

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, April 2, 2007 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J.C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:49 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	Present
MEMBER	Katie Jackson Booker	Present
MEMBER	Bonnie Rateree	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2007 AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 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			

A posthumous award was presented to the family of Anthony Lawrence in recognition of his outstanding and dedicated service to the students of School District 147.

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Naomi Watts, district resident, thanked Dr. Boyd and the administration for the opportunity of some community residents to attend the Midwest Conference sponsored by the Commission for Diversity and Demographics on March 29-31, 2007. Dr. Boyd gave a brief background and history of the committee. He stated that they had awarded \$25,000 in scholarships in three years. He also stated that the Washington School Choir had performed at this year's conference.

CITIZENS INQUIRY – con't

Helen Randall, board member, thanked Dr. Geanes and Dr. Boyd for sending parents to the conference.

Mrs. Booker, board member, gave “kudos” to Dr. Boyd, Dr. Geanes and all administrators for the district receiving a certificate from the Illinois State Board of Education for Financial Recognition.

Mrs. Randall shared information with the audience in regard to the Cook County Board of Election needing judges for the April 17th Consolidated Election, Grandparents Day (would have more info later), and the April 19th Brooks Jr., High Lite Dinner for the Parent Seminar Extended Response in reading and math beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

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			

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTIONS FOR HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF CERTIFIED STAFF:
1) STEVEN BUDWASH, TEACHER, ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL AND 2) SHARON DORSEY, TEACHER, LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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

Mrs. Randall stated she never had a chance to ask questions in regard to the info she received for dismissing these staff members.

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 HIRING OF THE FOLLOWING UNCERTIFIED STAFF: 1) CECILIA JURADO, BILINGUAL TRANSLATOR, WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE MARCH 6, 2007 AND 2) JESSICA SUTTON, TEACHER AIDE, WASHINGTON SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE MARCH 14, 2007

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

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 TO ACCEPT CHANGE OF TERMINATION TO RESIGNATION FOR RUDOLPH CHESTANGE, TEACHER AIDE, WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE APRIL 2, 2007

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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<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 RESIGNATION OF ADOLPHUS SIBLEY, HOURLY CUSTODIAN, KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFECTIVE APRIL 9, 2007

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

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 BUILDING USE REQUEST FOR VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR TO USE LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND KITCHEN FOR THE **ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN'S DAY** ON MAY 19, 2007 1:00 – 5:00 P.M.

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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<u>AYES:</u>	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
J.C. Smith			
Michael Smith			
Mable Chapman			
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CORRESPONDENCE

Mable Chapman read the following correspondence:

- thank you card from the family of Kevin Stringfellow
- letter from McDonough Associates Inc., with information in regard to highway construction projects in the works for area highways and tollways
- acknowledgement from Achieve 3000 for recognizing Rosa Parks for winning Kids Biz/Teen Biz Showcase of Talent Contest
- letter of nomination from National School Board Association for Katie Jackson Booker for the National School Board Association
- announcement for Y-Me Breast Cancer organizers for the Youth Bowling Night at Lakewood Bowl in Richton Park

CORRESPONDENCE (con't)

- announced “**Keep Dream Alive**” rally for school funding reform to be held April 21, 2007, 10:00-11:30 a.m. at Rosa Parks Middle School. This program would also honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- announcement in regard to the Dixmoor Civic Organization Candidates Night, April 5, 2007 at Rosa Parks Middle School, 7:00 p.m.
- article from Harvey Star featuring Terrence Haslerig, student at Martin Luther King Elementary, portraying legendary jazz artist Duke Ellington.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Abigail Phillips, principal, Rosa Parks Middle School mentioned the Air Civil Patrol Company came to Rosa Parks and approximately 20 students signed up for the Cadet Program which meets Mondays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Thornwood High School.

Rosa Parks Jr. Beta’s were featured in the Beta Journal for their participation in Halloween bags for kids residing in women’s shelters for battered women, and the collection of food for the Thornton Township Food Pantry.

South Suburban College Informational and Educational Fair will be held Friday, May 4, 2007 10_00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:42 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147