

Minutes of Committee of the Whole-Education

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, May 13, 2026, 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) started at 5:18PM

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: Elana Schelling-Tufte/designee

Members:

Loves Park- Mike Valentine

Machesney- Abigail Edwards

Maple-Emily Bork

Marquette-Brock Morlan

Olson Park-Alex Carlson

Parker Center-Brad Breakfield

Ralston-Scott Rollinson

Rock Cut-Gloria Martinez

Windsor-Kelsey Scarpetta

High School-Danielle Townsend

Middle School-Jennifer Curless

B. Meeting Minutes Consensus for April 8, 2026- *yes*

C. Public Comments (if any)- *none*

D. Agenda Items

1. High School Pathways

Michelle Erb introduced the topic of the meeting, an update on Pathways.

Jake Hubert shared the purpose of the pathways is to provide hands on experience and economic mobility for students, allowing them to make informed career choices. He highlighted the importance of the College and Career Pathway endorsements, ensuring students understand they have options for post-secondary training. Jake shared a success story for the Senior Awards Ceremony where 12 students were recognized for job offers through internship program. Jake highlighted the career opportunities available to students at the high school- accounting, banking, medical trades, military, engineering, education, and business. The District has industry partnerships with Rock Valley College, Blackhawk Technical College, Beloit for dual enrollment and certification and with an ongoing discussion with McHenry County College to offer dual credit for construction pathway for students.

Jake explained the difference between a career pathway and a College & Career Pathway endorsement. The state recognizes five College & Career Pathway endorsements at the high school. He continued with a brief explanation of career exploration activities and team-based challenges, emphasizing their importance in providing real world experiences. Jake outlined the various pathways offered including agricultural, food, natural resources, graphic communications, mass communication, finance and business, human and public services, health sciences, information technology and manufacturing, engineering, technology, and trades. He discussed the challenges in offering certain pathways such as graphic arts, due to the lack of certified teacher and industry demand. High school is working on offering cybersecurity as a pathway to meet growing industry needs and increasing early college credit opportunities to provide students with a head start in their future.

E.Adjourn at 5:53PM