

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

The Board of Education of West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order, by Board President Hazel Michael Smith, on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 P.M

I. ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members:

Hazel Bowman
Mable Chapman
Helen Randall
Michael Smith

Absent:

Margie Hudson-Walker
Kenneth Henderson
Bonnie Rateree

Administration:

Johnnetta Miller, Superintendent
Dr. Deborah Hill, Assistant Superintendent

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MARGIE HUDSON-WALKER

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 Bowman seconded to go to the closed session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-5 (Hazel Bowman, Mable Chapman, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0; ABSENT(Kenneth Henderson, Bonnie Rateree Margie Hudson-Walker). **The motion was carried 4-0 to go to closed session.**

APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

CITIZEN'S INQUIRY

*Kenneth Henderson (Board Member)- What about Tyson

*Johnnetta Miller (Superintendent) Oh, so they turned in an insurance certificate that does not cover the Dixmoor Vikings. And so we sent a letter to him as the board directed me to send and I have not heard from him yet

*Mable Chapman (Board Secretary) Ok, so umm

*Johnnetta Miller (Superintendent) It was listed as the, I wish I had it with me, it wasn't

Harvey. It was the Posen team and another cheerleading team and Dixmoor Vikings wasn't listed. So I called the agent that was listed, actually I emailed him because his email was listed to. I said hey, I have the certificate and I was checking to see if the Dixmoor Vikings are included on the policy and he said no it wasn't. We sent our letter to Mr. Tyson but we haven't heard from him

*Mable Chapman (Board Secretary) Ok, so we have to make sure that the Dixmoor Vikings are specifically listed on the insurance ryder

*Johnnetta Miller (Superintendent) He wrote that they were covered but the person who wrote the insurance policy said they are not

*Mable Chapman (Board Secretary) Ok

*Johnnetta Miller (Superintendent) So we need a policy. He's here?

*Bonnie Rateree (Board Member) I want to take a moment to thank our secretary. I know it is not easy working for us. I know you are the assistant to the superintendent but also the assistant to the board members. I just want to say to you Ms. Sigler, you saved my life, with our travel arrangements on this last trip. The one thing that I really appreciated was the transportation getting us to the airport. As you know we had transportation on the first day and the last day to get us back home. Then I had a situation where my purse was stolen so yea, that really helped. With that arrangement, that made it easier on me. And I am thankful and hopeful that we will continue. Hazel, what did you think about that?

*Hazel Bowman (Board Vice-President) Oh, I appreciated that

*Mable Chapman (Board Secretary) You talking about the transportation from the airport to home? Yes we always get our transportation, but yes, that was easier

*Bonnie Rateree (Board Member) Yea, it was easier and then it was taken care of by the district. So then we did not have to use our per diem on travel arrangements. So I wanted to thank you personally

*Tiffany Sigler (Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and the Board of Education) I appreciate that, thank you

*Dwayne Tyson (Trustee) I received a letter about the insurance policy and I just wanted to clear that up. That is our program, we just combine to make it easier. So the Robin Eagles is together with Dixmoor Vikings. So instead of 140 kids we have 208 kids. We have cheerleaders and everything like that. We travel all over the country anyway and that makes it easier to combine everyone under 1 name

*Johnnetta Miller (Superintendent) So I would say to talk with the insurance company. Because if something happens with the Dixmoor Vikings and he is saying that you all are not covered

*Mable Chapman (Board Secretary) Just have the insurance agent or company do a ryder that says that all the agencies that are covered

*Johnnetta Miller (Superintendent) Yea cause Mr. Joe Niche said that insurance does not cover Dixmoor Vikings. He was very specific

*Dwayne Tyson (Trustee) I know you guys don't understand the language of it

*Mable Chapman (Board Secretary) We do understand

*Dwayne Tyson (Trustee) No, no not like that. Dixmoor Vikings is included under different rosters.

*Mable Chapman (Board Secretary) So it needs to say that Dixmoor Vikings is under the Robin Eagles organization as well as the cheerleaders and whoever else

*Johnnetta Miller (Superintendent) 2 other things that the board was asking. You all agreed to clean the premises because there has been trash left on the premises. And that you all would only use Rosa Parks during the time requested on the usage facility agreement form. So those are the things the board has asked and that is what I put in the letter

ACTION ITEMS

A. TO APPROVE:

- 1. Superintendent's recommendation to place the student discussed in closed session in lieu of expulsion for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year**

MOTION

Member Chapman moved to approve the superintendent’s recommendation. Member Rateree seconded the motion to approve the superintendent’s recommendation. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-6 (Hazel Bowman, Mable Chapman, Bonnie Rateree, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0; ABSENT (Margie Hudson-Walker). **The motion carried 6-0 to approve the items listed and table.**

B. 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)

1. Approve resignation for Alfreda Hull (8th grade, Parks), effective October 15, 2021.
2. Approve FMLA for Megan Omiecinski (Lincoln), from September 22, 2021 to November 22, 2021
3. Approve FMLA extension for Keamesha Nisbeth (King) until further notice.

MOTION

Member Chapman moved to approve all the items except the items tabled that are listed. Member Smith seconded the motion to approve the items as motioned and presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE-6 (Hazel Bowman, Mable Chapman, Bonnie Rateree, Kenneth Henderson, Helen Randall, Michael Smith); NAY-0; ABSTAIN-0; ABSENT (Margie Hudson-Walker). **The motion carried 6-0 to approve the items listed and table.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Rateree moved and Member Bowman 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 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Michael Smith, President

Mable Chapman, Secretary