HAMLIN COLLEGIATE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2026

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 5:30 p.m. on April 21, 2026. Kendon Gruben called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, Sherman Bates gave the invocation and Kendon Gruben led the Pledge of Allegiance. Kendon stated 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, Jacob Cox, Lisa Gonzales, Michelle Jones, Cristi Castanares, and Chris Kimball.

OPEN FORUM: No one signed up to speak.

RECOGNITIONS:

Elementary Principal Jacob Cox and UIL Campus Coordinator Katy Sepeda recognized several students at the Elementary level for their participation in UIL. This year the district meet was held in Jayton. Hamlin CISD had about 40 students participating from grades 2nd thru 6th grade. Students present were congratulated and posed for pictures.

Jori Van Cleave had several students who were recognized for their UIL accomplishments. Several students were getting ready for the Regional UIL Meet, the following weekend. The board congratulated all the students for a job well done and wished them good luck at Regionals.

Mr. Cross, Tammy Clawson, Dakota and Hannah Fariss gave recognition to our Band, One Act Play, and our FFA students and all their accomplishments. All students posed for pictures with their sponsors. The Board is so proud of our students, and sponsors on the great job they do, and are proud of how they represent Hamlin Collegiate ISD.

BOARD TRAINING HOURS:

Kendon Gruben, Board President was presented with the Board Training hours for the past year "Let it be reflected in the minutes that members of the Hamlin CISD Board of Trustees have COMPLETED or EXCEEDED the required hours of continuing education. Completing the required continuing education is a basic obligation and expectation of any board member under SBOE rule. That being said, the Hamlin CISD Board is committed to serving the needs of

our students, faculty and staff as well as the community of Hamlin".

DISCUSSION: Quit Claim Deed-
There are 6 delinquent tax properties/tracts in the City of Hamlin that have been cleaned up by private citizens. The City of Hamlin is requesting a Quit Claim Deed from each taxing entity.

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 meetings for March 4, 2026.

Carrie Moore made the motion to approve the **Consent Agenda**. Derek Moore seconded and the motion passed. (6-0 voting for the motion.)

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

ACTION ITEMS:
Consider Approval of Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials.

Dr. Chad White made the motion to approve the **Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials** as presented. Sheila Darnell seconded and the motion carried (6-0 for the motion).

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

Consider/Approve Tax Delinquent Properties/Tracts to be Quit Claim Deeded to the City of Hamlin

Derek Moore moved the board to approve the **Tax Delinquent Properties/Tracts to be Quit Claim Deeded to the City of Hamlin** as presented. Dr. Chad White seconded and the motion carried (6-0 voting for the motion.)

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

Kendon Gruben moved the board into Closed Session at 6:16pm

CLOSED SESSION- Personnel
As per Texas Govt. Code 551.074-
Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections **551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee**, **551.071, consultation with the Board's Attorney**; and 551.072, Real Property.

Kendon Gruben reconvened the board at 6:44pm.

ACTION RELEVANT TO CLOSED SESSION- Teacher Contracts:

Sheila Darnell made the motion to consider/approve to **Renew or Offer the Term Contract for Employees for the 2026-2027 School Year** as recommended by the superintendent. Subject to assignment. Dr. Chad White seconded the motion. (6-0 for the motion)

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

Sheila Darnell made the motion to consider/approve to **Offer a Probationary contract for the 2026-2027 School Year** as recommended by the Superintendent. Subject to assignment. Carrie Moore seconded the motion. (6-0 for the motion).

Board Members	Yea	Nay	Abstain
Kendon Gruben	x		
Carrie Moore	x		
Jennifer Prater			
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. Enrollment for the week ending April 10, 2026 was 374**.**

Calendar of events:
Board Election May 2, 2026
Next board meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2026, @ 5:00 pm.
Board Workshop May 12, 2026 at 6
Swearing in of Board members

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm, by Kendon Gruben.

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Kendon Gruben, President Jennifer Prater, Secretary