

Regular Board Meeting Minutes
West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147
Monday, November 3, 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, November 3, 2025 at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL -

Board Members Present: Terry Young
Mable Chapman
Michael Smith
Hazel Bowman
Kenneth Henderson (7:03pm)
Bonnie Rateree (7:04pm)

Absent: Sharron McGee

Administration Present: Dr. Kenneth Scott, Superintendent
April Branch, Director of Technology
Janiesa Owens, CSBO
Jacqueline Renko, Bilingual Director
Louisa Shannon, Assistant Director of CIA
Theresa Smith, Exec Dir of Specialized Services

II. Approval or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. Bowman moved and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson to Approve the Agenda. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Mr. Henderson, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motion carried 6-0.

III. Approve October 20, 2025 Regular Business Meeting Minutes

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Rateree to Approve the October 20, 2025 Regular Business Meeting Minutes. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, Mr. Young, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Adjourn to Closed Session

Mr. Henderson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman to Adjourn to Closed Session. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Mr. Henderson, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Young, Ms. Rateree, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motion carried 6-0 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. Chapman to adjourn the Closed Session and Return to the Regular Meeting. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Rateree, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motioned carried 6-0 at 7:30pm.

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

Board Secretary Ms. Chapman commented on the Hispanic Heritage Assembly and gave kudos to the event coordinators, staff and the band.

VII. Approve October Payables in the amount of \$1,847,393.42

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Bowman to Approve the October Payables in the amount of \$1,847,393.42. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Young, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motioned carried 6-0.

VIII. Approve October Payroll in the amount of \$952,602.56

Ms. Rateree moved and it was seconded by Mr. Young to Approve the October Payroll in the amount of \$952,602.56. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Mr. Young, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motioned carried 6-0.

IX. Board Committee Reports

Vice President Bowman gave a brief Personnel Report highlighting the start date of the new Front Office Administrative Assistant.

X. Superintendent's Report
During the Superintendent's Report Dr. Scott introduced Ms. Shannon to speak on the newly released IL Report Card designations for WHD 147. In addition, Dr. Scott turned the Board's attention to the Quarterly Review included in their packet.

XI. Department Reports
Ms. Owens presented the FY25 Tentative Levy Presentation with information included on the timeline for Board approval and submission to ISBE.

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: Mr. Henderson, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Young, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motioned carried 6-0.

**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)**
Mr. Henderson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Chapman to Approve the Personnel Recommendations on a Consent Agenda including items 1-5 as listed. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Mr. Young, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motioned carried 6-0.

XIV. Unfinished Business
No unfinished business on the table.

XV. New Business
Ms. Rateree moved and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson to Approve New Business Items 1 and 2. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Bowman, Mr. Young, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motioned carried 6-0.

XVI. Conference Request Approvals
Ms. Rateree moved and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson to Approve Conference Requests 1-16 on consent. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Chapman, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Young, Ms. Bowman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. Motioned carried 6-0.

XVII. **FYI**

No information was shared.

XVIII. **FOIA Requests**

No FOIA Request submitted.

XIX. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board in open session, Ms. Rateree moved and it was seconded by Mr. Smith to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of West Harvey-Dixmoor District 147. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, and Mr. Smith; Nay: None. Absent: Ms. McGee. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

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Michael Smith, President

Vice President

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Mable Chapman, Secretary