

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, May 5, 2008 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J. C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

THE ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD WAS AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT	J.C. Smith	Present
VICE PRESIDENT	Michael Smith	Present
SECRETARY	Mable Chapman	Absent
MEMBER	Helen Randall	Present
MEMBER	Pamela Cudjo-Kelly	Present
MEMBER	Katie Jackson Booker	Absent
MEMBER	Bonnie Rateree	Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

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

In the absence of Board Secretary Mable Chapman, Pamela Cudjo-Kelly was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem for the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 14, 2008 AND SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 21, 2008

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Michael Smith
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	
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly		Katie Jackson Booker	
Helen Randall		Bonnie Rateree	
Michael Smith			

President announced that Board Members Mable Chapman and Bonnie Rateree were absent due to illness.

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Ollie Motley, community resident, works in district food service department for Aramark as a cashier and is concerned about food service quality of service in our Harvey schools. She read a prepared statement of activities she has participated in to help make public aware of conditions in the food service program. President Smith asked Ms. Motley if the problem was with the service or food. She stated it was a problem with the food. President Smith said we needed this confirmed in writing so the district could take action and that we would not address a labor dispute in this setting.

***Katie Jackson Booker arrived at 7:45 p.m.**

Helen Randall, Board Member, announced the Harvey Little League charter has been approved. Dixmoor can be with the Harvey league and children from Dixmoor can participate. The first game will be May 17, 2008. The kids are not in uniforms due to a lack of money, and they are looking for donations. 350 kids have signed up and it is difficult to get coaches from Harvey. There are some outside area coaches. The next meeting is May 6, 2008 at the Community Center, and Mrs. Randall is looking for a map of Dixmoor where it adjoins to Harvey. This is needed for the National Baseball League, \$2,018 was paid for the charter.

President told Mrs. Randall to talk with Mayors of Harvey & Dixmoor to pass a Resolution of Mutual Agreement, this would be accepted by the National Baseball League.

Katie Jackson Booker, Board Member, thanked the administration of District 147 for supplying names for some of our student to work at South Suburban College this summer.

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Board Member, stated that she and Thornton Township representatives had an opportunity to attend Career Day at Lincoln School on April 18, 2008. They were very impressed with students ability to show guest what they were learning and how well they expressed what was happening in the classroom.

Dr. Boyd announced the first activity in the Minority Teacher Incentive Program was a scheduled field trip to the Goodman Theater to see the play entitled "Ballad of Emmett Till". Grades 6, 7, & 8 will attend May 22, 2008 and elementary grade students will attend May 24, 2008 performances.

Mrs. Johnson, community resident, asked about the Summer Enrichment Program discussed at the April board meeting. Did we have the minimum of 75 students registered to attend? Dr. Boyd responded that they did not have the 75 minimum number of students as yet.

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

APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR APRIL 30, 2008
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$642,382.17

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

APPROVED AUTHORIZATION FOR SUPERINTENDENT IN COLLABORATION WITH
DIRECTOR OF BUILDING & GOURNDS TO PUT OUT BIDS FOR ELECTRICAL WORK TO BE
PERFORMED AT ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEEDED FOR ENCHANCING EDUCATION
THROUGH TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

J. C. Smith
Michael Smith
Katie Jackson Booker
Helen Randall
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Bonnie Rateree
Mable Chapman

ABSTAIN:

Dr. Geanes gave a brief overview on Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant and its use in the District in relationship to staff development, supplies and electrical upgrades at Rosa Parks. \$713,726 was the total amount awarded for only for use at Rosa Parks Middle School. We hope to have a model classroom set up in the future to put to use what has been learned in training.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED PAID MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR BRENDA HARRIS, SPEECH PATHOLOGIST, KING & ROSA PARKS TO BEGIN MAY 12, 2008 THROUGH JUNE 3, 2008. SHOULD TIME OFF EXCEED BENEFIT DAYS, LEAVE WOULD BECOME APPROVED UNPAID LEAVE

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Helen Randall

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

J. C. Smith
Michael Smith
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
Helen Randall
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Bonnie Rateree
Mable Chapman

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUESTS G:1-17 (refer to agenda)

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker

Michael Smith

KATIE JACKSON BOOKER AMENDED THE MOTION TO INCLUDE DAN BUTLER, DIRECTOR OF BUILDING & GROUNDS TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COMPUTING CONFERENCE, JUNE 29-JULY 2, 2008 IN SAN ANTOINIO, TX-PAID BY EETT GRANT

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

J. C. Smith
Michael Smith
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
Helen Randall
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Mable Chapman
Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FOR DIXMOOR APOSTOLIC HOUSE OF PRAYER TO USE ROSA PARK'S GYM & AUDITORIUM SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2008 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. FOR ADULT GRADUATION AND JUNE 29, 2008 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. FOR A CHURCH 50TH CONVENTION AND CHOIR REUNION

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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Helen Randall			
Katie Jackson Booker			
Pamela Cudjo Kelly			

CORRESPONDENCE

Pro Tem Board Secretary Pamela Cudjo-Kelly read the following correspondence

- Letter to Dr. Boyd from King School third grade student, Kristina, in Ms. Simington's class thanking him for providing materials for the class science and health projects.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Motion carried on the following roll call:
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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147