

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147
NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

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, November 5, 2018 at 7:00 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

Item #8 - King Students of the Month moved to Item #1 on the agenda. Add Item P for AFSCME Agreement and add Item Q for Board Member Request.

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Bowman 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):	LaToya Lawrence, Assistant Principal, Rosa L. Parks Middle School
Topic:	Church donation of (40) Thanksgiving baskets to the families at Rosa Parks Middle School.

APPROVE MINUTES AND BILLS

Approve Minutes, Regular Meeting, October 1, 2018

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the minutes as presented. 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, October Accounts Payables in the amount of \$783,788.49 - Recommend approval of the bills payables as presented.

Discussion on October Payables.

Noted: Board Member Chapman expressed concern regarding several bills that total \$22,082.94 for Janice Preston Educational Services, with the students' scores being as low as they are. Board President Rateree stated that she would like money spent on helping teachers to improve.

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the Bills, October 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, October Payrolls in the amount of \$671,726.73 Recommend approval of the payrolls as presented.

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Cudjo-Kelly seconded to approve the Bills, October 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.**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

No Board Committee Reports.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Spotlight: Superintendent Miller recognized Martin Luther King Elementary School as the highlighted school for the Superintendent's "All-Star Squad". Dr. Ayana Whaley, Principal from Martin Luther King Elementary School, handed the students an All-Star Squad certificate.

Smart Talk Designation - Superintendent Miller recognized members from Smart Talk as a Blue Ribbon Designated Program.

Data Presentation - Superintendent Miller gave a presentation on State Designation and Action Plan.

October Enrollment Report - The student enrollment for October 2018 is 1,043.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Smith 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 7:55 p.m.**

***Returned to Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.**

Member Smith moved, Member Hudson-Walker 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

1. Regina Johnson, Smart Talk Parent Educator, Lincoln Early Learning Center, New Hire, effective November 7, 2018

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve Regina Johnson as the Parent Educator: 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.**

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

1. Tamaraka Audu, Smart Talk Parent Educator, Lincoln Early Learning Center, Resignation, effective October 15, 2018

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the resignation of Tamaraka Audu: 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. Gwendolyn Bell, Parent Educator, Lincoln Early Learning Center, Resignation, effective October 26, 2018

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the resignation of Tamraka Audu, Smart Talk Parent Educator and Gwendolyn Bell, Parent Educator: 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. POSSIBLE TERMINATION OF NON-CERTIFIED EMPLOYEE - *will be discussed at the next Board Meeting*

C. 2018 LEVY

MOTION

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the 2018 LEVY: 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. IEC CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR 2019-2020

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Smith seconded to approve the IEC Contract Agreement for 2019-2020: 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. CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH INFINITE CONNECTIONS FOR E-RATE SERVICES

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the Consulting Agreement with Infinite Connections for E-Rate Services: 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.**

F. PHONE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT WITH RIVAL5

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the Phone Maintenance Contract with Rival5: Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 1 (Smith); ABSENT – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-1.**

G. PURCHASE OF NEW VOIP PHONES FOR ALL BUILDINGS

MOTION

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

H. SETTLEMENT OFFER

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the settlement offer with KWK Consultants: 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.**

I. APPROVAL FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the increase of the Superintendent's Secretary salary to the amount that was previously discussed: 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.**

J. APPROVAL FOR SUB-CUSTODIAN PAY INCREASE

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve sub-custodian pay increase to the amount previously discussed: 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.**

K. APPROVAL FOR MATH COACHING - PRATHER & ASSOCIATES

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve Prather & Associates Math Coaching: 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.**

L. NEW POSITIONS

1. Instructional Leader (Pre-K)
2. School Resource Facilitator

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the new positions for Instructional Leader (Pre-K) and School Resource Facilitator: 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.**

M. REJECTION OF LEGAL BILLS FOR SCARIANO, HIMES & PETRARCA, CHTD. DATED MARCH 1, 2018

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the rejection of legal bills for Scariano, Himes & Petrarca, Chtd dated March 1, 2018: Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 1 (Chapman); ABSENT – 0; ABSTAIN – 1 (Smith). **The motion carried 6-1.**

N. FUNDRAISERS

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the fundraisers for Lincoln Early Learning Center for November 2018 or December 2018 and Spring Break March 2019 or April 2019, Martin Luther King Elementary School, American Heart Association - Kids Heart Challenge, April 18, 2019, Rosa L. Parks Middle School "Turkey Trot" 2nd Quarter Family Night, November 16, 2018, Rosa L. Parks Middle School Winter Formal, January 18, 2019, Rosa L. Parks Middle School "Game Night" - Family Night, February 23, 2019, Rosa L. Parks Middle School March Madness Basketball Tournament, March 8, 2019, Rosa L. Parks Middle School Spring Fling Dance, May 3, 2019, Rosa L. Parks Middle School 4th Annual School Carnival, May 17, 2019: 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.**

O. FIELD TRIP REQUEST FOR MYSTIC BLUE CRUISE LINES (NAVY PIER)

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the request for Mystic Blue Cruise Lines (Navy Pier): 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.**

P. AFSCME AGREEMENT

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Cudjo-Kelly seconded to approve the AFSCME Agreement: 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.**

Q. BOARD MEMBER REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

Member Bowman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the transportation for Board Member to attend the IASB/IASA/Illinois ASBO Joint Annual Conference: Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 0; ABSTAIN – 1 (Chapman). **The motion carried 6-0.**

OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Conference Requests

1. Dr. Deborah Hill, Assistant Superintendent, to attend the *National Conference on Education (AASA)*, February 14-16, 2019, Los Angeles, CA - **Title I Funds**

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the conference request: AYE – 7 (Rateree, Smith, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 0; ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 7-0.**

B. BUILDING USAGE REQUEST

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the building usage request: 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.**

C. FOIA REQUESTS – *Information*

- 1) Zak Koeske of Tronc Inc. for information regarding Dr. Bridges and Search Firms

D. IMRF VOTING RESOLUTION

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Cudjo-Kelly seconded to approve the IMRF Voting Resolution: 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.**

15. FYI (*INFO*)

- A. Election Day, No School for Students - November 6, 2018
- B. Parent Teacher Conferences - November 8-9, 2018
- C. NABSE Conference - November 7-11, 2018
- D. National School Board Members' Day - November 15, 2018
- E. 2018 Joint Annual Conference - November 16-18, 2018
- F. Thanksgiving Break - November 21-23, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Chapman moved and Member Hudson-Walker 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 9:23 p.m.

Bonnie Rateree, President

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Secretary