

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026 6:30 PM Central

Heritage Middle School
19266 Burnham Ave
Lansing, IL 60438

Mrs. Desiree Ambrose: Present
Derrick Burks: Present
Tammara Hill: Absent
Ms. Kenisha LeSure: Present
Serene Smith: Present
Timothy Terrell: Present
Mrs. Nicole Thompson: Present
Present: 6, Absent: 1.

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 April 20, 2026, closed session meeting minutes of April 20, 2026, eLearning hearing minutes, May expenses and April payroll in the amount of: \$1,590,271.42, as presented.

G. Communications

H. Informational Items:

STR Architectural Firm

- Long Term Substitute for the 2026-2027 School Year:
- Mr. Tim Howard
- Ms. Barnett

- FOIA Request:
- Lake County Gazette requesting policies , procedures, guidelines, or administrative directives concerning religious accommodations for students, including, but not limited to accommodations related to Ramadan Observance.
- Prayer Accommodations During School Hours

- Implementation and Communication of accommodations for students observing Ramadan
- Complaints or Requests for religious accommodations related to Ramadan

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

K. Recommended Motions:

K.1. Recommended Motion:

To accept the formal notice of retirement for Ms. Juliann Greene, Director of Pupil Services, effective June 30, 2028, as presented.

K.2. Recommended Motion:

To accept the resignation of Ms. Tiffany Bradford, Cleaner, Nathan Hale School, effective immediately, as presented.

K.3. Recommended Motion:

To approve the resignation of Ms. Jennifer Newstat, Art teacher, Nathan Hale School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

K.4. Recommended Motion:

To approve the Independent Contractor Agreement with LeQuisha Dancy, Dancy Consulting and Psychological Services, hourly rate of \$86.94, effective from August 17, 2026 through June 2, 2027, as presented.

K.5. Recommended Motion:

To approve the Agreement with Milestone Therapy, LLC for services of: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Language Therapy, ABA Therapy-BCBA/BA, and ABA Therapy-RBT, as presented.

K.6. Recommended Motion:

To approve Select Savvy, Staffing Partners, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

K.7. Recommended Motion:

To approve the contract for therapy services with Omni Therapeutics, Inc., effective for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

K.8. Recommended Motion:

To approve the "Demo and Installation of \$15,907.00 for the LRC Carpeting quote, as presented.

K.9. Recommended Motion:

To approve _____ for transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Next Gen Transportation

Sip Transport

KE Transportation

SFG Transportation

First Student ALT Transportation

K.10. Recommended Motion:

To approve employment of Ms. Patience Nsiah, 7th grade ELA teacher, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, salary of \$54,749, Lane MA, pending successful background check results, as presented.

K.11. Recommended Motion:

To approve employment of Ms. Celeste Lattanzi, Financial Literacy teacher, Heritage Middle School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, salary of \$59,402, MA + 9, pending successful background check results, as presented.

K.12. Recommended Motion:

To approve employment of Mr. Daniel Wolff, Music teacher, Nathan Hale School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, salary of \$55,915, BA + 10, pending successful background check results, as presented.

K.13. Recommended Motion:

To approve employment of Ms. Emily Eagan, Social Worker, Nathan Hale School, effective for the 2026-2027 school year, salary of \$54,314, MA + 9, pending successful background check results, as presented.

K.14. Recommended Motion:

To approve employment for Mr. Shwun Mensah, Custodian, Nathan Hale School, effective May 19, 2026, salary of \$22.50 per hour, pending successful background check results, as presented.

K.15. Recommended Motion:

To accept the 2026 School District Library Grant in the amount of \$850.00, as presented.

K.16. Recommended Motion:

To approve all expenses for seven school board members and the Superintendent to attend the Triple I Conference located in Chicago, IL, November 20-22, 2026.

K.17. Recommended Motion:

To approve all expenses for seven school board members to attend the Annual CUBE Conference located at the Marriott Marquis in Chicago, IL, October 1-3, 2026.

K.18. Recommended Motion:

To approve the Years of Service for the following staff members:

35 Years:

Holly St. John

25 Years:

Shari Hooton
Carol Linville

20 Years:

Lisa Lawrence

10 Years:

Aliana Alvarez
Kimberly Skibinski
Mike McGowan
Joseph Kent

K.19. 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. m5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

K.20. Recommended Motion:

To approve the ECHO Executive Board of Directors meeting minutes: February 10, 2026, March 10, 2026, April 21, 2026. Resolution To Amend Resolution Authorizing and Approving Change in designation of Township Treasurer for ECHO Funds. ECHO Joint Agreement Independent Contractor Agreement NOVO Staffing, ECHO Joint Agreement Independent Contractor Agreement, Delta T Group Illinois, Inc, ECHO Joint Agreement Administrative Contract Mr. Vincente Castillo, Jr., ECHO Joint Agreement Administrative Contract Ms. Megan Drangsholt, ECHO Joint Agreement Administrative Contract, Ms. Brenda Murillo, as presented.

L. Visitors' Statements

M. Adjourn Meeting