

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, July 21, 2025 6:30 pm

Nathan Hale School
19055 Burnham Avenue
Lansing, IL 60438

Mrs. Desiree Ambrose: Present
Derrick Burks: Present
Tammara Hill: Present
Ms. Kenisha LeSure: Present
Serene Smith: Present
Timothy Terrell: Present
Mrs. Nicole Thompson: Present
Present: 7.

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. The mission of Sunnybrook School District #171 is to maximize student achievement by cultivating: critical thinking skills, innovative instructional practices and a collaborative school, home and community partnership.

D. Roll Call

E. Any person wishing to address the board about an item that is on the agenda should do so when that item is up for discussion. Visitors' statements will be limited to two minutes per person. A total of 30 minutes will be allocated for visitor comments. All comments about items not on the agenda will be held until the visitor's statements at the end of the meeting. Items related to personnel issues will be redirected to the appropriate Administrator.

F. Recommended Motion:

To approve the regular board of education meeting minutes of June 16, 2025, closed session minutes of June 16, 2025. July expenses and May payroll in the amount of: \$2,312,059.49, as presented.

G. Communications

H. Informational Items:

The Board will discuss and select which organization will facilitate their on-boarding retreat:

Lori Grant (IASB) \$400.00

Next Level Core Solutions (Dr. Nakia Hall) \$3,000.00 (\$500 non refundable deposit)

Brave Dialogue (Jeff Cohn) \$1,500.00

2025-2026 District Calendar

FOIA Request: CT Mills Public Info Access, LLA

Requesting a list of all school and district level administrators, including:

Name

Title/Position
Work Email Address
Work Location (School Name or Central Office)

FOIA Request: Lake County Gazette requesting a list of all graduates in the past five school years in the following fields:

Graduation years
Hometown
Gender

I. Board Reports

J. Administrator Reports:

Dr. Erika Millhouse Pettis, Superintendent
Dr. Lori Owens Stranc, Assistant Superintendent, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Mr. David Shrader, Chief School Business Official
Ms. Juliann Greene, Director of Special Services
Dr. Mike McGowan, Technology Director
Mrs. Chantelle Cambric, Principal, Heritage Middle School
Mr. Joseph Kent, Principal, Nathan Hale School

K. Recommended Motions:

K.1. Recommended Motion:

To approve the employment of Ms. Cindy Rieger, STEAM teacher, Nathan Hale School, salary of \$55,406.00, Step 3 of Lane MA+9, effective August 18, 2025, pending successful background check results, as presented.

K.2. Recommended Motion:

To approve the employment of Ms. Elizabeth Bustamante, Bi-lingual teacher, Nathan Hale School, salary of \$56,587.00, Step 10 of Kane BA +9, effective August 18, 2025, pending successful background check results.

K.3. Recommended Motion:

To approve the employment of Ms. Amber Schaaf, fourth grade teacher, Nathan Hale School, salary of \$59,402.00, Step 10 of Lane MA + 9, effective August 18, 2025, pending successful background check results, as presented.

K.4. Recommended Motion:

To approve the employment of Ms. Latryce Fields-Anderson, Dean of Students, Heritage Middle School, salary of \$59,402.00, Step 10 of Lane MA + 9, plus a 10-day stipend of \$3,300, effective August 11, 2025, pending successful background check results, as presented.

K.5. Recommended Motion:

This is the Informational Item (H) discussed prior to the motion.

Motion for _____ to facilitate the school board's on-boarding

process for _____.

K.6. Recommended Motion:

To approve the ECHO Executive Board of Directors meeting minutes of the following:
April 8, 2025, May 13, 2025, May 27, 2025 (Special Meeting) June 4, 2025 (Special Meeting)
2024-2028 ECHO ESP Collective Bargaining Agreement
FY26 Administrative Contracts

K.7. Recommended Motion:

To approve the purchasing of Character Strong Social Emotional Curriculum for grades K-5 including Tier 2, Tier 3, and Professional development support in the amount of \$11,796.40, as presented.

L. Visitors' Statements

M. Recommended Motion:

To move in to closed session for the purpose of the appointment, compensation, student discipline, performance for dismissal of specific employees of the district. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Superintendent/Board Relations.

N. Adjourn