

HARLEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Regular Board Meeting

February 17, 2026

ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Mike King called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Trustees present were Mike King, Alan Bigby Sr., 6:12pm- Jackie Blackbird, Dean Doney Jr. and zoom-Kathleen Adams. John McGee, Superintendent and absent-Kelly Messerly, Board Clerk-sub Mackenzie Doney attended the meeting. 11 guests were also present.

A. GUESTS AND DELEGATIONS

- a. Delegations -
- b. Public Comment Guidelines – Board Chair
- c. Public Comment –

B. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Dean Doney Jr. to approve the Consent Agenda items as listed:

- Minutes of the Regular January 27th Board Meeting.
- Payroll Warrant number 81780-81825 in the amount of \$821,129.09. Voids-81752
- Claim Warrant number 20970-20992 in the amount of \$137,276.87. Voids- None.
- Student Accounts check number 23011-23033 in the amount of \$4116.92. Voids-None.
- Purchase Orders over \$10,000:
 - None
- Sub/Volunteer list with the District reserving the right to withdraw the offer based on the background check:
 - Alice Richman- Substitute Teacher
 - Song Stuker-Volunteer helper at Elementary School

Second by Alan Bigby Sr. and motion carried, 4 for 1 absent (JB).

C. GRIEVANCE HEARING-CERTIFIED UNION EXTRA CURRICULAR ADVISOR/D.C. CLUB

Motion by Alan Bigby Sr. that the Board of Education formally deny the grievance submitted by Harlem Education Union (HEU) regarding the inclusion of D.C. Club in the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) pay schedule.

Second by Dean Doney Jr. and motion carried, 5 for.

D. PROGRAM REPORTS

Information only. Program reports were given by Jr/Sr High Principal, Director of Transportation, Activities Director, Title VII Director, Elementary Principal, Senior Class President.

E. CLUBS/ACTIVITIES REPORTS

No reports.

F. TRANSPORTATION REPORT- TR-5 & TR-1

Motion by Jackie Blackbird to approve the 1st semester 2025-26 TR-5 & TR-1 reports for Harlem Elementary and Harlem Jr/Sr High School.

Second by Dean Doney Jr., and motion carried, 5 for.

G. ADOPT 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion by Dean Doney Jr. to approve the 2026 - 2027 School Calendar.

Second by Alan Bigby Sr. and motion carried, 5 for.

H. CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CONTRACTS FOR 2026-27 S.Y. ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

To renew contracts for the following for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Motion by Dean Doney Jr to renew Christy Calf Boss Ribs for Jr/SR High School Assistant Principal for 179 days for 3% increase and housing when available.
Second by Alan Bigby Sr. and motion carried, 4 for and 1 against (JB).
- Motion by Dean Doney Jr. to renew Holly Allen-King for Jr/Sr High School Principal for 179 days for 3% increase and housing when available.
Second by Alan Bigby Sr. and motion carried 3 for 1 against (JB), 1 abstain(MK).
- Motion by Dean Doney Jr. to renew William Huebsch for Elementary Principal for 179 days for 3% increase.
Second by Alan Bigby Sr. and motion carried 4 for 1 against (JB).
- Motion by Dean Doney Jr. to renew Sheena Pursley for Elementary Dean of Students for 179 days for 3% increase.
Second by Alan Bigby Sr., and motion carried, 4 for 1 against (JB).

I. CONSIDERATION FOR ISSUANCE OF CONTRACTS FOR 2025-26 S.Y. EXTRA-CURRICULAR/COACHES

Motion by Jackie Blackbird to hire the following:

- Clayton Talks Different as High School Assistant Track Coach for the 2025-26 S.Y., per the CBA, with the District reserving the right to withdraw the offer based on the background check.
- Belinda Horn as 5th & 6th grade Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 S.Y., per the CBA, with the District reserving the right to withdraw the offer based on the background check.
- Joshua Rose as 5th & 6th grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 S.Y., per the CBA, with the District reserving the right to withdraw the offer based on the background check.
- Irish Francisco for a prorated Mentee Contract for the 2025-26 S.Y., per the CBA.

Second by Dean Doney Jr. and motion carried, 5 for.

J. FP14.1 OUT OF DISTRICT AGREEMENTS

Motion by Dean Doney Jr. to approve the Out-of District Attendance Agreement FP14.1 for student M.B. to attend Harlem Public Schools for the 2025-2026 S.Y.

Second by Jackie Blackbird and motion carried, 5 for.

K. ADJOURN

Motion by Jackie Blackbird to adjourn at 7:09pm. Second by Dean Doney Jr.. and motion carried, 4 for 1 against (AB).

Michael King II, Board Chair

Kelly Messerly, Board Clerk