

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, May 4, 2009 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 7:09 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	Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Alex Boyd
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MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009, AND REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Pamela Cudjo Kelly
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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

**CITIZENS INQUIRY**

Parents from Rosa Parks expressed concerns in regard to the change of 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation from May 29, 2009 to June 2, 2009 on short notification. Dr. Boyd explained that Dr. Geanes is in charge of the school calendar for the district and due to the make-up of snow days and the school year ending later, the graduation date had been changed. Parents stated that if graduation took place as scheduled on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, this would create a hardship for parents and families who had made arrangements for the May 29<sup>th</sup> date.

After a brief discussion, President J. C. Smith announced that 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation would be held on May 29, 2009 and students must return after graduation to fulfill our dates of attendance for the 2008/2009 school year.

**Wendy Casey**, community resident, voiced displeasure over flyers distributed during the elections held in April.

**Katie Jackson Booker**, board member, thanked parents for coming out and bringing the graduation date conflict to the Board of Education.

**Helen Randall**, board member, commented on the IDES workshop and training provided to potential applicants at the job fair held at Holmes Parks. She stated School District #147, sponsor of the job fair, did an excellent job. She did note that when putting the district's name on future advertisement for events all errors in spelling should be corrected.

**Bonnie Rateree**, board member, thanked parents for bringing issue of graduation date conflict to the board's attention. She thanked the board and administrators for allowing the date to be changed back to May 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Rateree also thanked the Washington Elementary School third grade students for visiting the Harvey Cultural Center.

**Martha Gentry**, community coordinator, announced May 5, 2009 as the date Rosa Parks Middle School and Lincoln Elementary School would hold their Career Fair between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

**Parents from Rosa Parks**, requested the district provide a running track for Rosa Parks to hold track meets.

President Smith responded that District 147 has an Educational Foundation working on an recreation area at Rosa Parks and will meet with Superintendent to discuss.

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST FOR APRIL 30, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF **\$684,267.59**

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

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

PLACED ON FILE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR MARCH 2009

APPROVE WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT #147 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2009/2010

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Michael Smith
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Bonnie Rateree

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**NEW BUSINESS**

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED TERMINATION OF SUSAN GILBERT, SMART TALK CLERK-PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE, EFFECTIVE MAY 11, 2009

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Mable Chapman

Katie Jackson Booker

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED HIRE OF SUSAN NIEMEIC, SECRETARY TO THE BUSINESS MANAGER, EFFECTIVE APRIL 20, 2009

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Katie Jackson Booker

Bonnie Rateree

Motion carried on the following roll call:

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED CONFERENCE REQUEST FOR LERI ELAM, SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, LINCOLN SCHOOL TO ATTEND STRENGTHEN BEHAVIORAL AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS OF YOUR CHALLENGING STUDENTS WITH SENSORY INTEGRATING DISORDERS, OAK LAWN, IL, MAY 21, 2009

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  
Bonnie Rateree  
Pamela Cudjo Kelly  
Mable Chapman  
Katie Jackson Booker

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**Correspondence:**

Mable Chapman, board secretary read thank you card from Carol Slov, secretary from King Elementary, expressing appreciation for flowers received for Administrative Assistant's Day.

**Election/Oaths of Office:**

President Smith announced official results of the April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election. Board members re-elected are:

**Katie Jackson Booker – 679 votes**

**Mable Chapman – 599 votes**

**Bonnie Rateree – 595 votes**

**Pamela Cudjo Kelly – 550 votes**

Members were elected to serve four-year terms

President J.C. Smith administered oath of office to re-elected board members

**MOTION TO ADJOURN OLD BOARD SINE DIE**

MOVED:  
SECONDED:

MEMBER:  
MEMBER:

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly  
Katie Jackson Booker

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  
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Adjournment of old Board Sine Die at 8:01 p.m.

**MOTION TO APPOINT MICHAEL SMITH AS CHAIRMAN PRO TEM**

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**MOTION TO APPOINT KATIE JACKSON BOOKER AS SECRETARY PRO TEM**

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

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  
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

**ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD WAS AS FOLLOWS:**

CHAIRMAN PRO TEM	Michael Smith	Present
SECRETARY PRO TEM	Katie Jackson Booker	Present
	Helen Randall	Present
	Pamela Cudjo-Kelly	Present
	Bonnie Rateree	Present
	J. C. Smith	Present
	Mable Chapman	Present

New board convened at 8:07 p.m.

**MOTION TO APPROVE SOLE NOMINEE J. C. SMITH TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SD #147 FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS**

MOVED: MEMBER: Pamela Cudjo-Kelly  
SECONDED: MEMBER: Bonnie Rateree

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  
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SOLE NOMINEE MICHAEL SMITH TO SERVE AS VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SD #147

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly

Katie Jackson Booker

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  
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO APPROVE SOLE NOMINEE MABLE CHAPMAN TO SERVE AS SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SD #147

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

J. C. Smith

Katie Jackson Booker

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  
Bonnie Rateree

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOTION TO ESTABLISH FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH, UNLESS HOLIDAY BEING OBSERVED, AT 7:00 P.M. AT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE LOCATED AT 191 W 155<sup>TH</sup> PLACE IN HARVEY ILLINOIS AS DATE, TIME AND PLACE FOR MONTHLY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS FOR WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT #147

MOVED: MEMBER: J. C. Smith  
SECONDED: MEMBER: Pamela Cudjo Kelly

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

MOTION TO ESTABLISH SALARY OF SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AT ZERO DOLLARS FOR THIS TERM

MOVED: MEMBER: J. C. Smith  
SECONDED: MEMBER: Pamela Cudjo Kelly

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

Mable Chapman administered oath of office to J. C. Smith for President of the Board of Education and Michael Smith for Vice-President of the Board of Education. Katie Jackson Booker administered oath of office to Mable Chapman for Secretary of the Board of Education.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:18 P.M.

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President, Board of Education, School District #147

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Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147