

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Education

Harlem Consolidated School District # 122

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Harlem Consolidated School District was held Monday, August 17, 2026, beginning at 5:30 PM in the Harlem Administration Center - Board Room 8605 North Second St Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.

1. Call to Order of Regular Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. by Mike Sterling
2. Roll Call- Mike Sterling, Kurt Thompson, Aaron McKnight (5:35), Diane McKinney, Rebecca Carlson, Diana Johnson, Evelyn Meeks (5:42)
Cabinet Members:
Pam Cook- Recording Secretary
Dr. Terrell Yarbrough- Superintendent
Dr. Shelley Wagner- Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources
Dr. Michelle Erb- Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Jason Blume- Asst. Superintendent for Communication & Community Relations
Josh Aurand- Asst. Superintendent for Business & Operations
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Dr. Yarbrough
Mike Sterling asked for a moment of silence to remember two past Harlem retirees, Cathy Ward and Linda Schuepbach, who recently passed
4. Approval of Agenda
1st Thompson 2nd Carlson
Thompson, McKnight, Carlson, Johnson, Sterling- 5 ayes
Motion Carried
5. The Mission of the Harlem Consolidated School District, as a vital part of the community, is to help diverse learners realize their unlimited potential by providing an educational program dedicated to academic excellence and the development of strong character in a safe and respectful learning environment.
Dr. Yarbrough shared a few Mission Moment of the District.
-Orange & Black event- thanked everyone who organized this event, LaWanda Cooper, Reed Allison, Dr. Bois and the Class of 2039, Parker Center students, who ran out onto the football field.
-Thanked Property Services crew, District Admin, staff and Dr. Erb for preparing the buildings inside and out to have them ready for the start of the school year.
-A shout out to the Registration team for the long hours in registering students past these few months.
6. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Closed Session Minutes for July 16, 2026, and Special Board Meeting Minutes for August 10, 2026
1st Carlson 2nd Thompson
McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Sterling, Thompson- 5 ayes
Motion Carried
7. Jason Blume, Assistant Superintendent for Communications & Community Relations

A. Awards and Recognitions- *No Recognitions*

8. Comments from the Community- *None*

9. Approval of Bills

1st Thompson 2nd McKnight

McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

A. Payables Summary-\$2,236,448.42

B. Voided Checks

C. Payroll Voucher(s)-\$10,520,406.48

D. Accounts Payable Warrants- \$12,756,854.90

10. Administrative Reports

A. Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

1. Recommendation to approve Student Travel Requests: ***Oral History Interviews-Marion IL 8/28/-8/30-26***

2. Recommendation to approve School Improvement Plans for Harlem High School, Machesney, Marquette, Ralston, and Windsor Elementary

B. Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

1. Recommendation to approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Property:

2. Recommendation to approve Municipal Advisory Agreement with PMA for professional services in regard to bond issuance

3. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Lighthouse Speech Therapy to provide speech and language services at a cost of \$115 per hour at 21 hours per week for 22 weeks for a total cost of \$53,130, paid with IDEA Flow Through Part B

4. Recommendation to approve an independent contractor agreement with Haley Hill, a speech and language pathologist for the 2027 school year at a cost of \$120 per hour for 14 hours a week for 16 weeks for total cost of \$26,880, paid with IDEA Flow Through Part B

5. Recommendation to approve a three-year subscription agreement with Snap Mobile Inc. for a total amount of \$11,250

6. Recommendation to approve professional development with CommonLit Pro 360 for the middle school and high school for a cost of \$6,000, paid with Title II Funds

7. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Newsela for Professional Development for the middle school and high school, at a cost of \$4,200, paid with Title II Funds

8. Recommendation to approve an agreement with ROE 17 to provide 3.5 days of coaching support at the high school and 2 days of coaching support at the middle school for secondary science teachers, for a cost no more than \$6,000, paid with Title II Funds

9. Recommendation to approve agreements with Gordon Flesch Company to purchase two Canon copiers and with Marco Technologies to purchase three Sharp copiers, for a total cost of \$77,071, paid with Technology Funds

10. Presentation of FY27 Tentative Budget; Recommendation to approve FY27 Tentative Budget Resolution and Set Public Hearing for September 28, 2026, at 5:15 PM

Josh Aurand presented the FY27 budget, projecting an excess in the Education Fund of approximately \$864,000. He highlighted revenue included increased property tax valuations and a projected increase in CPPRT funding. Planned capital projects includes new parking lots at the high school and middle school as well as LED lighting installations. A focus on rising healthcare costs and the impact of electricity and fuel on operational funds.

C. Dr. Shelley Wagner, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. Recommendation to approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum

Transfers-16

Employements-9

Stipends-155

Resignations-5

D. Dr. Terrell Yarbrough, Superintendent

1. Recommendation to approve First Reading of Policy Updates from August 12, 2026, Policy Committee Meeting

2. Freedom of Information Act request dated July 2, 2026 was submitted by Sheri Reid from SmartProcure requesting any and all purchasing records from 4/2/2026 to current. The District responded to the requestor on July 28, 2026, with the inclusive documents.

3. Freedom of Information Act request dated July 29, 2026 was submitted by Sam Crombie requesting a copy of the existing public record for current employee salary roster, covering all active employees and their full name, job title, and base annual salary or hourly rate for each employee. The District responded to the requestor on July 30, 2026, with the inclusive document.

4. Freedom of Information Act request dated June 15, 2026, was submitted by The DataBranch requesting vendor procurement records for CDW Government, Xerox, and MGT Impact Solutions (MGT Consulting), as well as College and Career Readiness from Lead Public Schools. The District previously indicated that it has a reasonable belief that this request was not submitted by a "person". The requestor had 30 days to verify that he or she was a person. As of August 12, 2026, the requestor had failed to verify. The District responded to the requestor on August 12, 2026, denying the request.

11. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum

1st Carlson

2nd Johnson

McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight-7 ayes

Motion Carried

B. Approve Student Travel Request(s)

1st McKnight

2nd Sterling

Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

12. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

1st Thompson 2nd Carlson

Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

B. Approve First Reading of Policy Updates from August 12, 2026, Policy Committee Meeting

1st Johnson

2nd Carlson

Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

C. Approve School Improvement Plans for Harlem High School, Machesney, Marquette, Ralston, and Windsor Elementary

- 1st Johnson 2nd McKnight**
Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- D. Approve Municipal Advisory Agreement with PMA for professional services in regard to bond issuance
1st McKnight 2nd Johnson
Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- E. Approve an agreement with Lighthouse Speech Therapy to provide speech and language services at a cost of \$115 per hour at 21 hours per week for 22 weeks for a total cost of \$53,130, paid with IDEA Flow Through Part B
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McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
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McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- G. Approve a three-year subscription agreement with Snap Mobile Inc. for a total amount of \$11,250
1st Thompson 2nd Johnson
Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- H. Approve professional development with CommonLit Pro 360 for the middle school and high school for a cost of \$6,000, paid with Title II Funds
1st Johnson 2nd Carlson
Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- I. Approve an agreement with Newsela for Professional Development for the middle school and high school, at a cost of \$4,200, paid with Title II Funds
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Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- J. Approve an agreement with ROE 17 to provide 3.5 days of coaching support at the high school and 2 days of coaching support at the middle school for secondary science teachers, for a cost no more than \$6,000, paid with Title II Funds
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Motion Carried
- K. Approve agreements with Gordon Flesch Company to purchase two Canon copiers and with Marco Technologies to purchase three Sharp copiers, for a total cost of \$77,071, paid with Technology Funds
1st Johnson 2nd Sterling
Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling – 7 ayes

Motion Carried

- L. Approve FY27 Tentative Budget Resolution and Set Public Hearing for September 28, 2026, at 5:15 PM

1st Carlson

2nd Johnson

McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

13. Announcements and Discussion:
14. Motion to go into Executive Session of Discussion of Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)).

1st Carlson

2nd Johnson

Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:36 PM and returned to Open Session at 6:41 PM

15. ACTION ITEMS AFTER CLOSED SESSION

None

16. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:42 PM

1st McKnight 2nd Carlson

All Aye; Motion Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 6:42PM

Respectfully Submitted

Pam Cook

Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

President

Date: _____

Secretary