

Regular Board of Education Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2026 6:30 PM Central

Heritage Middle School
19266 Burnham Ave
Lansing, IL 60438

Mrs. Desiree Ambrose: Present
Derrick Burks: Present
Tammara Hill: Present
Ms. Kenisha LeSure: Present
Serene Smith: Present
Timothy Terrell: Present
Mrs. Nicole Thompson: Present
Present: 7.

A. Call to Order

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. The mission of Sunnybrook School District #171 is to maximize student achievement by cultivating: critical thinking skills, innovative instructional practices and a collaborative school, home and community partnership.

D. Roll Call

E. Any person wishing to address the board about an item that is on the agenda should do so when that item is up for discussion. Visitors' statements will be limited to two minutes per person. A total of 30 minutes will be allocated for visitor comments. All comments about items no on the agenda will be held until the Visitors' statements at the end of the meeting. Items related to personnel issues will be redirected to the appropriate Administrator.

F. Recommended Motion:

To approve the Regular Board of Education meeting minutes of March 16, 2026, closed session minutes of March 16, 2026, April expenses and March payroll in the amount of: \$1,446,622.67, as presented.

G. Communications

H. Informational Items

I. Board Reports

J. Administrator Reports:

Dr. Erika Millhouse Pettis, Superintendent
Dr. Lori Owens Stranc, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Curriculum
Mr. David Shrader, Chief School Business Official
Ms. Juliann Greene, Director of Pupil Services
Dr. Mike McGowan, Technology Director
Mrs. Chantelle Cambric, Principal, Heritage Middle School
Mr. Joseph Kent, Principal, Nathan Hale School
Policy Committee:

Second Reading wave and adopt the following policies:

Draft Updates:

Policy 2:120: Board Member Development

Policy 2:150: Committees

Policy 2:270: Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited

Policy 4:10: Fiscal and Business Management

Policy 4:30: Revenue and Investments

Policy 4:80: Accounting and Audits

Policy 4:140: Waiver of Student Fees

Policy 4:190: Targeted School Violence Prevention Program

Policy 5:10: Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

Policy 5:90: Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

Policy 5:100: Staff Development Program

Policy 5:190: Teacher Qualifications

Policy 5:200: Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal

Policy 5:220: Substitute Teachers

Policy 5:280: Duties and Qualifications

Policy 5:300: Schedules and Employment Year

Policy 6:20: School Year Calendar and Day

Policy 6:40: Curriculum Development

Policy 6:60: Curriculum Content

Policy 6:130: Program for the Gifted

Policy 6:160: English Learners

Policy 6:260: Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs

Policy 6:315: High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8

Policy 7:10: Equal Educational Opportunities

Policy 7:70: Attendance and Truancy

Policy 7:180: Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Policy 7:190: Student Behavior

Policy 7:290: Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

Policy 7:310: Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools

Policy 7:340: Student Records

Policy 8:30: Visitors and Conduct on School Property

Review and Monitoring

Policy 1:10: School District Legal Status

Policy 1:20: District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

Policy 1:30: School District Philosophy

Policy 2:10: School District Governance

Policy 2:160: Board Attorney

Policy 2:240: Board Policy Development

Policy 3:30: Chain of Command

Policy 4:50: Payment Procedures

Policy 4:90: Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds

Policy 4:180: Pandemic Preparedness, Management and Recovery

Policy 5:20-E: Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment

Policy 5:60-E1: Employee Expense Reimbursement Form
Policy 5:60-E2: Employee Estimated Expense Approval Form
Policy 5:270: Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
Policy 6:290: Grading and Promotion
Policy 7:40: Non public School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
Policy 7:90: Release During School Hours
Policy 7:130: Student Rights and Responsibilities
Policy: 7:325: Student Fundraising Activities
Policy 8:110: Public Suggestions and Concerns

K. Recommended Motions:

K.1. Recommended Motion:

To waive and adopt the second reading policies listed above, as presented.

K.2. Recommended Motion:

To accept the resignation of Mr. Richard Ciarletta, Project Based Learning Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

K.3. Recommended Motion:

To accept the resignation of Ms. Carmen Lowry, School Counselor, Heritage Middle School at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

K.4. Recommended Motion:

To accept the resignation of Mrs. Laura Karina Abendan, Bilingual Teacher, Heritage Middle School, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

K.5. Recommended Motion:

To accept the resignation of Mr. Justin Bronson, 8th grade math teacher, Heritage Middle School, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.

K.6. Recommended Motion:

To approve the request of FMLA (Family Medical Leave) for Ms. Kimberly Skibinski, Secretary, Nathan Hale School, effective April 22, 2026, as presented.

K.7. Recommended Motion:

To recommend tenure for Ms. Amy Wilocki, Speech and Language Pathologist, Nathan Hale School, as presented.

K.8. Recommended Motion:

To approve the Consolidation District Plan for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

K.9. Recommended Motion:

To approve the 2026-2027 transportation contract with Kickert with a 3.5% increase for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

K.10. Recommended Motion:

To approve _____ for transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Next Gen Transit

Sip Transport

KE Transportation

K.11. Recommended Motion:

To approve the purchase, installation, and configuration of three security cameras for the track at Heritage from Computers Nationwide at a cost of \$11,161.17, as presented.

K.12. Recommended Motion:

To appoint Mr. David Shrader, Chief School Business Official, as Trustee of Schools for Sunnybrook S.D. #171, to serve with the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools, as presented.

K.13. Recommended Motion:

To approve the Heritage LRC Carpet replacement project, to be completed by MTB Flooring, Inc. for the amount of \$30,132, as presented.

K.14. Recommended Motion:

To approve the 2026-2027 Food Management Services Contract with Just A Dash Food Service Group, including a 4.1% contractual increase based on the Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U) Food Away From Home, as presented.

K.15. Recommended Motion:

To approve the non-renewal of a tenured Nathan Hale Elementary teacher.

K.16. Recommended Motion:

To approve LRC furniture, Heritage Middle School in the amount of \$67,769.29 with (KI), as presented.

K.17. Recommended Motion:

To approve the following contracts for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Dr. Lori Owens Stranc, Assistant Superintendent/Director of Curriculum

Mr. David Shrader, Chief School Business Official

Dr. Mike McGowan, Technology Director

Ms. Juliann Greene, Director of Pupil Services

Mrs. Chantelle Cambric, Principal, Heritage Middle School

Mr. Joseph Dolan, Assistant Principal, Heritage Middle School

Mr. Joseph Kent, Principal, Nathan Hale School

Mrs. Angela Cuevas Montemayor, Assistant Principal, Nathan Hale School

Ms. Shari Hooton, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Brenda Camalick, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Mrs. Helene Mendoza, Secretary to Director of Pupil Services

K.18. Recommended Motion:

To approve STR as the district's new Architectural Firm, as presented.

K.19. Recommended Motion:

To move Mr. Lucien Cambric, Custodian, Nathan Hale School from his full time position to a part time position, effective immediately.

K.20. Recommended Motion:

To move in to Closed Session for the purpose of the appointment, compensation, student discipline, performance for dismissal of specific employees of the district. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1).

L. Visitors' Statements

M. Adjourn Meeting