

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, October 8, 2025, beginning at 4:30 PM in the Harlem Administration Center - Board Room, 8605 North Second St., Machesney Park, IL 61115

1. **EQUITY:** (Approximately 60 minutes) started at 4:40PM

Administrator: Jason Blume, Assistant Superintendent for Communications & Community Relations

A. Roll Call: Evelyn Meeks, Jason Blume, Terrell Yarbrough, Pam Cook,

Union: Elana-Schelling-Tufte/designee

E Team members:

Loves Park-Christy Grace

Machesney-Abigail Edwards

Maple-Tammy Poole

Marquette-Brad Kolar

Olson Park-Marya Nelson

Parker Center-Erin Anderson

Ralston-Holly Perino

Rock Cut-Ryan Reinecke

Windsor-Kasie Kosinski

High School-Jeremy Bois

Middle School-Jennifer Curless

B. Meeting Minutes Consensus: Sept. 3, 2025-yes

C. Goal Statements

D. Public Comments (if any)-none

E. Discussion Items

1. Staff-Student Relationships

WN- Students can earn Buzz Bucks to have lunch with the Principal, the school can then a lunch, can eat lunch with a staff member, any activity/reward that students like WN will continue and develop a consistent expectations that will hold students accountable. Also, to empower paraeducators to be educators and involve student teachers building relationships. RC- Ryan talked about developing values based on relational trust, including fulfillment, awareness, and respect. Continues to explain the process of operationalizing these values to create a growth mindset among staff.

RA- Ms. Perino shared a story of a successful science assembly that the students and teachers loved. A lot of positive feedback. Another event that took place that built a positive staff/student relationship what the trip to the Ice Hogs game at the BMO Center. Everyone was having fun cheering on the Ice Hogs. Students got to see the other side of teachers other than teaching all day long. Even though the trip was cut short because of the power loss, it was fun experience for the entire school.

PC- Dot Day Celebration help with students express their creativity; Goodies with Grown Ups gave the opportunity to welcome families in, great turnout; Hispanic Heritage Month where classroom selected a country and read books.

OP- participated in Dot Day-read books, decorated their art with dots; Music Teacher created a video of all of her classes with the Dot Song, students had a fun time. A wacky science assembly will be coming up which is funded by the PTA at trimester.

MQ- data was provided on the survey that was given to students about their sense of belonging. A pep rally was held for Homecoming week with most of the staff participating in the games versus a few of the classes. Fall Fest will be held Oct. 31 involving a science experiment led by Assistant Principal Brad Kolar. Parent volunteers from every classroom will be joining the celebration of positive behaviors.

MP- A strength of Maple is their common social emotional time called the Mustang Meeting. The whole building has their social emotional first thing in the morning. The school store offerings strengthen that student-teacher relationship.

MC- Hispanic Heritage Spirit Week-displayed door decoration about a country that classroom selected. The pledge is spoken in English and Spanish by students at Machesney. There is always a morning meeting and afternoon meeting to help build relationships between students and staff.

LP- highlighted positive student-teacher interactions and the importance of morning meetings. Staff and students came together to work on giving the Loves Park panther a name. It was down to four names and the winner was "Captain Claw".

HMS- Boot Camp for the incoming sixth graders helped them transition to a new school. Lots of team building experiences, learning school wide expectations, touring the building, meeting staff and student leaders.

HHS- highlighting various homecoming activities including the Buddy Bowl, mentioned the success of the education pathways, and emphasized the importance of staff-student relationships and the role of the E Teams in planning and supporting these activities.

F. New Business

1. Other Items

G. Announcements and Updates

1. Next Meeting Date: November 12, 2025

2. Equity Monthly Themes

H. Adjourn at 5:27PM