

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147  
MARCH 14, 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 Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:58 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

Absent:

- Dr. David Lopez, Director of Pupil and Personnel Services
- Gary Ofisher, Interim Business Manager

**APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Table Item J under Action Items.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Thornton Township District 205 Reaching for the Stars Gala will be on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

**PRESENTATION**

- A. Ms. Garcia with Aunt Martha's Health and Wellness has received a grant for an Illinois Welcoming Center. It is a comprehensive service center for the integration of immigrants and refugees in Illinois. A flyer will be sent home to the families.
- B. Black Oaks Center/Healthy Food Hub will attend the next Board meeting.

**Public Comments**

Speaker(s):	Linda Allen, Teacher/Treasurer PTA, Rosa L. Parks Middle School
Topic:	A working elevator is needed at Rosa Parks Middle School with students who are unable to take the stairs.  The issue has been addressed and looking at getting a lift installed before the end of the school year at Rosa Parks and King School.

Speaker(s):	Ms. Butler, District 147 Grandparent and Great-Grandparent
Topic:	Attended Rosa Parks Middle School's Black History Program and it was phenomenal!

Speaker(s):	Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Board Secretary
Topic:	LaPrentis Cudjo Memorial Scholarship Fund will award a \$200 scholarship and a plaque to two students in the Rosa Parks Middle School eighth grade Class of 2019. The applications are due by April 30, 2019.

Speaker(s):	Erica Butler, District 147 Parent and Grandparent
Topic:	Attended Lincoln Early Learning Center's Black History Program and it was one of the best programs.

Speaker(s):	Bonnie Rateree, Board President
Topic:	Offered condolences to Veronica Keel (PPS Administrative Assistant) and her husband in the passing of their son. There was a moment of silence on behalf of the family.

Speaker(s):	Jerrilyn Parker, President, West Harvey Federation of Teachers Local 604
Topic:	Requested update that would allow teachers to apply for a grant to bring additional activities to the students asked earlier in the year.  A Foundation meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2019 to be reviewed.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Ms. Rateree addressed to the Board of Education, staff, and community her concerns on where the district is at this point and the desire to get back on track.

## **APPROVE MINUTES AND BILLS**

Approve Minutes, Regular Meeting, February 4, 2019

### **MOTION**

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the minutes as presented. 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.**

1. Approval of Bills, February Accounts Payables in the amount of \$445,999.67 - Recommend approval of the bills payables as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Randall moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the Bills, February 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, February Payrolls in the amount of \$669,363.30  
Recommend approval of the payrolls as presented.

### **MOTION**

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the Bills, February 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**

Personnel Committee - interviewed candidates for the Business Manager position.

Finance Committee - Superintendent Miller went over payroll and consultant procedures.

Policy Committee - will review travel policy.

Buildings and Grounds Committee - met on February 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The Life Safety applications will need to be approved. The minutes will be posted on the District website.

Foundation Committee - will send letters out to get new members on board. The meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2019.

## **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, handed the students an All-Star certificate.

Superintendent Miller showed appreciation to Ms. Joan Chrisler with South Suburban LINKS, who sponsor Martin Luther King Elementary School students.

Presented a video presentation highlighting Martin Luther King Elementary School staff and Martin Luther King Elementary School Choir performing at the Chicago State University Gospel Fest.

Business Office Report - presented the 2018-2019 budget and the concerns.

Universal Dental Clinic donated a \$2,000 check and a thank you note was sent.

Superintendent Miller recognized Ms. Parker and Mrs. Hampton on doing a wonderful job presenting at the ESSA Conference.

February Enrollment Report - The student enrollment for February is 1,040.

**ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION**

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Bowman 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 8:57 p.m.**

**\*Returned to Regular Meeting at 10:12 p.m.**

Member Chapman 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 Taken.

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

1. Anne Webb, Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School, Family Medical Leave of Absence

**MOTION**

Member Chapman moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve Anne Webb, Teacher, Rosa Parks Middle School, Family Medical Leave of Absence 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. Dr. David Lopez, Director of Pupil and Personnel Services, District Office, Resignation, effective June 30, 2019

**C. NEW HIRES**

1. Latoya Pierce - Food Service Worker

**MOTION**

Member Hudson-Walker moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve Latoya Pierce, Food Service Worker 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.**

**D. POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY ACTION OF NON-CERTIFIED STAFF MEMBER**

**MOTION**

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

**E. LIFE SAFETY URGENT AND REQUIRED ITEMS FOR KICH, LINCOLN, KING, AND ROSA PARKS**

**MOTION**

Member Smith moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve the Life Safety Urgent and Required Items for Kich, Lincoln, King, and Rosa Parks: 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. INTERNET SERVICES FOR KICH, LINCOLN, KING AND ROSA PARKS WITH COMCAST BUSINESS INC. FOR 3 YEARS**

**MOTION**

Member Chapman moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve Internet Services for Kich, Lincoln, King, and Rosa Parks with Comcast Business Inc. for 3 years: 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.**

**G. APPROVE THE PUBLICATION OF BIDS FOR REPLACEMENT PICK-UP FOR SNOW PLOWING - *Table***

**H. APPROVAL OF LAND APPRAISAL REGARDING TAX PROTEST**

**MOTION**

Member Chapman moved, Member Randall seconded to approve Land Appraisal Regarding Tax: 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.**

**I. APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ARCHITECT - *Table***

**J. APPROVE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT OF BUSINESS MANAGER - *Table***

**OLD BUSINESS – No Old Business.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

1. Rese Jo Neal, Principal, Lincoln Early Learning Center, to attend the *ASCD Empower 19 Conference* on March 16-18, 2019, Chicago, IL - ***Title I Funds***
2. Board Members - Mable Chapman and Helen Randall to attend the *Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity* on March 21-22, 2019, Tinley Park, IL - ***District Funds***

**MOTION**

Member Randall moved, Member Chapman seconded to approve conference requests: 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. FOIA REQUESTS - No FOIA Requests**

FYI (*INFO*)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Smith moved and Member Chapman seconded to adjourn the regular 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 10:26 p.m.

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**Bonnie Rateree, President**

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**Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Secretary**