

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147  
JULY 26, 2021**

The Board of Education of West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order via Zoom, by Board President Michael Smith, on Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:04 P.M.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:           Michael Smith  
                                  Kenneth Henderson  
                                  Mable Chapman  
                                  Bonnie Rateree  
                                  Helen Randall

Absent:                     Margie Hudson-Walker  
                                  Hazel Bowman

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

**APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

1. Additional Hire: Milagros Quintana; early childhood
2. Cymanda James; CADRE Substitute
3. Resignation: Madalynn Dow; effective July 12, 2021

**MOTION TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION**

Member Chapman moved to go into 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 Henderson seconded to go to closed session for. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was : AYE-5 (Michael Smith, Mable Chapman, Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree, Helen Randall); NAY-0; ABSENT - (Margie Hudson-Walker, Hazel Bowman); ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 5-0 to go into closed session.**

**MOTION TO BACK TO OPEN SESSION**

Member Chapman moved to go back into open session, Member Henderson seconded to go back into open session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was : AYE-5 (Michael Smith, Mable Chapman, Helen Randall, Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree); NAY-0; ABSENT - (Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker); ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 5-0 to go back into open session.**

### **NO CITIZEN'S INQUIRY**

Bonnie Rateree (208 W. 156th St. Harvey, IL 60426); "Last meeting I was concerned about an issue. I will always raise issues, particularly when it is something as important as special education. And I was pretty clear, I don't think we will find anyone more qualified than the person 3 of you don't want to hire. But I want to clearly say for the record, Michael Smith, whatever I say, I have been in this district all my life. Which makes me in the district longer than any of you. And Michael Smith, for you to get up from your seat and come and get in my face with your nose so close to me, it was an inch, maybe two. You know I'm 74 years old and a senior citizen woman. I'm not a punk. But Michael if you ever threaten me and my well being, my life like that again, you will be explaining that to a judge. I spent the entire week just upset at the thought that you would do that. Because I don't understand why you are not voting to hire the qualified person for special ed. Now we're into the end of July. But aside from that I've been concerned about the children's future and my well being. But if you ever get up in my face, two inches from my nose, you will be explaining that to a judge".

Michael Smith; "Thank you Ms. Rateree, good to hear your voice".

### **ACTION**

- A. Pay the Del Gado Law Group bill

### **MOTION**

Member Chapman moved to approve to pay the Del Gado Law Group legal bill. Member Smith seconded the motion to approve to pay the payment of the Del Gado Law Group legal bill . Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-4 (Mable Chapman, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-1 (Bonnie Rateree); ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 4-0 to approve payment of the Del Gado Law Group bill.**

- B. Approve the new hires in the special board meeting personnel report

### **MOTION**

Member Rateree moved to approve the new hires from the special board meeting personnel report. Member Chapman seconded the motion to approve the new hires in the personnel report as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was AYE-5 (Bonnie Rateree, Helen Randall, Mable Chapman, Kenneth Henderson, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0; ABSENT (Helen Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker). **The motion carried 5-0 to approve the new hires in the personnel report.**

- C. Approve the resignations in the special board meeting personnel report

### **MOTION**

Member Chapman moved to approve the resignations in the special board meeting report. Member Henderson seconded the motion to approve the resignations in the personnel report as presented. Upon a roll vote being taken, the vote was AYE-5 (Mable Chapman, Bonnie Rateree, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSENT (Margie Hudson-Walker, Hazel Bowman); ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 5-0 to approve the resignations in the personnel report.**

- D. Approve the position change of Marcela Salazar to Business Office Accountant

### **MOTION**

Member Chapman moved to approve the position change for Marcela Salazar to payroll and payables. Member Rateree seconded the motion to approve the position change as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was AYE-5 (Bonnie Rateree, Kenneth Henderson, Mable Chapman, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSENT (Margie

Hudson-Walker, Hazel Bowman); ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 5-0 to approve the position change of Marcela Salazar.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Approve the partnership with Healthier America

**MOTION**

Member Rateree moved to approve the partnership with Healthier America. Member Chapman seconded the motion to approve the partnership with Healthier America. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was AYE-5 (Kenneth Henderson, Mable Chapman, Bonnie Rateree, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSENT (Hazel Bowman, Margie Hudson-Walker); ABSTAIN-0. **The motion carried 5-0 to approve the partnership with Healthier America.**

B. Back to School Parade and Community Festival will be held on August 28, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Chapman moved to adjourn the special board meeting of West-Harvey Dixmoor 147 and Member Rateree seconded to adjourn the Special Board meeting of West Harvey-Dixmoor 147. Upon a voice call being taken, all were in favor and the motion carried 5-0 to adjourn the special board meeting of West-Harvey Dixmoor 147.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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**Michael Smith, President**

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**Mable Chapman, Secretary**