

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2026 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 President Ambrose attending by 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 visitors' 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 February 23, 2026, closed session minutes of February 23, 2026, March expenses and February payroll in the amount of \$1,371,032.05, as presented.

G. Communications

H. Informational Items:

Presentation:

- 1) Next Gen Transit
- 2) Sip Transport
- 3) KE Transportation

Discussion Item: Regarding Superintendent transition planning and search timeline considerations.

I. Board Reports

J. Administrator Reports:

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

Policy Committee: First Reading

Draft Updates:

Policy 2:120: Board Member Development

Policy: 2:150: Committees

Policy 2:270: Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited

Policy 4:10: Fiscal and Business Management

Policy 4:30: Revenue and Investments

Policy 4:80: Accounting and Audits

Policy 4:140: Waiver of Student Fees

Policy 4:190: Targeted School Violence Prevention Program

Policy 5:10: Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

Policy 5:90: Abused and neglected Child Reporting

Policy 5:100: Staff Development Program

Policy 5:190: Teacher Qualifications

Policy 5:200: Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

Policy 5:220: Substitute Teachers

Policy 5:280: Duties and Qualifications

Policy 5:300: Schedules and Employment Year

Policy 6:20: School Year Calendar and Day

Policy 6:40: Curriculum Development

Policy 6:60: Curriculum Content

Policy 6:130: Program for the Gifted

Policy 6:160: English Learners

Policy 6:260: Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

Policy 6:315: High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8

Policy 7:10: Equal Educational Opportunities

Policy 7:70: Attendance and Truancy

Policy 7:180: Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Policy 7:190: Student Behavior

Policy 7:290: Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

Policy 7:310: Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools

Policy 7:340: Student Records

Policy 8:30: Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Review and Monitoring:

Policy 1:10: School District Legal Status

Policy 1:20: District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

Policy 1:30: School District Philosophy
Policy 2:10: School District Governance
Policy 2:160: Board Attorney
Policy 2:240: Board Policy Development
Policy 3:30: Chain of Command
Policy 4:50: Payment Procedures
Policy 4:90: Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
Policy 4:180: Pandemic Preparedness, Management, and Recovery
Policy 5:20-E: Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment
Policy 5:60-E1: Employee Expense Reimbursement Form
Policy 5:60-E2: Employee Estimated Expense Approval Form
Policy 5:270: Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
Policy 6:280: Grading and Promotion
Policy 7:40: Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
Policy 7:90: Release During School Hours
Policy 7:130: Student Rights and Responsibilities
Policy: 7:325: Student Fundraising Activities
Policy 8:110: Public Suggestions and Concerns

K. Recommended Motions:

K.1. Recommended Motions:

To accept the retirement of Mrs. Deborah Horvath, Cleaner, Heritage Middle School, effective May 29, 2026, as presented.

K.2. Recommended Motion:

To accept the retirement of Mrs. Kim Warner, Secretary, Nathan Hale School, effective June 30, 2026, (replacing her original retirement letter of June 30, 2027), as presented.

K.3. Recommended Motion:

To accept the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Estrada, Music teacher, Nathan Hale School, effective on the last day of school for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

K.4. Recommended Motion:

To approve the extension of FMLA (Family Medical Leave) for Mr. Andris Sprudz, tentatively expected return date of April 2, 2026, as presented.

K.5. Recommended Motion:

To approve the Milk renewal contract with Prairie Farms, as presented.

K.6. Recommended Motion:

To approve the KI quote for two Heritage classroom desks and chairs, as presented.

K.7. Recommended Motion:

To approve the non-renewal of contracts for the following teachers:

1 - LSB1 Teacher at HMS

1 - LSB1 Teacher at NH

1 - Social Worker at NH

K.8. Recommended Motion :

To approve the request for (FMLA) for Ms. LaTryce Fields Anderson, Dean, Heritage Middle School, effective April 16, 2026, expected return date April 30, 2026, as presented.

K.9. Recommended Motion:

To approve tenure for the following teachers:

Heritage Middle School:

Ms. Exal Rose Cervantes

Mrs. Julija Lapp Swanson

Nathan Hale School:

Emily Angelo - Reading Specialist.

Maya Rusinque_ ELL

K.10. Recommended Motion:

To approve two board members, all expenses paid, to attend the NSBA (National School Board Association) annual conference in San Antonio, TX, which will take place on April 10-12, 2026, as presented.

K.11. Recommended Motion:

To award the 2026 Heritage Middle School Track project to the lowest responsible bidder, Abbey Construction Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,570,500.00, as presented.

K.12. 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).

L. Visitors' Statements

M. Adjourn Meeting