

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2008**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, October 6, 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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 AND MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING TO APPROVE 2008/09 TENTATIVE BUDGET THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2008

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

PRESENTATIONS

- Ramona Hook, District Spanish Teacher and students from Washington School provided a brief program singing and reciting in Spanish. Mary Jane Krueger led the students in song. The overall program began in the spring of 2008 and features monthly themes.
- Willa Johnson, coordinator of Girls Empowering & Mentoring Solutions (GEMS) provided information to the Board regarding her program which endeavors to help girls love themselves and be useful in society. This program would also help girls build their self-esteem. She said she would conduct 10 workshops for 1 to 1.5 hrs each week after school for a ten-week period.
- Sharlyne Williams, Business Manager, demonstrated the features of the recently redesigned website for District 147

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Naomi Watts, community resident, wanted to know if Dr. Boyd would have Willa Johnson give GEM presentation to students at Rosa Parks. Dr. Boyd responded the program would be at Rosa Parks.

Julia Tells, community resident, wanted Ms. Gentry to announce the need for \$10 donations to purchase coats to give away to students in need via the Coat Giveaway Program. She was informed that counselors will ask teachers to recommend names of students who need coats.

Helen Randall, board member, announced she had a meeting with Ms. Stocker at South Suburban and Ms. Stocker indicated she would still try to work with our district (for an adult ESL program) although funds were cut by \$60K. We need to know names of parents who are interested and suggested maybe a program could start after Christmas.

Wendy Casey, parent, saw the update of technology (computers/smart boards) at the Rosa Parks Middle School and was very impressed. She stated this is the only middle school in the south suburbs that offers this type of technology. She thanked Dr. Geanes for writing the grant.

Helen Randall, board member, wanted to know if the district was serving 1% milk to our students. She was informed that students are not drinking the milk. We need to look into why the kids are not drinking the milk.

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

APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR SEPTEMBER 30, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$708,638.42

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

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

<u>AYES:</u> J. C. Smith Michael Smith Mable Chapman Helen Randall Pamela Cudjo-Kelly Katie Jackson Booker	<u>NAYS:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u> Bonnie Rateree	<u>ABSTAIN:</u>
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UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED APPLICATIONS FOR KING, LINCOLN, WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL 2008 APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS

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
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
Katie Jackson Booker
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall

NAYS:

ABSENT:
Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

NEW BUSINESS:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED REQUEST FOR PAID MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR LAURIE RIVES-WILLIAMS, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, TO BEGIN OCTOBER 20, 2008 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2009 (UPON DEPLETION OF BENEFIT DAYS LEAVE WOULD BECOME UNPAID)

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Pamela Cudjo Kelly
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 THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED THE HIRE OF THE FOLLOWING NON-CERTIFIED STAFF: 1) THERESA JARIMILLO, BILINGUAL TRANSLATOR, ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 6, 2008; 2) YVONNE TEMENS, BILINGUAL AIDE, LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2008

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
Helen Randall
Pamela Cudjo Kelly
Mable Chapman
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:
Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT ACCEPTED RESIGNATION OF DELORES PEREZ, BILINGUAL AIDE, LINCOLN ELEMENTARY EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

MOVED:
SECONDED:

MEMBER:
MEMBER:

Michael Smith
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 REQUESTS AS LISTED ON AGENDA ITEMS G 1-10

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
Helen Randall
Pamela Cudjo Kelly
Mable Chapman
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FOR DIXMOOR PUBLIC LIBRARY TO USE ROSA PARKS LOUNGE THE 3RD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH BETWEEN 6:30 AND 7:30 P.M. FOR **BOOK OF THE MONTH REVIEW** FROM SEPTEMBER 2008 THROUGH JUNE 2009

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Michael Smith

Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

J. C. Smith
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Helen Randall
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Mable Chapman
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Pamela Cudjo Kelly

Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Bonnie Rateree

ABSTAIN:

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:16 P.M.

President, Board of Education, School District #147

Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147