

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

The Board of Education Harlem Consolidated School District # 122

A Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of Harlem Consolidated School District was held Monday, April 13, 2026, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Harlem Administration Center 8605 North Second St Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.

1. Call to Order of Regular Board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call: *Mike Sterling, Kurt Thompson, Aaron Mcknight, Diane McKinney, Rebecca Carlson, Diana Johnson, Evelyn Meeks*

Other Attendees: Pam Cook-Recording Secretary; Dr. Terrell Yarbrough-Superintendent; Dr. Shelley Wagner-Asst. Superintendent for Human Resources; Dr. Michelle Erb-Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; Dr. Jason Blume- Asst. Superintendent for Communication & Community Relations; Josh Aurand-Asst. Superintendent for Business & Operations

2. Pledge of Allegiance: Windsor Elementary Students

3. Approval of Agenda

1st McKnight 2nd Thompson

Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling-7 ayes

Motion Carried

4. 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.

5. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes & Closed Session Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2026

1st Carlson 2nd McKnight

McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson-7 ayes

Motion Carried

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

A. Awards and Recognitions

-Coach Shields shared his pride of his son Bo and the success of the swimming team, highlighting Bo's achievements and personal growth. Bo shared his plans to attend Lewis University and study nursing, expressing his commitment to continue his athletic and academic pursuits. The Board congratulated Coach Shields and Bo on their achievements and contributions to the swimming program.

-Kennedie and Kai, high school students, were introduced for their work on the Illinois Coal & Communities Listening Project. They provided an update on the project, mentioning the collection of almost 50 oral histories and creation of photo essay and documentary. The students highlighted the impact of coal on communities and the importance of preserving oral histories. They discussed their experiences with the project, including fieldwork, interviewing skills and documentary making. Nick Stange mentioned the involvement of former Harlem student Emily Guske of the Coal Project. He also encouraged board members and the

community to attend the screening on May 16. Kyra Newnam emphasized the project's role in influencing future policies related to coal plant and mine closures.

-Jason Blume thanked Debby Kirker, our Skyward Specialist, for helping with the back-end processes in Skyward in preparation for the transition next school year.

7. Comments from the Community- none

8. Approval of Bills

1st McKnight 2nd McKinney

McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight-7 ayes

Motion Carried

A. Payables Summary-**\$1,035,120.37**

B. Voided Checks- **\$0**

C. Payroll Voucher(s)-**\$3,579,506.81**

D. Accounts Payable Warrants-**\$4,614,627.18**

9. Administrative Reports

A. Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

1. Recommendation to approve Student Travel Requests:

Harlem Middle School girls and boys bowling teams traveling to Joliet on 4/16-4/18

2. Recommendation to approve District Grant Consolidated Plan

3. Recommendation to approve Parker School Wide Title I Plan

B. Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

1. Recommendation to approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Property:

2. Recommendation to accept February 2026 Treasurer's Report

3. Recommendation to approve a three (3) year extension with EvaluWise for a total cost of \$23,505.90, paid with local funds

4. Recommendation to award HHS Stadium Lighting Bid to Barton Electric Inc. for \$166,870.00

5. Recommendation to approve a one (1) year renewal with Edgenuity for student licenses at a cost of \$9,192.75, paid with local funds

6. Recommendation to approve three (3) year agreement with CommonLit for high school ELA Curriculum at a cost of \$18,900, paid with local funds

7. Recommendation to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Rock Valley College for Dual/Articulated Credit Courses

8. Recommendation to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Rock Valley College for the Running Start Program

C. Dr. Shelley Wagner, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. Recommendation to approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum

2-Transfers; 6- Employments; 9-Resignations & 3- Re-employments

D. Dr. Terrell Yarbrough, Superintendent

1. Recommendation to approve Second Reading of Policy Updates from March 9, 2026, First Reading

2. Freedom of Information Act request dated March 18, 2026, was submitted by CT Mills requesting electronic copies of any existing records identifying the employee(s) responsible for leadership, oversight, or coordination of the following functional areas at the district or central office level. The District responded to the requestor on March 23, 2026, with the inclusive document.

3. Freedom of Information Act request dated March 12, 2026, was submitted by Megan Schulz requesting records on what companies we contract with or sold to for every solar farm on

Harlem-owned land, kickbacks that Harlem receives, what account these funds go into and how they are being distributed/utilized. The District responded to the requestor on March 26, 2026, with the inclusive documents.

4. Freedom of Information Act request dated March 24, 2026, was submitted by Bo Kim requesting records for 3/06/26 results/tabulations and which bidder was awarded the project for the flooring replacement work at Harlem High School & Parker Early Education Center. The District responded to the requestor on March 27, 2026, with the responsive document.
5. Freedom of Information Act request dated March 26, 2026, was submitted by Justin Wenig requesting all purchase orders and/or payment records for non-person/vendor entities, such as companies, organizations, or contractors from January 1, 2025 to current date. The District responded to the requestor on March 31, 2026, with the responsive document.

10. Consent Agenda

- A. Approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum

1st Carlson 2nd McKinney

Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney-7 ayes

Motion Carried

- B. Approve Student Travel Request(s)

1st McKinney 2nd McKnight

Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson-7 ayes

Motion Carried

11. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Accept February 2026 Treasurer's Report

1st Thompson 2nd Johnson

Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson-7 ayes

Motion Carried

- B. Approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

1st McKnight 2nd Carlson

Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

- C. Approve District Grant Consolidated Plan

1st Johnson 2nd Thompson

Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

- D. Approve Parker School Wide Title I Plan

1st Thompson 2nd Sterling

McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

- E. Approve Second Reading of Policy Updates from March 9, 2026, First Reading

1st Carlson 2nd Johnson

McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

- F. Approve a three (3) year extension with EvaluWise for a total cost of \$23,505.90, paid with local funds

1st Johnson 2nd Thompson

Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney- 7 ayes

Motion Carried

- G. Approve the award HHS Stadium Lighting Bid to Barton Electric Inc.
1st Carlson 2nd McKnight
Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- H. Approve a one (1) year renewal with Edgenuity for student licenses at a cost of \$9,192.75, paid with local funds
1st Carlson 2nd Johnson
Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- I. Approve three (3) year agreement with CommonLit for high school ELA Curriculum at a cost of \$18,900, paid with local funds
1st Johnson 2nd McKnight
Sterling, Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- J. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Rock Valley College for Dual/Articulated Credit Courses
1st McKinney 2nd McKnight
Thompson, McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
- K. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Rock Valley College for the Running Start Program
1st Carlson 2nd Sterling
McKnight, McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson- 7 ayes
Motion Carried
12. Announcements and Discussion: *Josh Aurand inquired if the Board would be interested in seeing a District rolling FOIA log of our FOIAs that we receive. The spreadsheet would contain information of how long district staff works on them and how much it cost for our legal counsel has to review them, if it is necessary. The Board considered this to be an option but more discussion will be had at a later time.*
13. **Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Employment of Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1))**
1st Carlson 2nd McKinney
McKinney, Carlson, Johnson, Meeks, Sterling, Thompson, McKnight- 7 ayes
Motion Carried

The Board took a brief recess at 6:49PM and went into Closed Session at 6:57PM; returned to Open Session at 7:38PM.

14. ACTION ITEMS AFTER CLOSED SESSION
None
15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:39PM
1st McKnight 2nd Thompson

All aye; Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Cook
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

President

Date: _____

Secretary