

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, March 10, 2008 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J.C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

THE ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD WAS AS FOLLOWS:

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| 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:

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

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2008

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

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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

Presentations:

- 1) Dr. Boyd informed the Board of the Food Collection Drive held in the District for the Harvey Food Pantry.
- 2) Russell Singleton, newly hired substitute teacher at Rosa Parks gave a brief description about his qualifications and the program he is currently involved in as far a mentoring as well as teaching Math.

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Pam Cudjo-Kelly, Board Member, attended the oratorical contest at Lincoln Elementary School and would like to compliment Dr. Jackson and the staff on student participation.

Mable Chapman, Board Secretary gave an overview on the Community Forum held February 23rd at Rosa Parks. She complimented the departmental personnel for their presentations to the community. She also acknowledged Ms. Johnson for being the sole participant to use the transportation offered by the district.

Bonnie Rateree, Board Member, informed the Board that she had cancelled her community meeting on February 9th in order to support the Board sponsored Forum on February 23rd. She also stated that the University of Illinois offered to do a 10-week workshop for parents to train in entrepreneurship.

PLACED ON FILE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR JANUARY 2008

MOTION TO APPROVE ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR FEBRUARY 29, 2008
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$912,194.84

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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APPROVED FUNDRAISING CONTRACT FOR WASHINGTON SCHOOL WITH EXPRESS INDUSTRIES CORPORATION

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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| J.C. Smith | Helen Randall | | |
| Michael Smith | | | |
| Mable Chapman | | | |
| Pam Cudjo-Kelly | | | |
| Katie Jackson Booker | | | |
| Bonnie Rateree | | | |

Mrs. Randall questioned the district's liability for students when selling products for fundraisers. Ms. Chapman said that students do this under supervision of parents and most parents do the selling of items for their children.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED THE HIRE OF FOLLOWING CERTIFIED STAFF: 1) BARBARA BOOKER, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER AT ROSA PARKS, VICKIE GUIFFRE, ELEMENTARY TEACHER AT WASHINGTON SCHOOL, RAMONA HOOKS, SPANISH TEACHER, DISTRICT

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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Lamont Bibbie, a scheduled presenter gave a description of the Mural depicting the Civil Rights Timeline that he painted on the Rosa Parks Middle Schools corridor walls. (Pictures included in March Board Packet)

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR DEBRA NARINE, MATH TEACHER AT ROSA PARKS TO ATTEND USING MATH CENTERS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MATH PROGRAM, APRIL 22, 2008 IN OAKLAWN, IL – DISTRICT EXPENSE

MOVED: MEMBER: Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
SECONDED: MEMBER: Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

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UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FOR SOROPTOMIST INTERNATIONAL OF ILLIANA – GAYLE BRADBURN, TO USE WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LRC FOR BUSINESS & PROGRAMING MEETING MAY 21, 2008 5:00 – 6:45 P.M.

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

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 the following correspondence

- Letter from ISBE to Abigail Phillips recognizing Rosa Parks for Academic Improvement Award
- Letter from Sylvia Woods, community resident, thanking staff and expressing gratitude to staff for Family Night at Rosa Parks on February 21, 2008
- Letter from Mt. Calvary Baptist Church to Dr. Boyd thanking him for his participation at Men's Ministry Program February 23, 2008
- Informational memo in regard to district participation with food collection for Harvey Food Pantry
- Letter from Secretary of State Jesse White announcing award of Library Grant to the District for \$1,104.48 for fiscal 2007/2008

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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AYES: J.C. Smith
Michael Smith
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Helen Randall
Katie Jackson Booker
Bonnie Rateree
Pam Cudjo-Kelly

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:11 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147