

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

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, April 14, 2008 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155<sup>th</sup> Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J. C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 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	Absent
MEMBER	Katie Jackson Booker	Present
MEMBER	Bonnie Rateree	Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Alex Boyd
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Laurice Geanes

President Smith advised the Board he would have to leave the meeting early.

MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 10, 2008 REGULAR MINUTES AND APRIL 3, 2008 SPECIAL MEETING CORRECTED MINUTES

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

Presentations:

- 1) Debora Matthews gave a report of the progress for the PBIS Program currently functioning in the District.
- 2) Dr. Jonathan Jordan submitted a proposal for a Before & After School/Summer Camp Enrichment Program for grades 1-8 at to be held at Lincoln Elementary School if approved by Board.
- 3) Michael McGrone, Sr outlined the MTL Educational Consultation, Inc. Youth Mentoring Program

\*President Smith left the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Vice-President Michael Smith took charge of the meeting at this time.

**CITIZENS INQUIRY**

**Bonnie Rateree, Board Member**, commented on the Lincoln Elementary School Science Fair. She also made mention of how extremely well the Hispanic parents worked with the students.

Ms. Rateree would like to thank Ms. Phillips who hosted the Entrepreneur Workshop sponsored by the Ray of Sunshine and University of Illinois.

**Mrs. Johnson, resident**, thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the Parent Workshop (Midwest Commission Conference for Transforming the Paradigm of Educating Children 2008).

**Mr. Wayne Tellis, resident**, echoed Ms. Rateree’s comments in regard to the Science Fair at Lincoln Elementary School.

**Mable Chapman, Board Secretary**, also expressed her appreciation for the Science Fair at Lincoln Elementary School and thanked Dr. Jackson for allowing her to serve as a judge at the Fair.

**Katie Jackson Booker, Board Member**, thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the National School Board Association convention recently held March 27<sup>th</sup> through April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008 in Orlando, FL. She also provided an in-depth report on some of the events that took place and the information she received at the conference this year.

Ms. Rateree gave a summary of her attendance and some of the events that she attended at the conference also.

PLACED ON FILE TREASURER’S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR FEBRUARY 2008

APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR MARCH 31, 2008  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$388,233.76

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF CHERYL BROWN, ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT & PRINCIPAL PRE/K-2 WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2008

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

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

AYES:  
Bonnie Rateree  
Michael Smith  
Mable Chapman  
Helen Randall  
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:  
J.C. Smith  
Pam Cudjo-Kelly

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF GRACE BOWIE, TEACHER, WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JUNE 4, 2008

MOVED:  
SECONDED:

MEMBER:  
MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker  
Bonnie Rateree

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

AYES:  
Bonnie Rateree  
Michael Smith  
Mable Chapman  
Helen Randall  
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:  
J.C. Smith  
Pam Cudjo-Kelly

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED PAID MATERNITY LEAVE FOR DIANE OTIS-MITCHELL, TEACHER FROM MARCH 31, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2008 UPON DEPLETION OF BENEFIT DAYS, LEAVE WOULD BECOME APPROVED UNPAID MATERNITY LEAVE

MOVED:  
SECONDED:

MEMBER:  
MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree  
Katie Jackson Booker

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

AYES:  
Bonnie Rateree  
Michael Smith  
Mable Chapman  
Helen Randall  
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:  
J.C. Smith  
Pam Cudjo-Kelly

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED PAID MATERNITY LEAVE FOR SYLVIA JO BURNLEY, SOCIAL WORKER, ROSA PARKS FROM AUGUST 25, 2008 THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2008 UPON DEPLETION OF BENEFIT DAYS, LEAVE WOULD BECOME APPROVED UNPAID MATERNITY LEAVE

MOVED:  
SECONDED:

MEMBER:  
MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree  
Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

Bonnie Rateree  
Michael Smith  
Mable Chapman  
Helen Randall  
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:

J.C. Smith  
Pam Cudjo-Kelly

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED RESIGNATION OF CERTIFIED STAFF - AARON POLCHOW, SCIENCE TEACHER, ROSA PARKS EFFECTIVE, APRIL 18, 2008 AND NON-CERTIFIED STAFF – CALVIN SIMMS, CUSTODIAN, ROSA PARKS, EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2008

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

Bonnie Rateree  
Michael Smith  
Mable Chapman  
Helen Randall  
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:

J.C. Smith  
Pam Cudjo-Kelly

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR ANITA SPERO, TEACHER AT WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO ATTEND RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION: HOW TO RAISE ACHIEVEMENT IN OAKLAWN, IL APRIL 29, 2008

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker

Bonnie Rateree

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

Bonnie Rateree  
Michael Smith  
Mable Chapman  
Helen Randall  
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Pam Cudjo-Kelly  
J. C. Smith

ABSTAIN:

The Building Use Request from the Youth Today Leaders Tomorrow Before & After School/Summer Camp Enrichment Program was tabled until additional information in regard to the number of students actually participating is established. At that time the Superintendent will get consensus from the Board for approval.

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FOR LYNDA WASHINGTON & AFSCME LOCAL 93 TO USE ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM & CAFETERIA FOR ANNUAL END OF THE YEAR PICNIC, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. (NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED)

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Helen Randall
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree

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

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

Dr. Geanes announced to the Board that the District was awarded the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Grant for \$250,000 for three consecutive years. This is a declining grant that means in the fourth year 0+we would receive an allocation of 95% and the fifth year 75%. These funds are slated to provide after school programs for Rosa Parks Middle and Washington Elementary Schools

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Board Secretary Chapman read the following correspondence

- Letter to Dr. Boyd from Ms. Jung, Ms. Reed, and Ms. Simington thanking him for providing t-shirts and fabric markers as they prepared for the ISAT test. Numerous cards and pictures were also sent with the teachers letter
- Letter from Lynda Washington commending Dr. Jackson for his morning supervision and monitoring routines of students daily. Spoke of his cordiality and cheerfulness as well as knowledge of all students by name
- Letter from Lynda Washington commending Mr. Wayne Tellis, community volunteer for his work at Lincoln with students and staff
- Letter from Charles Flowers, Regional Superintendent of Schools, office of the Suburban Cook County Regional Office of Education acknowledging School Recognition and sending congratulations from the Illinois State Board of Education for Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, Lincoln and Washington Schools for the 2007-2008 school year

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

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

<u>AYES:</u> Michael Smith Mable Chapman Helen Randall Katie Jackson Booker Bonnie Rateree	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u> J.C. Smith Pam Cudjo-Kelly	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:17 P.M.

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President, Board of Education, School District #147

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Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147