

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147**  
**JANUARY 7, 2019**

The regular 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 Bonnie Rateree, on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 7:01 P.M.

**I. 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

Administration:            Johnnetta Miller, Superintendent  
                                  Dr. Deborah Hill, Assistant Superintendent  
                                  Dr. David Lopez, Director of Pupil and Personnel Services  
                                  Gary Ofisher, Interim Business Manager

**APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

1. Action Item #12 Letter C New Hires - remove Long Term Subs

**MOTION**

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the modifications to the agenda 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; ABSENT – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Public Comments**

Speaker(s):	Mable Chapman, Board Member
Topic:	Charlotte Boyd Foundation distributed 228 coats between school districts of Posen-Robbins 143.5, West Harvey-Dixmoor 147, and Ford Heights 169.

**APPROVE MINUTES AND BILLS**

Approve Minutes, Executive Meeting, December 3, 2018; Regular Meeting, December 3, 2018; Committee of the Whole Meeting, December 18, 2018 and Special Meeting, December 18, 2018

**MOTION**

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the minutes. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 0; ABSTAIN – 1 (Smith). **The motion carried 6-0.**

- 1. Approval of Bills, December Accounts Payables in the amount of \$663,989.21 - Recommend approval of the bills payables as presented.

Discussion on December Payables.

Noted: Board Member Chapman expressed concern regarding several bills from Janice Preston Educational Services that total \$7,000.00.

**MOTION**

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the Bills, December 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; ABSENT – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

- 2. Approval of Bills, December Payrolls in the amount of \$698,800.97 Recommend approval of the payrolls as presented.

**MOTION**

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Smith seconded to approve the Bills, December 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; ABSENT – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Noted: Board Member Chapman requested to see the PDF Summary Report in the Board packet. Board Secretary Cudjo-Kelly requested to see time sheets for all consultants who enter the school buildings.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Personnel Committee - February 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee - February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
- Policy Committee - February 7, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
- Buildings and Grounds Committee - February 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Board President Rateree expressed that Mr. Ofisher gave an overview on plans for the upcoming year and expressed that District 147 for the first time in ten years has not been on the financial watch list and now on the recognition list.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

a) Superintendent’s Spotlight: Superintendent Miller recognized Rosa Parks Middle School as the highlighted school for the Superintendent’s “All-Star Squad”. Ms. Ermetra Olawumi, Principal and Mrs. LaToya Lawrence, Assistant Principal, handed the students an All-Star Squad certificate.

b) Superintendent's Adult Spotlight: Superintendent Miller and Ms. Jerrilyn Parker, Case Manager/Union President, submitted a presentation/proposal on the *Pathway to Partnership* and will be the presenters at The Annual Statewide ESSA Conference (formerly known as the NCLB Conference) on February 11-13, 2019 in Chicago, Illinois on behalf of District 147.

d) December Enrollment Report: The student enrollment for December 2018 is 1,045.

### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

#### **MOTION**

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

**\*Entered Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.**

**\*Returned to Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m.**

#### **MOTION**

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

### **WRITTEN REPORTS - Information**

- 1) Assistant Superintendent Report
- 2) Pupil and Personnel Services Report
- 3) Business Manager Report

These reports were provided for information only.

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

#### **A. POSSIBLE ACTION FROM ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION**

- No Action Items

#### **B. APPROVE PERSONNEL REPORT TO INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT, RESIGNATION, RETIREMENT, AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE, CERTIFIED, CLASSIFIED, AND NON-UNION STAFF**

- No Personnel Report.

#### **C. NEW HIRES**

1. Nakiya Pressley, Lunchroom Monitor, Martin Luther King Elementary School, effective January 7, 2019
2. Elizabeth Gonzales, Bilingual Paraprofessional, Rosa Parks Middle School, effective January 7, 2019

#### **MOTION**

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

**D. RESOLUTIONS FOR BONDS**

**MOTION**

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

**E. APPROVAL OF ARCHITECT RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION**

**MOTION**

Member Hudson-Walker rescinded motion, Member Chapman seconded to rescind motion to approve architect recommendation of the administration.

**OLD BUSINESS** – No Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

1. Michael Cierski, General Music Teacher, to attend the *2019 Illinois Music Education Conference*, January 23-26, 2019, Peoria, IL - **Title I Funds**

**MOTION**

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

**B. FOIA REQUESTS - No FOIA Requests**

**15. FYI (INFO)**

A. South Suburban MLK Day - Monday, January 21, 2019

B. Dr. Martin Luther King Day - Monday, January 21, 2019 : No School for Students and District Office is closed

C. School Improvement Day - Wednesday, January 30, 2019 - 11:30 a.m. Student Dismissal

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Chapman moved and Member Bowman seconded to adjourn the meeting of the 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 7:45 p.m.

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**Bonnie Rateree, President**

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**Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Secretary**