

Minutes of Special Board Meeting

The Board of Education

Harlem Consolidated School District # 122

A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Harlem Consolidated School District was held Monday, August 10, 2026, beginning at 5:00 PM in the Harlem Administration Center - Board Room 8605 North Second St Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.

1. Call to Order of Special Board meeting at 5:00 p.m. by *Mike Sterling*
2. Roll Call-*Mike Sterling, Kurt Thompson, Aaron McKnight, Diane McKinney, Rebecca Carlson, Diana Johnson, Evelyn Meeks*
Other Attendees:
Pam Cook-Recording Secretary
Dr. Terrell Yarbrough-Superintendent
Dr. Shelley Wagner-Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
Dr. Michelle Erb- Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
Dr. Jason Blume- Assistant Superintendent for Communications & Community Relations
Josh Aurand- Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations
3. Pledge of Allegiance led by *Diane McKinney*
4. Approval of Agenda
1st Thompson 2nd McKnight
Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
5. Harlem School District Mission Statement:
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.
6. Comments from the Community- **none**
7. Administrative Reports
 - A. Dr. Jason Blume, Assistant Superintendent for Communication & Community Relations
 1. Awards and Recognitions
Jason Blume introduced the girls bowling team who have won their third consecutive National Championship. He recognized the bowling team and their achievements. Coach Jimmy described the team's resilience and fight during a crucial game. The Coach turned to the team and let the girls introduce themselves. He also emphasized the importance of determination and preparation in the team's success.
 - B. Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
 1. Recommendation to approve to submit a School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Grant application to the US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPs)

Michelle Erb presented a proposal for the COPs Grant, including radios and wearable badges. She explained the needs for them to eliminate dead spots in school buildings. Josh Aurand mentioned that this grant is a 75-25 matching requirement.

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

1. Recommendation to approve Personnel Agenda and Addendum

29-Resignations

21-Transfers

19-Employment

4- Athletic Coaching Stipends

1 New Position- Bi-Lingual Para

D. Dr. Terrell Yarbrough, Superintendent

1. Recommendation to approve the updated Superintendent Goals for the 2026-2027 school year

Terrell Yarbrough mentioned his updated goals for the 2026-27 school year. Rebecca Carlson commented how pleased she is with the 5-point system for the evaluation process.

8. Announcements and Discussion:

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Approve to submit a School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) Grant application to the US Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPs)

1st McKnight 2nd Thompson

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

Motion Carried

B. Approve Personnel Agenda and Addendum

1st Carlson 2nd Thompson

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

Motion Carried

C. Approve updated Superintendent Goals for the 2026–2027 school year

1st Carlson 2nd McKnight

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

Motion Carried

10. Executive Session to discuss Employment of Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Self-Evaluation, Practices and Procedures or Professional Ethics (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), Security Procedures (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), Establishment of Reserves or Settlement of Claims as provided in Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12), and Discussion of Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:22 PM

1st McKnight 2nd Carlson
All Aye; Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 5:22 PM

ATTEST:

President

Date: _____

Secretary