

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, August 13, 2025, beginning at 4:30 PM in the Harlem Administration Center - Board Room, 8605 North Second St., Machesney Park, IL 61115

1. EDUCATION: (60 minutes or as needed) at 5:40PM

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

A. Roll Call: Diane McKinney, Diana Johnson, Michelle Erb, Terrell Yarbrough, Pam Cook, Jake Hubert, Shannon Rice, Ana Luisa Dominguez, Union/designee: Krya Newnam

Members:

Loves Park-

Machesney-Abigail Edwards

Maple-Emily Bork

Marquette-Brad Koler

Olson Park-Marya Nelson

Parker Center-Erin Anderson

Ralston-Holly Perino

Rock Cut-Ryan Reinecke

Windsor-Kasie Konsinski, Kelsey Scarpetta

High School-Maria Bounthong

Middle School-Jennifer Curless

B. Meeting Minutes Consensus: July 9, 2025- yes

C. Public Comments (if any)- none

D. Agenda Items

E. ACT/AP/Dual Credit/ Running Start Data

It was noted that this is the first year using ACT data instead of SAT. Jake Hubert explained the scoring difference between the ACT and the SAT with scores showing a 31% meeting/exceeding compared to 20.5% on the ACT. Illinois State Report Card shows the threshold of what is meeting and exceeding, Illinois has a higher threshold for SAT. Jake continues to breakdown ACT scores including average scores and percentages for English and math, including the number of students scoring in the 75th percentile.

AP data was shared by Maria Bounthong. English Language Arts was one of the biggest exams taken last year. There are more students taking AP exam and passing them and with a higher percentage rate compared to previous years. High school AP data showed improvements, with 198 students earning college credit from 547 exams, 6% higher than the previous year, 27 student had the highest scores of these exams.

Dual Credit- This year Articulated Credit is offered to our Culinary Students through Blackhawk Technical College. There has 257 students that have earned dual credit through RVC, that is 90% compared to 78% last year.

Running Start had 16 students in the 2025 cohort, 15 of them earned their Associates degree. The 2025 cohort 35 students, 16 seniors and 18 juniors will be attending RVC to earn their Associates degree. (This presentation can be found the Harlem webiste Board agenda page)

1. SIP Plan Presentations

High school, Machesney Elementary, Maple Elementary, Marquette Elementary, Olson Park Elementary, Parker Center, Ralston Elementary, Rock Cut Elementary, Windsor Elementary presented their buildings SIP plans for the school year. A common focus was on improving math and reading proficiency. Building school community by having positive relationships was another top priority. (This presentation can be found the Harlem webiste Board agenda page)

2. District calendar discussion

A proposal was made about a four day calendar school year to help reduce costs for the District. There were mixed opinions on the feasibility and the impact on teachers' workload and contracts. State law requires 176 school calendar days. With a four day workweek the school year would extend to mid July, shortening summer break. Concerns were brought up about the impact this would have on families with child care. The District will have to do research on potential benefits or the negative effect this would have on students, staff and the community.

F. Adjourn at 7:13PM