

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The special 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, December 16, 2019, 2019 at 6:04 P.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Upon the roll being called, the following were present:

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

Absent: Kenneth Henderson
Pamela Cudjo-Kelly

Administration: Johnnetta Miller, Superintendent
Dr. Deborah Hill, Assistant Superintendent
Corina Herrera, Coordinator of Pupil and Personnel Services

APPROVAL OR MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add Item E - Pay increase for LaToya Pierce, Food Service Utility Worker

MOTION

Member Rateree moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the modification to the agenda. Upon a roll call vote taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Chapman, Randall, Rateree, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly); ABSTAIN – 0.
The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

Speaker(s):	Bonnie Rateree, Board Member
Topic:	Invitation to the Holiday Open House on December 20, 2019, Oak Forest, Illinois, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION

Member Rateree moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to adjourn to Closed Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Chapman, Randall, Rateree, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly); ABSTAIN – 0.
The motion carried 5-0.

***Entered Closed Session at 6:11 p.m.**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION

Member Rateree moved, Member Bowman seconded to return to Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Chapman, Randall, Rateree, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

***Returned to Special Meeting at 6:58 p.m.**

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. CONFERENCE APPROVAL - ESSA CONFERENCE-18 STAFF MEMBERS (2 PER DAY, PER SCHOOL) FEB. 10TH - 12TH - **TITLE FUNDS**

MOTION

Member Rateree moved, Member Hudson-Walker seconded to approve the conference request for the ESSA Conference. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Chapman, Randall, Rateree, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

- B. CONFERENCE APPROVAL - MABLE CHAPMAN, BOARD PRESIDENT, TO ATTEND THE NSBA ADVOCACY INSTITUTE CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 2-4, 2020, WASHINGTON, D.C. - **DISTRICT FUNDS**

MOTION

Member Rateree moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve the conference request for Board President Mable Chapman to attend the NSBA Advocacy Institute. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Chapman, Randall, Rateree, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

- C. STIPEND APPROVAL FOR CASE MANAGER FOR \$2,500 UP TO DECEMBER 20, 2019

MOTION

Member Rateree moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve stipend for Case Manager for \$2,500 up to December 20, 2019. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 4 (Chapman, Rateree, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly); ABSTAIN – 1 (Randall). **The motion carried 4-0.**

- D. APPROVAL TO RESCHEDULE REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE FROM FEBRUARY 3, 2020 TO FEBRUARY 10, 2020

MOTION

Member Rateree moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve to reschedule Board meeting date from February 3, 2020 to February 10, 2020. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Chapman, Randall, Rateree, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly); ABSTAIN – 0. **The motion carried 5-0.**

E. PAY INCREASE FOR LATOYA PIERCE, FOOD SERVICE UTILITY WORKER

MOTION

Member Rateree moved, Member Bowman seconded to approve pay increase for LaToya Pierce: Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: AYE – 5 (Chapman, Randall, Rateree, Bowman, Hudson-Walker); NAY – 0; ABSENT – 2 (Henderson, Cudjo-Kelly); ABSTAIN – 0.
The motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION (No Action)

CHC Lawsuit

Superintendent Miller stated that there was a small victory with the CHC lawsuit and there will be more in-depth discussion at the January Board meeting.

Traffic Accident

Superintendent Miller reiterated that one of the school buses from Lincoln Early Learning Center was involved in a traffic accident with a train. Thankfully, no one was injured and all the students were checked by paramedics and released to their parents.

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 special meeting of the West Harvey-Dixmoor 147 Board of Education. Upon a voice call being taken, all were in favor and **the motion carried 5-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Mable Chapman, President

Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Secretary