

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education , School District #147 was held on Monday, December 3, 2007 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J.C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:53 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	Pamela Cudjo-Kelly	Present
MEMBER	Katie Jackson Booker	Present
MEMBER	Bonnie Rateree	Present

ALSO PRESENT:

SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Alex Boyd
BUSINESS MANAGER	Sharlyne Williams

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2007 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

Executive Session action was not appropriate, motion indicated as having passed. Motion did not pass and vote was a tie. Also in Executive Session, Helen Randall was listed as absent on the roll call list. The roll call should indicate that Helen Randall was present. Pamela Cudjo-Kelly should also be included as an Aye vote on the motion for adjournment.

Mrs. Randall wanted her statement included in Executive Session Minutes. She does not think it is right that we are paying for the Assistant Superintendent's grandchildren's insurance when we have children in the district in 2 classrooms with some 30 kids. She had written to Dr. Boyd and he did not respond for over a month.

She also stated that she felt the district pays the Assistant Superintendent well and that our kids should come first.

Ms. Rateree also wanted her statement included that she was concerned that we were paying for the insurance of other employees and that she doesn't feel we should discriminate against our Assistant Superintendent and not pay for that family insurance for her especially given the fact that it was originally in her contract.

Mrs. Randall stated she feels strongly that what she had to say is important and she wants it included in the Executive Session Minutes. She doesn't know where the Board stands on it, but she is saying that our kids come first. She has even expressed a concern about the playground over at Washington. If she is not mistaken, nothing has been done about it, but she is going back to see. If we are going to do this (pay family health insurance for Assistant Superintendent) she has grandkids too, most of us, she does feel sorry about this thing, but her job is to sit here and make sure the kids in this district is taken care of first. That's what it is all about.

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

J.C. Smith
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall
Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
Michael Smith

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Bonnie Rateree, commented on the experience by spectators and 7th grade girls basketball team when they traveled downstate on December 1st. She commended the residents and students for being so mannerable and well-behaved during this emergency.

Wendy Casey announced that the Market Day Program was not back in the district, sponsored by Rosa Parks Middle School. She passed out brochures to the board. She stated that this is a fundraiser at Rosa Parks and the organization now accepts Link cards.

She also expressed her concern as to the information sent to parents in regard to school choice and the tutoring program was received 2 or 3 days later than date for informational meeting.

Mrs. Randall wanted to know why the cheerleaders had not gone with the basketball team downstate and stated that she would like for the administration to make sure they go the next time.

She also made reference to the Coats for Kids Program in the district. She informed the administration that Steve and Barrys in River Oaks were selling coats for \$10.00. She asked if the members of board would be willing to donations to purchase coats.

Mrs. Gentry informed the board that Dr. Boyd had purchased 38 coats for kids and parents in the District.

PLACED ON FILE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR OCTOBER 2007

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR NOVEMBER 30, 2007
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$298,202.81

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree
Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

J.C. Smith
Michael Smith
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall
Pam Cudjo-Kelly
Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS FOR TAX LEVY FOR 2007

MOVED:

MEMBER:

Pamela Cudjo Kelly

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

Michael Smith

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

J.C. Smith
Michael Smith
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall
Pam Cudjo-Kelly
Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO APPROVE SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PAID MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUEST FOR ERICA JEFFERSON, TEACHER AT LINCOLN SCHOOL BEGINNING FEBRUARY 19, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2008 (UPON DEPLETION OF BENEFIT DAYS, THE LEAVE WILL BECOME UNPAID UNTIL SHE RETURNS)

MOVED:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

J.C. Smith
Mable Chapman
Pam Cudjo-Kelly
Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree
Helen Randall
Michael Smith

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

- 1) Renee Morgan, LRC Director, Martin Luther King Elementary School to attend *The 100 Best Books for Children & How to Use Them in Your Program (K-6)*, January 17, 2008 Oaklawn, IL **Title I Funds**
- 2) Renee Morgan, LRC Director, Martin Luther King Elementary School to attend *What's New in Children's Literature*, December 7, 2007 Oaklawn, IL **Title I Funds**
- 3) Sharlyne Williams, Business Manager to attend *Leadership Requirements For Moving from Good to Great*, December 10, 2007, Bourbonnais, IL **District Funds**
- 4) Sharlyne Williams, Business Manager to attend *Information Systems* December 14, 2007, Bourbonnais, IL **District Funds**

MOVED:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

Helen Randall

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
Pam Cudjo-Kelly

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

CORRESPONDENCE

Board Secretary Chapman read letters from ISBE of congratulations to King, Lincoln and Rosa Parks Schools recognizing their receipt of an Academic Improvement Award
- a letter from the Harvey Colts seeking donations to fund playoff trip
- announcement from Attorney Scariano for the 28th Annual School Law Seminar, February 2, 2008

President Smith commended Dr. Boyd and administrative staff for the appreciation lunches provided to the staff at King and Lincoln Schools for having made AYP, for Lincoln previous and King presently.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

Michael Smith

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
Pam Cudjo-Kelly

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:34 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147