

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2026 6:30 pm

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: Absent  
Mrs. Nicole Thompson: Absent

Present: 5, Absent: 2.

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 not 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 December 15, 2025, closed session minutes of December 15, 2025 and the Special Board of Education meeting minutes of December 18, 2025, January expenses and December payroll in the amount of: \$2,386,250.41, 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

#### K. Recommended Motions:

K.1. Recommended Motion:

To approve the advancement of part time employment of Mr. Lucien Cambric to full time employment, Custodian, Nathan Hale School, effective January 27, 2026.

K.2. Recommended Motion:

To approve the purchase of 106 Laptops and Docking stations for Teachers at a cost of \$106,212 from Forte utilizing Title I, IDEA, and District funds, as presented.

K.3. Recommended Motion:

To approve the purchase of 250 Chromebooks with licenses and warranties for students (\$93,560) and warranties for teacher's laptops (\$16,786) at a total cost of \$110,346 from ITSavvy to be purchased using Title I, IDEA, and District funds, as presented.

K.4. Recommended Motion:

To approve the employment of Ms. Keisha Matlock, Paraprofessional, Heritage Middle School, salary of \$21.50 per hour, effective January 27, 2026, as presented.

K.5. Recommended Motion:

To approve the removal of classroom surface outlet raceways and installation of outlet receptacles at Heritage Middle School by Kreykes Electric for \$26,455, as presented.

K.6. Recommended Motion:

To authorize the law firm of Odelson, Murphey, Frazier & McGrath, Ltd, as its legal representative for property tax proceedings, as presented.

K.7. Recommended Motion:

To approve the ECHO Executive Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2025 and the December 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes, as presented.

K.8. Recommended Motion:

To approve the extended (FMLA) Family Medical Leave for Mr. Andris Sprudz, Teacher, Heritage Middle School, approximate return date of March 2, 2026, as presented.

#### L. 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).

#### M. Visitors Statements

#### N. Adjourn Meeting