

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147
FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The committee of the whole meeting of the Board of Education of West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order at Elmer G. Kich School, 191 West 155th Place, Harvey, IL, by Board President Michael Smith, on Monday, February 6, 2017, at 6:08 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Michael Smith
 Bonnie Rateree
 Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
 Helen Randall
 Mable Chapman
 Hazel Bowman
 Margie Hudson-Walker

Absent: None

Present: J. Kay Giles, Interim Superintendent
 David Lopez, Asst. Superintendent
 Tonisha Sibley, Business Manager
 Dana Nichols, Director of Curriculum, Grants, and Technology
 Rob Grossi, Bloom Township Treasurer

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Speaker	Jerrilyn Parker, President, West Federation of Teachers Local #604
Topic	Question: Who are the members of the ETAC Committee? ETAC Committee comprised of Board members, Union representation, and administration

1. Discussion of Budget Reductions and Exploratory Transformation Committee

Rob Grossi presented options to the Board of Education for closing schools. The goal for closing schools is to stabilize the school district financially. The overall plan is to convince lenders to loan money to the school district for instruction and renovations. Tonisha Sibley presented the three (3) options for district restructuring:

Option 1: Close Booker T. Washington and Lincoln Elementary schools; Martin L. King Elementary School – 1st through 4th grade center; Rosa L. Parks Middle School – 5th through 8th grade center. Re-open Elmer G. Kich School for Pre-Kindergarten through Kindergarten and Smart Talk program.

Option 2: Close Lincoln Elementary School; Move Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, Smart Talk program, and District Office to Booker T. Washington Elementary School; Martin L. King – 1st through 4th grade center; Rosa L. Parks Middle School – 5th through 8th grade center.

Option 3: Lincoln Elementary School – Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and Smart Talk program to Lincoln for the 2017-2018 school year; Martin L. King Elementary School – 1st through 4th grade center; Rosa L. Parks Middle School – 5th through 8th grade; Close Booker T. Washington Elementary School.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question:	How will administration rollout Option 3 if the choice?
Answer:	Another Committee of the Whole or Strategic Planning meeting will be held for discussion.

Question:	Can Pre-Kindergarten stay where currently housed and move to Elmer G. Kich school in 2018-2019?
Answer:	There is not enough space for Pre-Kindergarten and Early Childhood at Elmer G. Kich

Question:	Will Rosa L. Parks Middle School still be considered a middle school with 5 th grade students moving to the school?
Answer:	Rosa L. Parks is still considered a middle school with 5 th grade

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Smith moved, Member Chapman seconded to adjourn the meeting. Upon a voice call being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 7-0.**

Adjourned to executive meeting at 6:46 PM.

Michael Smith, Sr., President

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Secretary

