

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education , School District #147 was held on Monday, January 8, 2007 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J.C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

THE ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD WAS AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT	J.C. Smith	Present
VICE PRESIDENT	Michael Smith	Present
SECRETARY	Mable Chapman	Present
MEMBER	Helen Randall	Present
MEMBER	Doris Brown	Absent
MEMBER	Katie Jackson Booker	Present
MEMBER	Bonnie Rateree	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Alex Boyd
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Laurice Geanes
BUSINESS MANAGER	Sharlyne Williams
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	Anthony Scariano

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006 AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2006

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Katie Jackson Booker

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

<u>AYES:</u>	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
J.C. Smith Michael Smith Mable Chapman Helen Randall Katie Jackson Booker Bonnie Rateree		Doris Brown	

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Mrs. Randall requested a recognition plaque for Anthony Lawrence. She asked the board for additional input.

Joshua Harrell, Dixmoor Trustee, gave accolades to the Lincoln School, district staff, district administration and the Board.

***Board member Doris Brown entered at 7:45 p.m.**

PLACED ON FILE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR NOVEMBER 2006

APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR DECEMBER 31, 2006

Board member Randall questioned the high phone bills. The business manager explained that the bills included two months worth of charges. Board member Randall stated that she would like the principals to monitor phone usage more closely. She also questioned the amount of attorney fees. She wanted to know the individuals who had the authority to call the attorney and further remarked that board members did not call the attorney. She requested an itemized list of charges.

Mr. Scariano stated that no charges are made for board member calls. It was noted by Mr. Scariano that the attorney fees were running higher than usual due to litigation and termination cases and the AFSCME negotiations.

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Michael Smith
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

<u>AYES:</u> J.C. Smith Michael Smith Mable Chapman Helen Randall Katie Jackson Booker Bonnie Rateree	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u> Doris Brown
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

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NEW BUSINESS

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUESTS FOR THE FOLLOWING STAFF:

- 1) Cheryl Wolfe** to attend *Helping Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder* at the Hilton Garden Inn-Tinley Park, IL on March 23, 2007 paid through **District Funds**
- 2) Cheryl Wolfe** to attend *A Process for Addressing Challenging Behaviors for Children with ASD* at the Doubletree Hotel-Alsip, IL on January 31, 2007 paid through **District Funds**
- 3) Cheryl Wolfe** to attend *Amazing Musical Moments; in Song, Movement, Music Games, Dance, Language, Literacy and Sensory Integration Fun* at the Doubletree Hotel-Alsip, IL on March 19, 2007 paid through **District Funds**

4) Vada Lang to attend *A Process for Addressing Challenging Behaviors for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder* at the Doubletree Hotel-Alsip, IL on January 31, 2007 paid through **District Funds**

-5) Vada Lang to attend *Amazing Musical Moments; in Song, Movement, Music Games, Dance, Language, Literacy and Sensory Integration Fun* at the Doubletree Hotel-Alsip, IL on March 19, 2007 paid through **District Funds**

Board member Randall questioned why the individuals in these job positions would be attending the listed conferences versus other staff.

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Katie Jackson Booker
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree

Motion carried on the following roll call:
MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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Michael Smith			
Mable Chapman			
Helen Randall			
Katie Jackson Booker			
Bonnie Rateree			
Doris Brown			

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FOR THE FOLLOWING:

DIXMOOR APOSTOLIC HOUSE OF PRAYER to Rosa Parks gymnasium on January 13, 2007 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for **Adult Graduation Ceremony**

Board stated that person with defibrillator experience would have to be on site and the renter would assume the responsibility for payment of this person.

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Katie Jackson Booker

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CORRESPONDENCE

King School was recognized in the Daily Southtown for the success of their First & Goal Fitness Program.

There was an acknowledgment of the passing of Anthony Lawrence, music teacher at Washington School. The district commended Mr. Lawrence’s work with the choir and the extraordinary Christmas performance they gave at Ingalls Hospital.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Katie Jackson Booker
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Michael Smith

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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Mable Chapman			
Helen Randall			
Katie Jackson Booker			
Bonnie Rateree			
Doris Brown			

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

SPECIAL REMARKS

Wendy Casey thanked the board and the district for the support she received during her time of bereavement following her mother’s death.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147