

Minutes of Committee of the Whole

The Board of Education

Harlem Consolidated School District # 122

A Committee of the Whole of the Board of Education of Harlem Consolidated School District was held Wednesday, September 9, 2026, beginning at 4:30 PM in the Harlem Administration Center - Board Room 8605 North Second St Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.

1. **BUSINESS** : (60 minutes or as needed) started at 5:22 PM

Administrator: Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

A. *Roll Call: Kurt Thompson, Aaron McKnight, Josh Aurand, Terrell Yarbrough, Shannon Thompson, Michelle Erb, Union/designee- Elana Schelling-Tufte*

Other Attendees: Diane McKinney, Rebecca Carlson, Diana Johnson, Pam Cook, Shelley Wagner, Jason Blume, Ana Luisa Dominguez, Jake Hubert

B. Meeting Minutes Consensus for August 12, 2026- yes

C. Public Comments (if any)

D. Agenda Items

1. Recommendation to approve a five-year lease with Quadient Leasing for a postage machine and equipment updates for a monthly payment of \$275.00

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation

2. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Adelante Educational Specialists for 3 (three) Biliteracy Professional Development days for bilingual and ESL staff for a cost of \$10,500, funded by Title III

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation

3. Recommendation to approve an agreement with ExploreK12, Inc. for Reflex Math subscription for Rock Cut Elementary at a cost of \$2,965.00, funded by School Improvement Grant

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation

4. Recommendation to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Hagney Architects for partial roof replacements at Harlem High School, Olson Park, Parker Center, and Loves Park

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation

5. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Client First Technology Consulting for E-rate consulting services at a cost no more than \$4,500.00

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation

6. Recommendation to approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU's) between the District and Harlem Federation of Teachers (HFT) regarding HMS Student Support Structure

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation

7. Recommendation to approve Engagement Letter with Chapman and Cutler LLP for bond counsel and disclosure counsel services related to the issuance of Life Safety and Working Cash Bonds, Series 2027

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation

8. Discussion regarding natural gas

Josh Aurand discussed the using Nania Energy to obtain independent natural gas bids. Preliminary estimates indicated approximately 5%-7% savings over a two-to-three year term.

9. Other

Aaron McKnight asked the Committee on thoughts of the public comment about forming a GPAC. Dr. Yarbrough commented he could meet with this parent who proposed the advisory group, clarify the intended purpose and needs, and report the discussion back to the board. The Committee emphasized defining parameters, process of selection procedures and coordinating with existing PTOs, board meetings, and other committee meetings if moving forward with the request.

E. Adjournment at 5:54 PM