

**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District #147 was held on Monday, September 12, 2011 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 7:17 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	Absent
MEMBER	Bonnie Rateree	Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

SUPERINTENDENT	Dr. Donald McKinney
BUSINESS MANAGER	Tonisha Sibley

**MOTION TO AMEND AGENDA AND ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION BEFORE CONDUCTING REGULAR SESSION**

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

Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:23 p.m.

Reconvened in Regular Session at 7:45 p.m.

**APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011 AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2011**

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

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Katie Jackson Booker

ABSTAIN:

CITIZENS INQUIRY

Ms. Butler, Dixmoor resident, expressed concern over Lincoln School not making AYP. Wanted to know if resources are available and free why can't we avail ourselves to those resources to help the students make AYP.

Dr. McKinney responded that we are addressing potential resources and are working with Ms. Bucur, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, to make sure the Bilingual Program is a true program that will help our Hispanic children make AYP.

Ms. Butler stated that she would like to see a liaison between the Hispanic families and the Board.

Dr. McKinney stated we would have that in place eventually.

Lora Harris, AFSCME Local 93 Representative, requested an audience with the Board to discuss issues of concern.

Dr. McKinney asked her to contact him for a meeting.

Mrs. Randall, board member, announced the Back To School Parade that will be held Saturday, September 17, 2011 starting at 9:15 a.m. Wants the district to supply some type of refreshments for the kids.

PLACED ON FILE TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR JULY 2011

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED ADJUSTED ACCOUNTS PAYABLE PRE-LIST ENDING AUGUST 31, 2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$572,083.69

MOVED:

MEMBER:

Pamela Kelly

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Katie Jackson Booker

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED PTAB RESOLUTION FOR 2010 TAX ASSESSMENT APPEALS

MOVED:

MEMBER:

Mable Chapman

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

Michael Smith

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Katie Jackson Booker

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ADOPTED BUDGET FOR FISCAL 2012

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Mable Chapman

Bonnie Rateree

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Katie Jackson Booker

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH 457B PLAN FOR WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SD #147

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly

Bonnie Rateree

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Katie Jackson Booker

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED APPLICATIONS FOR RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, LINCOLN, WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AND ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

Michael Smith

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Katie Jackson Booker

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR THERESA HUGHES, TEACHER AT LINCOLN SCHOOL, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 22, 2011 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

Michael Smith

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Katie Jackson Booker

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED RESIGNATIONS OF DANYELLE AMERSON, P.E. TEACHER AT KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 2, 2011 AND ELIZABETH LEMRISE, P.E. TEACHER AT LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EFFECTIVE AUGUST 4, 2011

MOVED:

SECONDED:

MEMBER:

MEMBER:

Bonnie Rateree

Michael Smith

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

AYES:

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

NAYS:

ABSENT:

Katie Jackson Booker

ABSTAIN:

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED HIRE OF THE FOLLOWING CERTIFIED STAFF:

Certified Staff

Effective Date

Devon Berry, Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School	8/22/11
Timothy Bryant, P.E. Teacher, King Elementary School	8/22/11
Selina Crnjak, Special Education Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School	8/22/11
Mary Kay Bessler, Language Arts Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School	8/22/11
Wesley McKinney, Music Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School	8/22/11
Laura Cis, P.E. Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School	8/31/11

Leroy Haynes, Teacher, Washington Elementary School	8/22/11
Kelly Hebert, Science Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School	8/22/11
Latoya King, Counselor, Washington Elementary School	8/22/11
Nicole Rogers, Math Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School	8/22/11
Amanda Smurawski, Special Education Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School	8/22/11
Linda Allen, Language Arts Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School	8/22/11
Elaine King-Payne, Teacher, Lincoln Elementary School	8/23/11

MOVED:	MEMBER:	Michael Smith
SECONDED:	MEMBER:	Mable Chapman

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED HIRE OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF JIMMIE STRONG AS TEMPORARY/PART-TIME MAINTENANCE POOL OPERATOR EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

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

UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED THE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE REQUESTS:

- 1) Beverly Bucur, Director of Instruction and Curriculum, to attend ***FY12 Bilingual Program Director's Meeting***, September 19-20, 2011 Springfield, IL **District Funds**
- 2) Beverly Bucur, Director of Instruction and Curriculum, to attend ***2011-2012 IATD Fall Conference***, September 21-22, 2011 Springfield, IL **Title I Funds**
- 3) Heather Rose, Director of Grants, to attend ***IL Assoc of Title I Directors***, September 21-22, 2011, Springfield, IL **Title I Funds**
- 4) Beverly Bucur, Director of Instruction and Curriculum, to attend ***IASB/IASA/IASBO 79<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Conference***, November 17-20, 2011 Chicago, IL **District Funds**
- 5) Heather Rose, Director of Grants, to attend ***IASB/IASA/IASBO 79<sup>th</sup> Joint Annual Conference***, November 17-20, 2011, Chicago, IL **District Funds**
- 6) Dr. Gregory Jackson, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, to attend ***Literacy Centers for ISAT Prep***, September 29, 2011 Chicago Hts, IL

**District Funds**

- 7) Verna Watkins, Literacy Coach, Lincoln Elementary School, to attend *Literacy Centers for ISAT Prep*, September 29, 2011 Chicago Hts, IL **District Funds**
- 8) Dr. Gregory Jackson, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, to attend *Management Issues for Administrators*, October 13, 2011 Chicago Hts, IL **District Funds**
- 9) Dr. Gregory Jackson, Principal, Lincoln Elementary School, to attend *Planning, Facilitating, and Assessing Effective Meeting*, October 20, 2011 Chicago Hts, IL **District Funds**
- 9) Verna Watkins, Literacy Coach, Lincoln Elementary School, to attend *Active Reading Strategies for Informational Text*, October 20, 2011 Chicago Hts, IL **District Funds**

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

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

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

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FROM THE MARKHAM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST TO USE LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. FOR **MARRIAGE CLASS**

UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT APPROVED BUILDING USE REQUEST FROM GREATER ROSELAND WEST PULLMAN FOOD NETWORK TO USE LINCOLN SCHOOL GYMNASIUM OCTOBER 14, 2011, NOVEMBER 12, 2011, DECEMBER 9, 2011, JANUARY 27, 2012, FEBRUARY 24, 2012 AND MARCH 23, 2012 TO **DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO RESIDENTS OF DIXMOOR**

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

MEMBER(S) VOTING:

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

Dr. McKinney reported verbally to the board district activities during his second month as Superintendent:

- Has been to each school in the district and introduced himself to all students
- School and District Office grounds have been landscaped and look good
- All fencing is down that is going to be taken down and repairs and painting will begin

Dr. McKinney also announced the first annual Dixmoor Fest to be held on Saturday, September 17, 2011 between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the corner of 141<sup>st</sup> and Wood Streets

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:33 p.m.

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President, Board of Education, School District #147

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Secretary, Board of Education, School District #147