

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, February 4, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J.C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, JANUARY 14, 2008 WITH THE FOLLOWING CORRECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES

Attorney *Miller* stated that the suggested settlement amount is \$100,000, but he feels he may be able to get the case settled in the range of \$40,000 to \$50,000

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

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			

Presentations from each building Principal & Guest

- 1) Dr. Jackson from Lincoln Elementary School presented two students, Aquilla Johnson who recited the vision statement for Lincoln School and Robiya Robinson who recited the mission statement for Lincoln School. Parents Mr. & Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Perez were parent representatives in the audience.
- 2) Sandra Walls from Martin Luther King Elementary read letter from Illinois State Board of Education featuring King School as receiving the Spotlight Schools Award.

- 3) Dr. Taylor from Washington Elementary School read letter from Illinois State Board of Education announcing Washington School receipt of the Academic Improvement Award.
- 4) Marcus Greer presented proposal for a Soccer Program to be implemented in March of 2008 and run through the summer months maybe 2 or 3 times a week for training at different schools, maybe inter-school competition. Opportunity for Hispanic population to interact in sports program with the African American population within the district.

Board member Chapman expressed her desire for the Board to give the Superintendent authority to pursue the Soccer Program to be funded by Educational Foundation Funds.

Board member Rateree suggested that businessmen in Dixmoor might possibly wish to contribute to this program too.

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Helen Randall announced on Friday, February 8th & 15th, the Harvey Little League will conduct registration at the Harvey Community Center located at 15320 Center in Harvey from 4 – 8 p.m. The fee is \$60 per child and you will also need the child’s birth certificate and proof of residency. 300 have pre-registered, but you are not officially registered until the fee has been paid. Village of Dixmoor children are accepted in the program also. 18 year olds are accepted to be trained as a coach.

Bonnie Rateree announced the Ray of Sunshine Community Meeting will be held on February 9, 2008, 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. They will discuss problems and resolutions for the community.

Carlos Perez, Dixmoor resident stated he has a daughter currently in soccer program, second in the nation and 3rd in the world. He would encourage district to promote a soccer program.

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

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR JANUARY 31, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$580,416.15

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

APPROVED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING AND DIRECTING BUSINESS MANAGER TO PREPARE 2008/2009 BUDGET IN TENTATIVE FORM

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Mable Chapman
Michael Smith

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

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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 RETIREMENT FOR BRAD MCKINNON, MUSIC TEACHER AT MARTIN LUTHER KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE 6/9/09

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Pamela Cudjo Kelly
Michael Smith

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

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT HIRED NON-CERTIFIED STAFF: MARIA PEREZ, BILINGUAL TRANSLATOR FOR LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 28, 2008

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree
Katie Jackson Booker

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

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR DEBORA MATTHEWS, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, TO ATTEND LEADING & EMPOWERING LEARNING FOR ALL CHILDREN, APRIL 30, 2008 THROUGH MAY 2, 2008 IN COLLINGSVILLE, IL

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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Mable Chapman			
Helen Randall			
Katie Jackson Booker			
Bonnie Rateree			
Pam Cudjo-Kelly			

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FROM HARVEY YMCA TO USE ROSA PARKS SWIMMING POOL ON TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS BEGINNING FEBRUARY 12, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2008 BETWEEN 3:00 AND 6:00 P.M. FOR SENIOR FITNESS AND EXCERCISE

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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Helen Randall			
Katie Jackson Booker			
Bonnie Rateree			
Pam Cudjo-Kelly			

President Smith suggested that the Dr. Boyd, Administration and Mr. Butler work out details and concerns in regard to sanitation and insurance issues and bring a report back to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board Secretary Chapman read the following correspondence

- Thank you card from the family of Calvin Eaves to the Board and District Administration for expressions of sympathy during their time of loss and announced a service honoring Mr. Eaves will be held at the Harvey Community Center on February 9, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker
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 8:25 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147