

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, February 5, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, February 5, 2007 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J.C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:44 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	Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Alex Boyd
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Laurice Geanes
BUSINESS MANAGER	Sharlyne Williams

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2007 AND THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, MONDAY, JANUARY 29, 2007

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

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Arlene Johnson, district resident, asked why the Superintendent was not at the Superintendent's Advisory Meeting. Dr. Boyd responded that he was at an informational meeting sharing information with the Board.

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

***Board member Bonnie Rateree entered at 7:51 p.m.**

APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR JANUARY 31, 2007

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> Doris Brown	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
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NEW BUSINESS

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED RETIREMENTS FOR ROSE VARGO, TEACHER'S AIDE, ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, 2007 AND VIRGINIA HINES, COUNSELOR AT KING SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JUNE 5, 2007*

- 1) Rose Vargo's request approved as presented.
- 2) Approve regular retirement incentive in retirement package as approved by the Union with a later date to approve additional incentives for retirement for Virginia Hines – the 11.5% penalty waiver request was held

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Mable Chapman
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> Doris Brown	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
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UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED REQUEST FOR PAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR KEVIN STRINGFELLOW, BUILDING CUSTODIAN KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL JANUARY 23, 2007 THROUGH MARCH 8, 2007

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

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

AYES: J.C. Smith
Michael Smith
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall
Bonnie Rateree
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT: Doris Brown

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED RESIGNATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING STAFF:

TIFFANY SHEARD, Math Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School, effective February 5, 2007
SANDRA MCCARTY, Language Arts Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School, effective February 2, 2007

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

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

AYES: J.C. Smith
Michael Smith
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall
Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT: Doris Brown

ABSTAIN:

Note: The Superintendent reluctantly recommended the above resignations for these employees.

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUESTS SECTION G, NUMBERS 1 – 10 FOR STAFF (SEE ATTACHED LISTING)

MOVED: MEMBER: Katie Jackson Booker
SECONDED: MEMBER: Mable Chapman

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

AYES:

J.C. Smith
Michael Smith
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall
Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Doris Brown

ABSTAIN:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Quality Schools – Mrs. Randall read minutes from the last Quality Schools Committee meeting that was held on 1/24/07. In response to one of the concerns expressed in the minutes of a remark made by President J. C. Smith at last month’s Board Meeting that “anyone discussing allegations, or the 2.5 million dollars in a negative manner would be dealt with”, President Smith responded that he did not say “negative”, but “inaccurate statements”.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mable Chapman, Board Secretary read and acknowledged:

- thank you card from Betty Neil from the 100 Women in Harvey to the Board for their assistance for the last forum meeting
- information in regards to nominations for the Black Caucus for NSBA
- announcement for the Annual Client Seminar sponsored by the Scariano law firm that will be held in Woodridge, IL
- announcement in regard to the Superintendent’s Commission for Diversity Conference sponsored conference “Transforming the Paradigm of Educating Children” March 29-31, 2007
- letter from Thornton Township Supervisor, Fran Zuccarelli to Rose Vargo for participating in the annual Food Drive for Thornton Township
- acknowledged the Washington School Newsletter co-authored by Dr. Earnest Taylor and Julie White

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker

Mable Chapman

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

AYES:

J.C. Smith
Michael Smith
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall
Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Doris Brown

ABSTAIN:

MEETING ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:12 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147