

**Buildings & Grounds Committee of the
Board of Education for
West Harvey-Dixmoor SD #147
Tuesday, September 6, 2011
5:15 p.m.**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting began at 5:17 p.m. The following members were present: Michael Smith, Sr., Chairperson, Katie Jackson Booker, Member, Dr. Donald McKinney, Superintendent, Eric Lee, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Recording Secretary, Linda Strong.

Superintendent McKinney gave an update on what has been done with the fences. Some were removed and others are being repaired. Weeding out, repairing and painting the fences is ongoing.

Dr. McKinney stated that he had met with all the custodians and was direct about the administration's expectations of their job performance. He said that he would be holding principals accountable for their building's condition. He let principals know that they have supervisory control over the building custodians with support from Mr. Eric Lee.

The administration will start prioritizing some things (projects) to complete. Lockers at schools need to be replaced or painted will be the next project. The windows at Washington are really bad and at some point, replacing the windows at Washington will be a priority.

Michael Smith reported that the Village of Dixmoor could give the district money through TIF funds they have received. Suggested uses would be for 1) a sound system at Rosa Parks; 2) painting cost for fences; 3) auditorium project. He said the district would need to submit the proposal to the Village by September 9, 2011. Voted by the committee to submit a proposal for funds from Village of Dixmoor in the amount of \$10,000.

Mr. Smith said he would like to consider an electronic marquee for Rosa Parks. It was agreed that the first priority is to complete the beautification of the schools first. Committee members will research pricing for a new marquee.

The district will lobby the Village of Dixmoor for sidewalks needing repair around King and Rosa Park Schools.

Mr. Lee stated that to have the backstop torn down and replaced at Washington School would cost more than the removal of all of the fencing removed in the district to date. Committee will allow the administration to decide on the removal.

Katie Jackson Booker wanted to know what is going to happen with the King School playground. Mr. Lee reported the cleaning up and removal of weeds had been completed up to replacing the mulch, which would be done in the spring. Ms. Booker requests that the administration take a look at it to see if completed satisfactory to this point.

Ms. Booker wanted to know what is being done at Lincoln School. Dr. McKinney reported that fencing with the exception of the parking lot was removed. Until the windows and eaves around the roof is replaced, there would need to be architectural changes made in order for Lincoln to look better.

Ms. Booker wanted to know about the tennis courts. She requested the administration to look into getting an instructor for a Tennis Program. Dr. McKinney reported that the Foundation would purchase equipment for the Tennis Program. Dr. McKinney will also check with Ms. Phillips to see if the P.E. classes could use the tennis courts.

The committee members wanted to know if the floors in the girl's and boy's locker room at Rosa Park be refinished to remove the stain and odors. Eric Lee stated that they could be scrubbed. Dr. McKinney stated they would look into new terrazzo products to be installed around the urinals and toilets.

Meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Linda Strong – Recording Secretary