

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147
DECEMBER 3, 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, December 3, 2018 at 7:14 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

Board Members: Bonnie Rateree
 Pamela Cudjo-Kelly
 Helen Randall
 Mable Chapman
 Hazel Bowman
 Margie Hudson-Walker

Absent: Michael Smith

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. Add Letter E under #13 Action Items to allow the Superintendent's Secretary in executive session.
2. Add Letter F - possible action on (2) Building Usage Requests.

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 – 6 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

A. PRESENTATION

1. Shawntina Matthews of Adults Active in Youth Development presented to the Board of Education the partnership with Rosa Parks Middle School. The organization will work with students who are at-risk and to identify who will need the most help and will provide support and interventions for the students.

Public Comments

Speaker(s):	Jerrilyn Parker, Local Teacher Union 604 President and West Harvey-Dixmoor 147 Case Manager
Topic:	Teachers inquired on information for grant writing. Requesting if the Board of Education would consider to move the Citizen Inquiry further in the agenda to hear the information and ask questions later within the board meeting. A meeting will be scheduled with the foundation and Board Member Cudjo-Kelly will bring back the requested information at a later date.

Speaker(s):	Cynthia Mossuto, Trustee, Village of Dixmoor
Topic:	Gave background on Breakfast with Santa Claus and requested to use Lincoln Early Learning Center for building usage.

Speaker(s):	Gail Simington, First Grade Teacher, Martin Luther King Elementary School
Topic:	Expressed concern regarding funding for field trips this school year. Superintendent Miller explained that field trips have been on hold due to finances.

Speaker(s):	Jerrilyn Parker, Local Teacher Union 604 President and West Harvey-Dixmoor 147 Case Manager
Topic:	Q: Is it true that students will not take PARCC this year? A: It's called the Illinois Assessment and students will take the test this school year.

Speaker(s):	Erica Butler, Parent, Dixmoor, IL
Topic:	Recognition and appreciation to the Board of Education and Jerrilyn Parker for assistance with her child's progress in school.

Speaker(s):	Bonnie Rateree, Board President
Topic:	Women of Wisdom 2 nd Annual Dinner, Ruby's Soul Food, Country Club Hills, IL. The celebration will honor women for their commitment in their community.

APPROVE MINUTES AND BILLS

Approve Minutes, Regular Meeting, November 5, 2018

MOTION

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the minutes with the correction of Action Item I - Approval for increase of the Superintendent's Secretary's salary as presented in the previous board meeting held on November 5, 2018. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

1. Approval of Bills, November Accounts Payables in the amount of \$435,984.50 - Recommend approval of the bills payables as presented.

Discussion on November Payables.

Noted: Board Member Chapman expressed concern regarding several bills from Janice Preston Educational Services that total \$13,600. Board Member Hudson-Walker mentioned that she spoke with Dr. David Lopez regarding Todd and has informed his position.

MOTION

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Cudjo-Kelly seconded to approve the Bills, November Accounts Payables 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 – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

2. Approval of Bills, November Payrolls in the amount of \$1,018,087.10 Recommend approval of the payrolls as presented.

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the Bills, November Payrolls 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 – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee - Illinois Association School Board Delegate Assembly News Release - IASB member school boards vote on student safety and protection resolutions and the vote was not in favor.

Report - Several PRESS Policy packages from 2015 - 2018 had not been returned by the Superintendent's Secretary/Secretary for the Board of Education, therefore the PRESS subscription was in jeopardy. Superintendent Miller and Board Member Chapman came together to rectify the situation. There will be a meeting scheduled to go over new packets and other policies.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a) Spotlight: The All-Star recognition will start back in January 2019.

b) The District Office Holiday Hours schedules will be discussed in closed session.
Schedule 1 - District Office closed 12/24-12/26, and 12/31, 1/1-1/2. The District Office will open 12/27-28 and 1/3-1/4 with the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Schedule 2 - District Office closed 12/25-12/26, and 1/1-1/2. The District Office will open 12/24, 12/31, and 1/3-1/4 with the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Schedule 3 - District Office closed 12/24-12/26, and 12/31, 1/1-1/2. The District Office will open 12/27-28 and 1/3-1/4 with the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

c) Enter in Negotiations with School District 205 - District 205 would like to look into one of the buildings and Superintendent Miller would like to have action from the Board of Education directing to do so.

d) November Enrollment Report: The student enrollment for November 2018 is 1,034.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

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

***Entered Closed Session at 7:58 p.m.**

***Returned to Regular Meeting at 9:10 p.m.**

MOTION

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

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. Enter into Dialogue Regarding Negotiations with District 205

MOTION

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve Superintendent Miler to enter into a dialogue regarding negotiations with one of the locations with District 205: Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

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

1. Nakiya Duncan, Food Service, Lincoln Early Learning Center, Resignation, effective November 28, 2018
2. LaToya Chenault, Lunch Room Monitor, Rosa Parks Middle School, Resignation, effective November 30, 2018

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Cudjo-Kelly seconded to approve the resignation of Nakiya Duncan, Food Service, Lincoln Early Learning Center, effective November 28, 2018 and LaToya Chenault, Lunch Room Monitor, Rosa Parks Middle School, effective November 30, 2018. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 6 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 6-0.**

C. NEW HIRES

1. Jason Fields - Custodian - effective December 4, 2018
2. Lynda Wheeler - Food Service (Rosa Parks Middle School) - effective December 4, 2018
3. Tuesday Few - (Instructional Leader for Lincoln Early Learning Center) Grant Funded - effective December 4, 2018

MOTION

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

D. RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMINATION OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF

1. Remona Kimbrough, Food Service

MOTION

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

2. Angela Green, Food Service - reasons discussed in closed session

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the termination for reasons discussed in closed session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 1 (Randall); ABSENT – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 5-1.**

E. ALLOWING SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY IN EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

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

F. APPROVAL OF FACILITY RENTALS FOR THE VILLAGE OF DIXMOOR AND THE WOMEN OF WISDOM

MOTION

Member Chapman moved, Member Cudjo-Kelly seconded to approve the facility rentals for the Village of Dixmoor and the Women of Wisdom for the discussed compensatory rates. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Chapman, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 1 (Randall); ABSENT – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 5-1.**

OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONFERENCE REQUESTS

- No Conference Requests

B. FOIA REQUESTS - No FOIA Requests

15. FYI (INFO)

- A. Superintendent's Coffee Talk: Family Reading Night - December 5, 2018 : King Elementary School from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- B. Winter Break - Monday, December 24, 2018 - Friday, January 4, 2019
- C. District Holiday Hours - will be posted on the website and on the school buildings

16. DISTRICT OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

District Office closed 12/24-12/26, and 12/31, 1/1-1/2. The District Office will remain open 12/27-28 and 1/3-1/4 with the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

MOTION

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the district office holiday hours. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Rateree, Cudjo-Kelly, Randall, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 1 (Chapman); ABSENT – 1 (Smith); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 5-1.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Randall moved and Member Cudjo-Kelly 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 9:37 p.m.

Bonnie Rateree, President

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Secretary