

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, October 20, 2025 6:30 PM Central

Heritage Middle School
19266 Burnham Ave
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.

Board Member Serene Smith attended meeting remotely via telephone.

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 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.

G. Return to Open Session

H. Recommended Motion:

To approve the regular Board of Education meeting minutes of September 15, 2025, and the closed session minutes of September 15, 2025. Approval of Special Board meeting minutes of September 29, 2025, closed session of September 29, 2025. October expenses and September payroll in the amount of: \$1,693,797.99, as presented.

I. Communications

J. Informational Items:

J.1. Tentative Tax Levy: Mr. David Shrader, Chief School Business Official

J.2. Educational Leadership Solutions

J.3. Next Level Core Solutions

K. Board Reports

L. 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. Josephy Kent, Principal, Nathan Hale School

Policy Committee:

First Reading: Draft Updates:

Policy 2:80: Board Member Oath and Conduct

Policy 2:130: Board-Superintendent Relationship

Policy 2:260: Uniform Grievance Procedure

Policy 4:15: Identity Protection

Policy 5:20: Workplace Harassment Prohibited

Policy 5:60: Expenses

Policy 6:150: Home and Hospital Instruction

Policy 6:235: Access to Electronic Networks

Policy 7:20: Harassment of Students Prohibited

Policy 7:60: Residence

Policy 7:140: Search and Seizure

Policy 7:185: Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

Policy 7:200: Suspension Procedures

Policy 7:210: Expulsion Procedures

Policy 7:250: Student Support Services

Policy 7:270: Administering Medicines to Students

Policy 7:300: Extracurricular Athletics

Policy 8:80: Gifts to the District

Policy 7:255: Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence

Policy 2:265: Title IX Grievance Procedure

M. Recommended Motions:

M.1. Recommended Motion:

To approve the FMLA request for Mrs. Amy Pelke, teacher, Heritage Middle School, effective November 13, 2025, return tentatively December 5, 2025, as presented.

M.2. Recommended Motion:

To approve the request for FMLA for Ms. Jennifer Brown, Heritage Middle School, effective September 16, 2025 until date to be determined, as presented.

M.3. Recommended Motion:

To approve the FMLA request for Ms. Jennifer Estrada, teacher, Nathan Hale School, effective October 1, 2025 until November 6, 2025, as presented.

M.4. Recommended Motion:

To approve the student accident insurance policies with Gerber Life Insurance Company, as presented.

M.5. Recommended Motion:

To accept the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report, as presented.

M.6. Recommended Motion:

To authorize and direct the School District Treasurer to permanently transfer from the Operations and Maintenance Fund (Fund 20) to the Capital Projects Fund (Fund 40) the sum of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00), to be used for District capital project expenditures, as authorized by the Board, as presented.

M.7. Recommended Motion:

To approve the 2024-2025 staff compensation report, as presented.

M.8. Recommended Motion:

To adopt the Earnings Resolution designating interest accrued in each fund during the 2025-2026 fiscal year to remain as interest and not part of the principal balance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, as presented.

M.9. Recommended Motion:

To hire _____ as the company that will facilitate Sunnybrook School district #171's Strategic Action Plan, as presented.

N. Visitors' Statements

O. Adjourn