

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, January 14, 2008 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	Pamela Cudjo-Kelly	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 REGULAR MEETING AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2007, SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007 AND SPECIAL MEETING OF MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2007 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION

Statement from Mrs. Randall in regard to class sizes should state there are 32 children in the Kindergarten classes.

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Pamela Cudjo Kelly

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

<u>AYES:</u>	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
J.C. Smith			
Mable Chapman			
Helen Randall			
Katie Jackson Booker			
Bonnie Rateree			
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly			
Michael Smith			

There were several presentations as listed below:

1) Drs. Boyd & Geanes gave an informative presentation introducing the Minority Teacher Incentive Program in the district.

2) Dr. Boyd reported the gifts and donations made on behalf of himself and the district to the students and parents in this community, to Bishop Jordan of St. Mark's Church, and towards the purchase of new furniture for the Rosa Parks teacher's lounge.

3) Cheryl Brown, Assistant to the Superintendent and Principal K-2 at Washington School distributed the District Emergency Plans and gave an overview of what is designed in the plan.

4) Rosa Parks 7th Grade Girls Basketball Team were recognized and presented with a plaque for their outstanding season and representation downstate. The plaque was presented to the team by board members Mable Chapman, Katie Jackson Booker and Bonnie Rateree. Michelle Bennett introduced the team and gave a response speech to show the team's appreciation for the administration and Board's support.

President Smith commended the team coaches and all who worked with the team this year.

Bonnie Rateree announced that on May 22, 2008 the girls on the team are invited to sit in on a Chicago Sky basketball team game in the Spike Lee box.

5) The Honorable Keevan Grimmett, Mayor of Dixmoor, along with Village Trustee Yvonne Davis presented plaques to the Board in appreciation of their continuation to strive to achieve academic excellence in this community. He also presented an award to Ms. Sandra Walls, Principal of Martin Luther King Elementary School as Distinguished Principal of the Year from the Village of Dixmoor.

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Rev. J. C. Smith announced on Monday, January 31, 2008, a King's Day Celebration will be held at Bethlehem Temple with the Rev. Richard McLeary as the guest speaker. He also stated that there was a get out to vote rally being held at 9:00 at the Markham Courthouse to encourage voters to get out to vote early.

Ms. Butler, Dixmoor resident expressed her concern in regard to the Hispanic population residing in the district being included in notification of school district events

Gayle Howard Johnson, Field Director of the Girl Scouts commended and thanked Dr. Jackson on his current continued support for the Girl Scouts Program at Lincoln School and Ms. Phillips for her past support when she was principal at Lincoln.

Wayne Tellis, resident, stated he is encouraged by Dr. Boyd's Minority Teacher Incentive Program and wanted to add there is a need to make sure the Hispanic students and families are included in the district programs. We need to encourage the kids so that they can learn to read.

Ms. Reeves, parent, wanted to give thanks to Ms. Rateree and Ms. Phillips for keeping calm in the emergency situation, the parents, students and Girls 7th grade team experienced in their travel home from downstate due to bad weather conditions.

Katie Jackson Booker, Board Member, announced that on January 21, 2008, Thornton Township would also present a King Celebration at South Suburban College at 10:00 a.m.

Mrs. Randall, Board Member, distributed applications for individuals to sign up for the Harvey Little League. The applications are due by January 23, 2008. The team has 300 applications already but needs 400. Boys and girls ages 5-17 may participate. She also stated that she sits on a committee at South Suburban and asked for information in regard to anyone who might be interested in participation in the ESL program.

Bonnie Rateree, Board Member, stated last year she started a Spanish to English/English to Spanish class and she is interested in working with Ms. Randle in getting an ESL program working. She was

also thankful for parents, teachers, and administrators for their help in developing our children's characters.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR DECEMBER 31, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$835,986.90

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Mable Chapman
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			
Pam Cudjo-Kelly			
Katie Jackson Booker			
Bonnie Rateree			

NEW BUSINESS

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED PAID MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR TENESIA HYDE, TEACHER AT MARTIN LUTHER KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE MARCH 20, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2008 (Upon depletion of benefit days, leave will become unpaid)

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT HIRED CERTIFIED STAFF: KIM JOHNSON, TEACHER, MARTIN LUTHER KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 10, 2007

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Pamela Cudjo Kelly

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED TERMINATION OF THE FOLLOWING STAFF MEMBER FOR JOB ABANDONMENT: CECILIA JURADO, BILINGUAL TRANSLATOR, LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 14, 2008

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Pamela Cudjo Kelly

Bonnie Rateree

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFIED STAFF: DENISE WILLIAMS, JENNIFER RUZICH, TEACHERS AT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 7, 2008 AND PHILIP MITCHELL, MATH TEACHER, ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 14, 2008

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

Mable Chapman

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

- 1) Virgil Cross, Technology Supervisor to attend *MACOS 335 Directory SVCS Integration & Administration Workshop*, January 22-25, 2008 Villa Park, IL **Enhancing Education Through Technology**
- 2) Gelola Patton, Teacher, Washington School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 3) Amy Duhig, Teacher, Washington School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 4) Debra Narine, Teacher, Rosa Parks School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 5) Cheryl Washington, Counselor, Washington School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 6) Dr. Gregory Jackson, Principal, Lincoln School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 7) Dr. Earnest Taylor, Principal, Washington School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 8) Lois Godowski, Teacher, Lincoln School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 9) Andrea Matlawski, Teacher, Lincoln School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 10) Theresa Hughes, Teacher, Lincoln School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 11) Robert Bulanda, Counselor, Lincoln School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 12) Sylvia Burnsley, Counselor, Rosa Parks School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 13) Katrina Reed, Teacher, King School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 14) Sandra Walls, Principal, King School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 15) Michael Juskelis, Psychologist, Washington School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 16) Jell Tibbs, Teacher, Rosa Parks School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 17) Abigail Phillips, Principal, Rosa Parks School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 18) Virginia Hines, Counselor, King School to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 19) Debora Matthews, Director of Special Education, District to attend *PBIS-Secondary Intervention*, January 22-23, 2008 Naperville, IL **PBIS-Flow Through Funds**
- 20) Krishelle Strong-Murphy, Developmental Specialist, District to attend *AEYC Opening Minds*, January 24-26, 2008, Chicago, IL **Early Childhood Funds (3-5)**
- 21) Martha Gentry, Community Coordinator, District to attend *No Child Left Behind*, February 5-8, 2008, Chicago, IL **Title I Funds**

- 22) Dr. Laurice Geanes, Assistant Superintendent, District to attend *No Child Left Behind*, February 5-8, 2008, Chicago, IL **Title I Funds**
- 23) Sharlyne Williams, Business Manager, District to attend *2008 Leadership Conference*, February 14-16, 2008, Denver, CO **Scholarship & District Funds**
- 24) Darlene Washington, Teacher, Rosa Parks School to attend *IL-TCE 2008 Learning Without Boundaries*, February 27-29, 2008, St. Charles, IL **Enhancing Education Through Technology**
- 25) Joseph Wyrwas, Teacher, Rosa Parks School to attend *IL-TCE*
- 26) Virgil Cross, Technology Supervisor, to attend *IL-TCE 2008 Learning Without Boundaries*, February 26-29, 2008, St. Charles, IL **Enhancing Education Through Technology**
- 27) Debra Narine, Teacher, Rosa Parks School to attend *IL-TCE 2008 Learning Without Boundaries*, February 27-29, 2008, St. Charles, IL **Enhancing Education Through Technology**
- 28) Beverly Bucur, Reading Diagnostician to attend *IL-TCE 2008 Learning Without Boundaries*, February 26-29, 2008, St. Charles, IL **Enhancing Education Through Technology**
- 29) Nicole Rogers, Teacher, Rosa Parks School to attend *IL-TCE 2008 Learning Without Boundaries*, February 27-29, 2008, St. Charles, IL **Enhancing Education Through Technology**
- 30) Abigail Phillips, Principal, Rosa Parks School to attend *IL-TCE 2008 Learning Without Boundaries*, February 26-29, 2008, St. Charles, IL **Enhancing Education Through Technology**
- 31) Kristy Boker, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, King School to attend *IASCD Pre-K/Kindergarten Conference*, March 5-7, 2008 Schaumburg, IL **Early Childhood Funds (3-5)**
- 32) Erica Cummings, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Lincoln School to attend *IASCD Pre-K/Kindergarten Conference*, March 5-7, 2008 Schaumburg, IL **Early Childhood Funds (3-5)**
- 33) Rese Jo Neal, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, King School to attend *IASCD Pre-K/Kindergarten Conference*, March 5-7, 2008 Schaumburg, IL **Early Childhood Funds (3-5)**
- 34) Maggie Cross, Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Washington School to attend *IASCD Pre-K/Kindergarten Conference*, March 5-7, 2008 Schaumburg, IL **Early Childhood Funds (3-5)**

MOVED:

MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FROM A RAY OF SUNSHINE COOPERATIVE TO USE ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA AND AUDITORIUM, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2008 8:30 A.M TO 3:00 P.M.

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

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

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Dr. Boyd introduced Terrence Lee, new Assistant Principal of Rosa Parks Middle School to the audience.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board Secretary Chapman read the following correspondence

- Thank you card from the Rudd family for expressions of sympathy during their time of loss
- Thanks and recognition to Mrs. Gentry's daughter Kim Jones' company for sponsoring a food drive for Thanksgiving and Christmas

Ms. Booker thanked all her colleagues for their expressions of sympathy during of time of loss.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:26 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147