

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147  
Monday, August 4, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

The Board of Education of West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order by Board President Michael Smith, on Monday, August 4, 2025 at 7:03 P.M.

**ROLL CALL -**

**Board Members Present:** Sharron McGee  
Mable Chapman  
Michael Smith  
Bonnie Rateree  
Hazel Bowman

**Absent:** Terry Young  
Kenneth Henderson

**Administration Present:** Dr. Kenneth Scott, Superintendent  
Camille Robinson, Assistant Superintendent  
Janiesa Owens, CSBO  
Jacqueline Renko, Bilingual Director  
Theresa Smith, Exec Dir of Specialized Services

**II. Approval or Modifications to the Agenda**

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman to Approve the Agenda. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motion carried 5-0.

**III. Approve July Special Board Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman to Approve the July Special Meeting Minutes. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motion carried 5-0.

**IV. Adjourn to Closed Session**

Ms. Bowman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Chapman to Adjourn to Closed Session. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Bowman, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. McGee, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motion carried 5-0 at 7:06pm.

*The purpose as permitted by provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 et seq, it is expected that the Board will recess to closed session to consider information regarding: (1)the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District; (2)collective negotiation matters of deliberation of salary schedules; (3)imminent or probable litigation; (4)evidence or testimony presented in a closed hearing; and (5) student disciplinary matters.*

**V. Return to Regular Meeting**

Ms. Rateree moved and it was seconded by Ms. McGee to adjourn the Closed Session and Return to the Regular Meeting. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Rateree, Ms. McGee, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motioned carried 5-0 at 7:30pm.

**VI. Citizen Inquiry (5 minutes permitted- name and address)**

No audience inquiries.

**VII. Approve July Payables in the amount of \$1,302,311.42**

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman to Approve the July Payables totaling \$1,302,311.42. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, Ms. McGee, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motioned carried 5-0.

**VIII. Approve July Payroll in the amount of \$574,407.51**

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman to Approve the July Payroll totaling \$574,407.51. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. McGee, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motioned carried 5-0.

**IX. Board Committee Reports**

Member Chapman informed the Board that the Policy Committee met to review Policy Issue 118 for recommended changes and updates and that the committee will reconvene to finalize and bring to the Board at the September meeting for approval. Vice President Bowman commented that the Personnel Committee is scheduled to meet on Tuesday, August 12, 2025.

**X. Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Scott shared with the Board and audience members that there will be a Superintendent's Reception on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5p – 7p in the Rosa Parks Middle School Gym.

**XI. Department Reports**

Ms. Owens presented the FY26 Tentative Budget to the Board. Ms. Owens then informed the Board that per mandate the Budget will be posted in the local newspaper and will be on the September agenda for approval.

**XII. Action Items**

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Rateree to Approve Action Items on a Consent Agenda including all listed items (1-14). On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motioned carried 5-0.

**XIII. Approve Personnel Report to Include Employment, Resignation, Retirement, and Leave of Absence of Administrative, Certified, Classified, and Non-Union Staff (Policy 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; Policy 5:210 Resignations and Retirements; Policy 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity)**

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman to Approve the Personnel Recommendations on a Consent Agenda including items 1-10 and 12-13, removing item 11 as listed. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motioned carried 5-0.

**XIV. Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business on the table.

**XV. New Business**

Ms. Bowman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Chapman to Approve New Business Items 1-4. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motioned carried 5-0.

**XVI. Conference Request Approvals**

Ms. McGee moved and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman to Approve Conference Requests 1-5. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. Motioned carried 5-0.

**XVII. FYI**

No information was shared.

**XVIII. FOIA Requests**

Ms. Chapman read aloud each FOIA Requests as the Board reviewed. Administration then shared that each request has been or is currently being answered accordingly.

**XIX. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board in open session, Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. McGee to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of West Harvey-Dixmoor District 147. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Rateree, Ms. McGee, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, and Mr. Smith; Nay: None. Absent: Mr. Henderson and Mr. Young. The motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Michael Smith, President

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Mable Chapman, Secretary