

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, September 8, 2008 at the Elmer G. Kich Elementary School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, Illinois, President J. C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:08 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	Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

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

MOTION TO APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008,
EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES, MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 Pamela Cudjo-Kelly Helen Randall Michael Smith Katie Jackson Booker Mable Chapman		Bonnie Rateree	

PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Boyd told the Board and audience that the district received a \$6,000 grant through the Consortium for Foster Children. Jerrilyn Parker gave an overview of the program that she and Ms. Carrie Gardner worked with to provide services for Foster Children. She stated Principals identified students and Ms. Parker and Ms. Gardner were able to identify foster students and sent correspondence and calls to families making them aware of what the Foster Care Program involved. Included in this program were tutorial and academic sessions held during the summer. Ms. Parker also provided counseling. Adding to this presentation was information shared with parents by Cheryl Brown, retired Principal from Washington School. Ms. Brown gave an informative powerpoint presentation for the process involved foster care and programs and services provided for families in this category.
- Dr. Boyd introduced the presenter for the Minority Teaching Incentive Program, Carrie Gardner. Ms. Gardner gave an overview of the program's highlight event for last year, a field trip to see a play entitled the Ballad of Emmett Till. Ms. Gardner personally accompanied parents and students from Lincoln, Washington and Rosa Parks to the play.

Presentations (con't)

Julie White, LRC teacher at Washington School highlighted the presentation with students who demonstrated the computer savvy by sharing websites that were created by them personally during a summer writing camp at Washington School sponsored through the Minority Teacher Incentive Program.

Dr. Jackson, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School thanked Dr. Boyd for his help with purchasing t-shirts for their Drug Awareness Program. Dr. Boyd donated \$362 for the purchase of the shirts.

Abigail Phillips, Principal, Rosa Parks Middle School thanked Dr. Boyd for his donation to Rosa Parks towards the purchase of furniture for the teachers lounge. On behalf of the staff and students of Rosa Parks, she also thanked Dr. Geanes for the E2T2 Program which current has \$450,000 worth of technology in their building.

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Pam Cudjo Kelly, board member, informed the audience that the deadline to register to vote is 10/7/08.

Helen Randall, board member, announced the annual Back to School Parade would be held on Saturday, September 13, 2008. They need volunteers to help.

Dr. Boyd announced the Parent Education Symposium to be held at Thornridge High School on Saturday, September 20, 2008. Transportation will be provided for parents and students.

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

APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR AUGUST 31, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$405,892.53

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

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			
Helen Randall			
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly			
Katie Jackson Booker			

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED FUNDRAISING CONTRACTS WITH EXPRESS INDUSTRIES CORPORATION FOR WASHINGTON, KING, AND LINCOLN SCHOOLS

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

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

AYES:
J. C. Smith
Michael Smith
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
Katie Jackson Booker
Mable Chapman

NAYS:
Helen Randall

ABSENT:
Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

Mr. Randall asked if we knew whether or not the company was registered with the IRS. She wants to make sure liability is where it belongs, who is liable the district or company in the event of accidents. Vote reflects her decision until her questions are answered.

Dr. Boyd stated we would get legal opinion.

NEW BUSINESS:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED THE HIRE OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFIED STAFF: 1) NICOLE LANHAM, TEACHER, KING SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 18, 2008; 2) PHYLLIS PRUITT, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, ROSA PARKS SCHOOL EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Mable Chapman
Katie Jackson Booker

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

AYES:
J. C. Smith
Michael Smith
Helen Randall
Pamela Cudjo Kelly
Mable Chapman
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:
Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT ACCEPTED RESIGNATIONS OF FOLLOWING CERTIFIED STAFF:

1) BARBARA BOOKER, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, ROSA PARKS SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 26, 2008; 2) SHARIMA JACKSON, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER, KING SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 13, 2008; 3) JENNIFER MCDANIELS, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, ROSA PARKS SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 12, 2008; 4) KIMBERLY CARSWELL SAMBOU, SCIENCE TEACHER, ROSA PARKS SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 11, 2008

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker
Mable Chapman

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

AYES:
J. C. Smith
Michael Smith
Helen Randall
Pamela Cudjo Kelly
Mable Chapman
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:
Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR SHARLYNE WILLIAMS, BUSINESS MANAGER TO ATTEND NETWORKING LUNCHEON IN WHEATON, IL SEPTEMBER 23, 2008

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

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

AYES: J. C. Smith
Michael Smith
Helen Randall
Pamela Cudjo Kelly
Mable Chapman
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT: Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR SHARLYNE WILLIAMS, BUSINESS MANAGER TO ATTEND ASBO INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING IN DENVER, CO NOVEMBER 7-10, 2008

Administrative Reports

Dr. Geanes gave a brief description of what federal funds received by the district were and the difference between what was received in 2007/2008 was as to what the district will receive in 2008/2009.

CORRESPONDENCE

Board Secretary Mable Chapman read the following correspondence

- Card of thanks from Carla & Jack Barton for condolences and flowers received upon the death of mother Barbara Barton
- Card of thanks for condolences sent to Dr. Geanes and her family

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED: MEMBER: Michael Smith
SECONDED: MEMBER: Pamela Cudjo Kelly

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

AYES: J.C. Smith
Michael Smith
Helen Randall
Mable Chapman
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT: Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:23 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147