

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147  
MARCH 9, 2020**

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 Mable Chapman, on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:03 P.M.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

- Board Members: Mable Chapman  
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly  
Helen Randall  
Bonnie Rateree  
Hazel Bowman
- Absent: Kenneth Henderson  
Margie Hudson-Walker
- Administration: Johnnetta Miller, Superintendent  
Dr. Deborah Hill, Assistant Superintendent  
Corina Herrera, Director of Pupil and Personnel Services

**APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

No Modifications.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items**

Speaker(s):	Jerrilyn Parker, President, West Harvey Federation of Teachers Local 604
Topic:	Requested if the Board of Education would consider moving the citizen inquiry later on the agenda to give people an opportunity to find out more information so that they can ask more questions.  The Board of Education will take the request into consideration.

Speaker(s):	Helen Randall, Board Member
Topic:	Enjoyed Rosa Parks Middle School’s Black History Program.

Speaker(s):	Mable Chapman, Board President
Topic:	Appreciation to Rosa Parks Middle School for the Black History Program. The staff did a wonderful job.

Speaker(s):	Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Board Secretary
Topic:	Acknowledged Superintendent Miller, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Hill, and staff for the invitation to read to the students at Martin Luther King Elementary School for Dr. Seuss Day - Read Across America.

Speaker(s):	Mable Chapman, Board President
Topic:	Attended Lincoln Early Learning Center to read to the students for Dr. Seuss Day - Read Across America.

Speaker(s):	Erica Butler, Dixmoor Parent
Topic:	Expressed concern on the way things are being handled. IEP meeting needs to start in a timely fashion and better communication between staff and parents. Board President Chapman responded to Ms. Butler's concerns, stating that Superintendent Miller and the Director of Pupil and Personnel Services will work on those concerns and will get back in a timely fashion.

**\*Kenneth Henderson entered the meeting at 7:12 p.m.**

**APPROVE MINUTES AND BILLS**

Approve Minutes, Regular Meeting, February 10, 2020, Special Meeting, February 13, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting, February 18, 2020, Special Meeting, February 24, 2020, and Special Meeting, February 27, 2020

**MOTION**

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

1. Approval of Bills, February Accounts Payables in the amount of \$725,655.62. Recommend approval of the bills payables as presented.

**MOTION**

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

- 2. Approval of Bills, February Payrolls in the amount of \$693,071.37.  
Recommend approval of the bills payables as presented.

**MOTION**

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

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Superintendent’s Spotlight - Rosa Parks Student Council presented for Autism Awareness month. It was requested that the Board of Education would add World Autism Day for April 2<sup>nd</sup> to the future district calendar; the request was granted.

Superintendent recognized Martin Luther King Elementary School as the highlighted school for the Superintendent’s All-Star Squad. Principal Dr. Ayana Whaley-Hartzol and Assistant Principal Dr. Sarah Midlock distributed certificates to the students of the month.

February Student Enrollment: The student enrollment for February 2020 is 934.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION**

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

**\*Entered Closed Session at 7:27 p.m.**

**\*Returned to Regular Meeting at 8:25 p.m.**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION**

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

**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**

1. Lynn Turner, Sixth Grade ELA Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School, Family Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA)
2. Denise McCullough, Speech Pathologist, Lincoln Early Learning Center and Martin Luther King Elementary School, Family Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA)
3. Toni Tarala, Nurse, Lincoln Early Learning Center and Martin Luther King Elementary School, Retirement, effective June 12, 2020

**MOTION**

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

**C. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NON-RENEWAL OF CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES**

**MOTION**

Member Rateree moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the resolution authorizing Non-Renewal of certified employees-Dory Belton, Robert Kraft, and Margaret Peggy Kelly effective the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Chapman, Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Rateree, Bowman); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Hudson-Walker); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**D. APPROVAL OF PUBLICATION OF BID FOR HVAC AND RELATED WORK FOR ROSA PARKS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**MOTION**

Member Bowman moved, Member Henderson seconded to approve publication of bid for HVAC and related work for Rosa Parks Middle School: Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Chapman, Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Rateree, Bowman); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Hudson-Walker); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**E. APPROVAL OF FY2021 CONTRACT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR MRS. CORINA HERRERA**

**F. APPROVAL OF FY2021 CONTRACT OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR DR. DEBORAH HILL**

**G. APPROVAL OF FY2021 CONTRACTS OF BUILDING ADMINISTRATORS**

1. Dr. Sarah Midlock
2. Mrs. Rese Jo Neal-Dial
3. Dr. Ayana Whaley-Hartzol
4. Mr. Willard Willette
5. Mr. Frank Williams

**MOTION**

Member Rateree moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve Items E-G FY2021 for Mrs. Corina Herrera, Dr. Deborah Hill, Dr. Sarah Midlock, Mrs. Rese Jo Neal-Dial, Dr. Ayana Whaley-Hartzol, Mr. Willard Willette, and Mr. Frank Williams at their current rate: Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Chapman, Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Rateree, Bowman); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Hudson-Walker); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **H. APPROVE CONTRACT FOR MICHAEL SMITH FOR DISTRICT CONSULTANT – SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION PROCESS**

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Henderson seconded to approve the contract for Michael Smith for District Consultant – Superintendent Evaluation Process: Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Chapman, Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Bowman); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Hudson-Walker); ABSTAIN – 1 (Rateree). **The motion carried 5-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS** - No Old Business.

### **NEW BUSINESS** **CONFERENCE REQUEST APPROVALS**

No Conference Requests.

**FOIA REQUESTS** - No FOIA Requests.

### **WRITTEN REPORTS** - *Information*

- 1) Pupil and Personnel Services Report
- 2) Business Manager Report

These reports were provided for information only.

### **FYI (INFO)**

- A. Casimir Pulaski Day – March 2, 2020 – No School for Students (District Office Closed)
- B. School Improvement Day - (11:30 a.m. Student Dismissal) – March 11, 2020
- C. Superintendent Coffee Talk/Parent University – moved to April 7, 2020 in lieu of Census Day

### **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 the 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 8:41 p.m.

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**Mable Chapman, President**

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**Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Secretary**