Committee of the Whole Introductory Minutes Wednesday, January 8, 2025 4:30 PM Harlem Administration Center 8605 North Second St Machesney Park, Illinois 61115

INTRODUCTORY MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order of Committee of the Whole at 4:30 p.m. by Mike Sterling
- 2. Roll Call: (Board Members, Cabinet Members)

Michael Sterling, Kurt Thompson, Rebecca Carlson, Larry Smith, Megan Hastings, Evelyn Meeks - 6

Absent: Aaron McKnight

Others:

Kris Arduino, Recording Secretary

Dr. Terrell Yarbrough, Superintendent

Dr. Shelley Wagner, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Jason Blume, Assistant Superintendent for Communications & Community Relations

Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations & CSBO

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance
- 4. Harlem School District Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Harlem Consolidated School District, as a vital part of the community, is to help diverse learners realize their unlimited potential by providing an educational program dedicated to academic excellence and the development of strong character in a safe and respectful learning environment.

Presenter: Dr. Terrell Yarbrough, Superintendent

- 5. Approve Introductory Meeting Minutes by consensus for December 11, 2024
- 1st Carlson 2nd Hastings

Thompson, Carlson, Smith, Hastings, Meeks, Sterling – 6 ayes

Motion approved

- 6. **Note:** Comments from the Community (Limited to three (3) minutes for each comment).
- 1, Rebecca DeLaLuz, PTO member, addressed the Board regarding the Middle School, noting that the PTO did a survey of the staff for teachers to see what teachers need and what the PTO could help with. Most things were manageable. Some things the Board needs to keep in mind is the need for an extra basketball court, better math technology, and class-room sizes for science are very small and not adequate space for proper equipment with a lack of outlets. Teachers are

concerned about the outlets in general. Please review these things to help this situation if possible. She also mentioned the traffic jam at the middle school to see if more stop signs could be put in and the Board could possibly push this along.

No further introductory business

Adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Minutes taken by Kris Arduino