

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J.C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:45 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, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

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

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

Naomi Watts, district resident, wanted to know how many Crossing Guards for Washington School are assigned to the 154th & Lincoln Avenue corner. President Smith replied that the Business Manager Sharlyne Williams who assigns the guards would get the information to Ms. Watts on 3/7/07.

Wayne Tellis, district resident, asked how could we get the information about Aunt Martha's services that had been presented in the Superintendent's Advisory Council out to residents in the community.

Jamie Porter, added additional comments to services provided by Aunt Martha's as communicated by Mr. Tellis in his inquiry.

CITIZENS INQUIRY – con’t

Helen Randall, board member, asked if we had any staff attending the conference sponsored by the Commission for Diversity and Demographics that is being held March 29-31, 2007.

PLACED ON FILE TREASURER’S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR JANUARY 2007

APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2007

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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

President Smith and the board agreed to hold item VI and will come back to this item for discussion later in the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quality Schools – Mrs. Randall read the report from the February 28, 2007 meeting. She referred to one of the questions in the report that asked about the policy of the district in regard to the Freedom of Information Act and gaining copies of information requested. It was stated that the cost per page for copies is twenty-five cents.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE PRESIDENT’S SMITH RECOMMENDATION TO HIRE ATTORNEY LEWIS MYERS, JR TO REPRESENT THE DISTRICT FOR THE STATE’S ATTORNEY’S INVESTIGATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT #147

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Michael Smith
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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

Mrs. Randall stated she does not feel we need to hire an attorney and that she does not believe we are hiring one for the school board. Secondly, board has not been told how much his fee is and what he is going to charge, but the board needs to know. She didn't know what he could find out since the board could not find the information themselves. We have paid the Scariano firm a lot of money and he has not been able to give us any information. Until we (the board) gets our acts together, we don't need to talk about an attorney.

Ms. Brown didn't feel that it was a necessity to hire an attorney for the board.

Ms. Rateree stated we needed the attorney for dialogue with the State's Attorney to help get the items that were confiscated back.

Katie Booker stated as part of the sub-committee, that when they met with the State's Attorney, he would not answer questions that she asked, but would be willing to only respond to Attorney Lewis.

President Smith clarified that due to the raid and confiscation of equipment and records of 147, he felt it was his right as a citizen to know what we had done which, prompted his call to the State's Attorney and requested dialogue with them.

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED TERMINATION OF
BLANCA LOPEZ, BILINGUAL TRANSLATOR AT KING SCHOOL DUE TO JOB
ABANDONMENT

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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			

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED REQUEST FOR
BUILDING USE REQUEST FOR SOUTH SUBURBAN ACTION CONFERENCE TO USE ROSA
PARKS AUDITORIUM FOR APRIL 21, 2007, 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00NOON FOR RALLY WITH
LATINO GROUP

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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Helen Randall			
Bonnie Rateree			
Katie Jackson Booker			
Doris Brown			

*No charge for building rental fee, but contact Dan Butler for custodial fee and defibrillator requirements

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED PROPOSAL TO HIRE RJB PROPERTIES COMPANY TO CLEAN BUILDINGS TEMPORARILY BEGINNING MARCH 7-9, 2007

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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MEETING ADJOURNED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 8:43 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147