

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 3, 2025, 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 6:38PM

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-Leah Krippner

Other Attendees: Shannon Rice, Jake Hubert, Mike Sterling, Diane McKinney, Diana Johnson, Evelyn Meeks, Shelley Wagner, Jason Blume

B. Approve Business Meeting Minutes by Consensus for August 13, 2025-yes

C. Public Comments (if any)-None

D. Agenda Items

1. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Per Mar Security to update the monitoring system at Harlem Administration Center for a cost of \$3,540.

The committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

2. Recommendation to approve an Independent Contractor Agreement with Bright Beginnings Bilingual Therapy, LLC to provide Speech & Language evaluations for 2025-2026 school year at \$1,000 per evaluation for Pre K-2nd grade students and \$1,400 per evaluation for 3rd-12th+ grade students, \$80 per hour for screening and miscellaneous services, paid with IDEA Flow Through Part B & IDEA Pre-K.

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

3. Recommendation to approve partnership with ROE 17 for the middle school and high school science departments for continued implementation of OpenSciEd at a cost of \$6,400, funded by Title II

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

4. Recommendation to approve an agreement with the Illinois MTSS Network to provide professional development to the Harlem Middle School Improvement Team at a cost of \$16,116, funded by School Improvement Grant.

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

5. Recommendation to approve a partnership with UPchieve to provide tutoring services for the 2025-2026 school year to low-income students for a cost of \$10,000, funded by School Improvement Grant.

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

6. Recommendation to approve a Resolution Authorizing Attorney Amy Silvestri to Intervene in Property Tax Appeal No. 2024-02971 for Property Index No. 08-21-128-001 for the year 2024.

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

7. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Gordon Flesch Company to provide 6 copiers (Loves Park Elementary, Machesney Elementary, Maple Elementary, Marquette Elementary, Olson Park Elementary, Harlem High School Athletics) for a total cost of \$96,585.

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

8. Recommendation to approve agreement with CLEAR for add-on License Plate Recognition software for an additional monthly cost of \$279.47 per month

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

9. Discussion of Educational Facilities & Fiscal Sustainability

Josh Aurand presented an overview of the District's enrollment trends noting the decline from Kindergarten to 5th grade enrollment and the impact on building utilization. He also discussed the need to balance building capacities and the potential for boundary changes to address the imbalance student numbers across the District. Josh highlighted the significant drop in enrollment from 2007 to present, a decrease of nearly 800 students and the need for a comprehensive plan to address the declining enrollment. The Board emphasized the importance of careful planning to balance budgets and student distribution without compromising efficiency. The board also discussed the potential impact on staff and the community, and the need for detailed studies on building capacities and demographic trends. Josh request the authorization to explore various options for balancing building capacities and ensuring efficient use of resources. The timeline for presenting options is set for October or November, with implementation by the next school year.

10. Other- Recommendation to accept an agreement with Challenger Learning Center to provide 6 missions to Mars for Machesney Elementary at a cost of \$4,600

The Committee reached a consensus to accept the recommendation.

E.Adjournment at 7:36PM