

Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, July 9, 2025 4:30 PM

Harlem Administration Center
8605 North Second St
Machesney Park, Illinois 61115

Agenda

EDUCATION: (60 minutes or as needed) at 5:21 PM

Administrator: Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

8.A. Roll Call: Diane McKinney, Diana Johnson, Michelle Erb, Terrell Yarbrough, Pam Cook, Becky Logan, Jake Hubert, Shannon Rice, Ana Luisa Dominguez, Union: Elana Schelling-

Tufte/designee

Members:

Loves Park-Mike Valentine

Machesney-Abbi Edwards

Maple-Emily Bork

Marquette-Brock Morlan

Olson Park-Marya Nelson

Parker Center-Becky Swenson

Ralston-Scott Rollinson

Rock Cut-Ryan Reinecke

Windsor-Kasie Kosinski

High School- Maria Bounthog

Middle School-Jerry Harris

8.B. Meeting Minutes Consensus June 11, 2025 - yes

8.C. Public Comments (if any) None

8.D. Agenda Items

8.D.1. Special Education Programming

Heidi Lange and Shannon Rice presented information of Special Ed programming in the District, Continuum of Service, Specialized Programs, Program Highlights. They explained the continuum of service, from general education to specialized programs and the importance of providing the least restrictive environment. Also highlighted the growth and success of the learning lab program in addressing social emotional behaviors need of students. They shared the importance of parental involvement in the decision making for special ed programs; building relationships with parents and ensuring they understand the benefits of the programs

8.D.2. Advance Learner Program Data & Showcase

Marya Nelson provided an overview of the ALP that is housed at Olson Park. The top 5% iReady test scores of each elementary building student in 2nd grade to fill 3rd grade. The program focuses on developing 21st century skills, including critical thinking, citizenship, growth mindset, communication, creativity and collaboration. Marya explained the selection process which involves ranking students based on benchmark assessments. She also discussed the equitable approach of testing all second graders and setting a cut score range.

8.D.3. Fine Arts Program & Showcase

Abbi Edward provided an overview of the Fine Art Program housed at Machesney Elementary. She continues to describe the selection process for the program, like pre-assessments, auditions, and various teachers and department chairs who are involved. There was a decrease in audition sign ups from 61 last year to 42 this year, which is believed to attributed to student choosing

other programs or staying at their home school. Abbi mentioned the potential need for adjustments in communication and program structure to ensure continued effectiveness. This programs' involvement with the community includes performances and events such as saying the national anthem and at Harlem Board meetings.

8.E. Adjourn at 6:38 PM