

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147  
JULY 12, 2021**

The Board of Education of West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order, by Board President Michael Smith, on Monday, June 12, 2021 at 7:02 P.M

**I. ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:           Michael Smith  
                                  Hazel Bowman  
                                  Mable Chapman  
                                  Kenneth Henderson  
                                  Bonnie Rateree

Absent:                     Margie Hudson-Walker  
                                  Helen Randall

Administration:         Johnnetta Miller, Superintendent  
                                  Dr. Deborah Hill, Assistant Superintendent

**MOTION TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION**

Member Chapman moved to go to closed session for the purpose as permitted by provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 et seq, it is expected that the Board will recess to closed session to consider information regarding: (1)the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; (2)collective negotiation matters of deliberation of salary schedules; (3)imminent or probable litigation; (4)evidence or testimony presented in a closed hearing; and (5) student disciplinary matters. Member Rateree seconded to go to the closed session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-7 (Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Bonnie Rateree, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion was carried 7-0 to go to closed session.**

**APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

**CITIZEN'S INQUIRY**

\*Mable Chapman read a letter from the Governor to the IASB Board of Directors. They are asking school boards to make decisions for their districts based on what is happening with the virus in their area. They are saying that the decision is not one size fits all. All boards members have received letter

\*Bonnie Rateree shared that she emailed all the board members a letter and has not heard back from anyone. It was concerning the hiring of the special education candidate and it is not on the agenda.

\*Dee Keys spoke about bringing her child back to the district and about the special education department

\*Jerilyn Parker spoke about teachers being reluctant to respond concerning the district's vision. I am the voice for the teachers because right now they do not feel comfortable. We are also concerned about the student's and staff's mental health after this last year.

### **APPROVE MINUTES**

Approve minutes for the May 3, 11, 17 2021 regular and committee of the whole meetings.

### **MOTION**

Member Hudson-Walker moved to approve the minutes as presented, Member Chapman seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-7 (Mable Chapman, Bonnie Rateree, Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the minutes of the board meetings as presented.**

### **APPROVAL MAY ACCOUNTS PAYABLES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$519,219.03**

### **MOTION**

Member Chapman moved to approve the May payables, Member Rateree seconded to approve May payables as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-7 (Michael Smith, Bonnie Rateree, Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve May payables in the amount of \$519,219.03.**

### **APPROVAL OF MAY PAYROLL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$583,647.47**

### **MOTION**

Member Rateree moved to accept May payroll, Member Chapman seconded to approve May payroll as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-7 (Michael Smith, Bonnie Rateree, Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the May payroll in the amount of \$583,647.47.**

### **BOARD REPORT**

Please read and review the board report in your packet. When you are finished please respond.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S SPOTLIGHT**

1. Road to reopening (will take to heart about the teacher's concerns); will email out the schedules; making a plan so that everyone will feel safe
2. Summer School-will be in session starting June 21, 2021 and will be in person
3. Will continue our summer feeding program

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Table the administrator's contracts until the last week of June.**

**B. APPROVE THE 2021-2022 PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICE CONTRACT**

### **MOTION**

Member Rateree moved to approve the professional consulting service contract. Member Chapman seconded the motion to approve the 2021-2022 professional consulting service contract. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-7 (Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker, Mable Chapman, Bonnie Rateree, Kenneth Henderson, Hazel Bowman, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the 2021-2022 professional consulting service contract.**

**C. APPROVE ERNEST CLARK FOR DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS/CSBO**

## **MOTION**

Member Rateree moved to approve Ernest Clark for the Director of Business Operations/CSBO. Member Hudson-Walker seconded the motion to approve Ernest Clark for the Director of Business Operations/CSBO. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Bonnie Rateree, Hazel Bowman, Helen Randall, Margie Hudson-Walker); NAY3-(Mable Chapman, Kenneth Henderson, Michael Smith); ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 4-3 to approve Ernest Clark for the Director of Business Operations/CSBO.**

## **D. APPROVE MABLE CHAPMAN AS THE IASB GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER**

### **MOTION**

Member Chapman moved to approve Mable Chapman as the IASB Governing Board Member. Member Smith seconded the motion to approve Mable Chapman as the IASB Governing Board Member. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman, Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Mable Chapman, Helen Randall, Margie Hudson-Walker); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve Mable Chapman as the IASB Governing Board Member.**

## **E. APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR DYOPATH**

### **MOTION**

Member Rateree motioned to approve the contract for Dyopath. Member Bowman seconded the motion to approve the contract for Dyopath as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the contract for Dyopath.**

## **F. APPROVE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR ADMIN AND BOARD WORK SESSIONS 1ST WEEK OF AUGUST 2021**

### **MOTION**

Member Chapman motioned to approve the beginning of the year admin and board work sessions 1st week of August. Member Hudson-Walker seconded the motion to approve the beginning of the year admin and board work sessions 1st week of August 2021 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Bonnie Rateree, Mable Chapman, Helen Randall, Margie Hudson-Walker, Kenneth Henderson, Hazel Bowman, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the beginning of the year admin and board work sessions 1st week of August 2021.**

## **G. APPROVE BUILDING USAGE FOR AFSCME UNION MEETING JULY 10, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.**

### **MOTION**

Member Rateree motioned to approve building usage for AFSCME union meeting July 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Member Hudson-Walker seconded the motion to approve building usage for AFSCME union meeting as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve building usage for AFSCME union meeting July 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**

## **H. APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR MILESTONE**

### **MOTION**

Member Rateree motioned to approve the contract for Milestone. Member Hudson-Walker seconded the motion to approve the contract for Milestone as presented. Upon a roll call

vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the contract for Milestone.**

#### **I. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR MAXIM**

##### **MOTION**

Member Rateree motioned to approve the contract for Maxim. Member Hudson-Walker seconded the motion to approve the contract for Maxim as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the contract for Maxim.**

#### **J. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR PROGRESSUS THERAPY**

##### **MOTION**

Member Chapman motioned to approve the contract for Progressus Therapy. Member Smith seconded the motion to approve the contract for Progressus Therapy as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the contract for Progressus Therapy.**

#### **K. APPROVE THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

##### **MOTION**

Member Chapman motioned to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar (Option A). Member Rateree seconded the motion to approve the 2021-2022 School as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar.**

#### **L. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENTS COMMISSION FOR THE STUDY OF DEMOGRAPHICS AND DIVERSITY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES 2021-2022 FOR \$2,000.00.**

##### **MOTION**

Member Rateree motioned to approve the Superintendents Commission for the study of demographics and diversity annual membership dues 2021-2022 for \$2,000.00. Member Chapman seconded the motion to approve superintendent's dues as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve Superintendents Commission for the study of Demographics and Diversity annual membership dues 2021-2022 for \$2,000.00.**

#### **M. APPROVE AUGUST WORK SESSIONS; AUGUST 1-5, 2021 AT EAGLEWOOD RESORT, ITASCA, IL**

##### **MOTION**

Member Rateree motioned to approve August work sessions for August 1-5, 2021 at Eaglewood Resort, Itasca IL. Member Hudson-Walker seconded the motion to approve August work sessions for August 1-5, 2021 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion**

carried 7-0 to approve August work sessions; August 1-5, 2021 at Eaglewood Resort, Itasca, IL.

**N. APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT TO INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT, RESIGNATION, RETIREMENT, AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE, CERTIFIED, CLASSIFIED, AND NON-UNION STAFF (ACTION)**

*(Policy 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; Policy 5:210 Resignations and Retirements; Policy 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity)*

**Approve Retirement and Employment for the following:**

1. Approval of retirement of Margaret Martiniak, (pre-kindergarten teacher-Lincoln); effective June 2022.
2. Approval of retirement of Tanja Jackson, (fourth grade teacher-King); effective June 2022
3. Approval of employment for Mr. Earnest Clark, Director of Business Operations/CSBO
4. Approval of employment for Latoya Brown, Receptionist/Transportation (District Office)

**MOTION**

Member Chapman moved to approve the retirement and employment of those listed. Member Hudson-Walker seconded the motion to approve the retirement and employment of those listed as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-7 (Mable Chapman, Bonnie Rateree, Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve retirement and employment of those listed.**

**O. APPROVE CONFERENCE REQUESTS FOR:**

1. Approval of Superintendent Miller, Hazel Bowman, Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Margie Hudson-Walker, Mable Chapman and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Hill to attend the NSBA CUBE Conference in Atlanta, GA on September 16-18, 2021.
2. Mrs. Miller, Superintendent's Summit, Tucson, AZ (no cost- Sponsored event, airfare reimbursed up to \$400.00)
3. Approval of all board members (Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman, Bonnie Rateree, Helen Randall, Margie Hudson-Walker, Kenneth Henderson, Mable Chapman), Superintendent Miller, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Hill and Tiffany Sigler to attend IASB Joint Annual Conference; November 19-21, Chicago, Illinois

**MOTION**

Member Chapman moved to approve the conference requests for those listed. Member Randall seconded the motion to approve the conference requests as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-7 (Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 7-0 to approve conference requests for those listed.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Rateree moved and Member Chapman seconded to adjourn the meeting of West Harvey-Dixmoor 147 Board of Education. Upon a voice call being taken, all were in favor and the motion carried 7-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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**Michael Smith, President**

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**Mable Chapman, Secretary**