

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147
MAY 1, 2017**

The regular meeting of the month of May 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 Bonnie Rateree, on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: None

Administration: J. Kay Giles, Interim Superintendent
David Lopez, Asst. Superintendent of Pupil and Personnel Services
Tonisha Sibley, Business Manager
Dana Nichols, Director of Curriculum, Grants, and Technology

PRESENTATION

A presentation to the Board of Education was made by Heather Johnson, STEM Coordinator, staff, and students of West Harvey-Dixmoor SD 147. The students displayed the websites they created. An example of the website created is Social Justice. Staff included Christopher Blankenship, Christina Brand, and Robert Lininger. The students are working with Ms. Brand to develop a community garden.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Speaker(s):	Helen Randall, Board Member
Topic:	Thanked Board of Education for supporting her as recipient of the Van Clay award at the Reaching for the Stars Gala.

Speaker(s):	Bonnie Rateree, Board Member
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Topic:	Summer Program for Students
Speaker(s):	Wynetta Butler, Harvey Resident
Topic:	Accolades for Lincoln Reading Night. Granddaughter is recipient of Jefferson Award and elected to Thornton Township High School Student Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND BILLS

1. Approval of Minutes, Executive Committee, April 3, 2017; Public Hearing for QSCB Bonds, April 3, 2017; Regular Meeting, April 3, 2017, Special Meeting, April 10, 2017; and Special Meeting, April 13, 2017

MOTION

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

2. Approval of Bills, April Accounts Payables – Recommend approval of the bills payables as presented.

MOTION

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Smith seconded to approve the Bills, April Accounts Payables as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

3. Approval of April Bills, April Payrolls – Recommend approval of the payroll as presented.

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the Bills, April Payrolls as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Discussion: Meeting set with Board of Education and Business Manager.

4. Placed on file Treasurer's Statement of Position for April 2017.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Policy Committee – Regular scheduled meeting for May.
2. Personnel Committee – Reviewing applications for Principal vacancy and job descriptions.
3. Finance Committee – Update on auditor recommendation.

4. Buildings and Grounds Committee – No report.
5. Teacher Negotiating Committee – Negotiations are progressing.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL REPORT TO INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT, RESIGNATION, RETIREMENT, AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE, CERTIFIED, CLASSIFIED, AND NON-UNION STAFF

1. Dana Nichols, Director of Human Resources, Curriculum, Grants, and Technology, Resignation, effective June 30, 2017

MOTION

Member Smith moved, Member Bowman seconded to accept the resignation of Dana Nichols, Director of Human Resources, Curriculum, Grants, and Technology. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

2. Tammy Baitman, Early Childhood Teacher, Booker T. Washington Elementary School, Retirement, effective July 31, 2017

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Cudjo-Kelly seconded to accept the retirement of Tammy Baitman, Early Childhood Teacher. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

3. Susan Niemiec, Accounts Payables Assistant, District, Family Medical Leave of Absence, beginning May 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017 (*upon depletion of benefit days, leave becomes unpaid*)

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve Family Medical Leave of Absence for Susan Niemiec, Accounts Payables Assistant. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

APPROVE CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING AND EQUIPPING ADDITIONS TO, IMPROVING THE SITES OF AND ALTERING, REPAIRING, AND EQUIPPING EXISTING SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES OF THE DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF CERTAIN REVENUES AND THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TEXT SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE BONDS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF THE BONDS TO MESIROW FINANCIAL, INC.

MOTION

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the Resolution Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The**

motion carried 7-0.

APPROVE BAKER TILLY ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR AUDITING SERVICES FOR 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve Baker Tilly Accounting Firm for the District: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

APPROVE PROPOSED DISTRICT CALENDAR FOR 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the Proposed District Calendar for 2017-2018 school year: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Discussion: Amend 2017-2018 calendar for no attendance for students on election days in 2017-2018.

APPROVE DISTRICT SUMMER ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the District Summer Conservation Plan: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

APPROVE SAFE SCHOOLS PROGRAM AGREEMENT FOR THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE (R.I.S.E.) FOR THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the program agreement for R.I.S.E.: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

APPROVE CONTRACT WITH SIGNATURE BANQUETS RESTAURANT FOR DISTRICT RECOGNITION DINNER

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the contract with Signature Banquets Restaurant for District's Recognition Dinner.: AYE – 6 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 1 (Randall); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

OLD ITEMS:

No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business.

WRITTEN REPORTS

Asst. Superintendent for Pupil and Personnel Services

Business Manager Report

Director of Curriculum, Grants, and Technology Report

These reports were provided for information only.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

June 5, 2017, 7:00 PM, Elmer G. Kich School

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned to Executive Meeting

Bonnie Rateree, President

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Secretary

