		

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:

Dr. Bloch went over the Financial Reports with the Board. Next board meeting scheduled for March 4, 2026 at 5:00pm.

Kendon Gruben adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:45pm

The board adjourned to **Closed Session** at 7:45 pm and reconvened from closed session at 8:39 pm.

No Action relevant to closed session was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm, by Kendon Gruben.

Kendon Gruben, President

Jennifer Prater, Secretary