

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, November 12, 2025, beginning at 4:30 PM in the Harlem Administration Center 8605 North Second St Machesney Park, Illinois 61115.

1. **EQUITY:** (Approximately 60 minutes) Meeting started at 4:32PM

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-Emily Bork

Marquette-Brock Morlan

Olson Park-Marya Nelson

Parker Center-Rebecca Swenson

Ralston-Scott Rollinson

Rock Cut-Gloria Martinez

Windsor-Kasie Kosinski

High School-Dr. Jeremy Bois

Middle School- Jason Ware

B. Meeting Minutes Consensus: October 8, 2025

C. Goal Statements

D. Public Comments (if any)

E. Discussion Items

1. Cultural Awareness and Action

MQ- activity where students were able to share cultural artifacts, student shared a Bosnian coffee cup from his grandparents

OP-PTA brought in an assembly for Hispanic Heritage Month, Ballet Folklorico Herencia Cultural. Student enjoyed it.

PC- shown a video of diverse events happening within their building. Students with Hispanic heritage got a leaf to complete with their family and placed it on the tree.

RA- Oct. 12 was Brazilian Children's Day, Ralston students participated in the festivities by bringing board games from home to play with friends.

RC- provided data from different source types like academic and discipline. Then sorted this data by student groups to see how students were performing.

WN- October was AAC Awareness Month. Focused on raising awareness on students who use augmentative or alternative communication devices. SLP's went around to classrooms with iPads to help typically developing students feel comfortable communicating with peers that are different from them.

HHS- AP African American studies is a new course at the high school. Highlighting the nature and positive student feedback. Jeremy commend Kira Newnam for her efforts in teaching this course and the positive impact on students' understanding of their heritage.

HMS-Discussed the middle school's approach to cultural awareness. The building focused on building relationships and fostering communication between teachers and students.

F. New Business

1. Other Items

G. Announcements and Updates

1. Next Meeting Date: December 10, 2025

2. Equity Monthly Themes

H. Adjourn at 4:56PM