

**REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147
SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Vice President Hazel Bowman, on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:10 P.M.

ROLL CALL -

Board Members Present:

Hazel Bowman
Mable Chapman
Michael Smith
Terry Young
Sharron McGee (6:47pm)
Kenneth Henderson (6:50pm)
Bonnie Rateree (6:59pm)

Administration Present:

Dr. Kenneth Scott, Superintendent
Camille Robinson, Assistant Superintendent
(In audience)
Janiesa Owens, CSBO
Jacqueline Renko, Bilingual Director
Theresa Smith, Exe. Director of Specialized Services
Justin Petrarca, Attorney

Also Present:

II. Approval or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. McGee moved and it was seconded by Mr. Smith to Approve the Agenda. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. Henderson, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried 7-0.

III. Approve August Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Ms. Young to Approve the June Regular and Special Meeting Minutes. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Young, Ms. Bowman, Mr. Henderson, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried 7-0.

IV. Adjourn to Closed Session

Mr. Henderson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Chapman to Adjourn to Closed Session. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Mr. Henderson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Young, Ms. McGee, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, and Ms.

Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:14pm.

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 Mr. Henderson to adjourn the Closed Session and Return to the Regular Meeting. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Mr. Henderson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Young, Ms. McGee, Ms. Rateree, Ms. Chapman, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motion carried 7-0 at 8:30pm.

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

(Policy 2:230- Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board); (Policy 8:10 Connection with the Community); (Policy 8:30- Visitors to and Conduct on School Property).

VII. Approve August Payables in the amount of \$414,584.29

Mr. Young moved and it was seconded by Ms. Chapman to Approve the August Payables totaling \$414,584.29. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Henderson, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0.

VIII. Approve August Payroll in the amount of \$813,779.99

Ms. Rateree moved and it was seconded by Ms. McGee to Approve the August Payroll totaling \$813,779.99. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Smith, Mr. Henderson, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0.

IX. Board Committee Reports

Vice President Bowman reported that she met with the Personnel Committee for their August meeting and is in the process of scheduling the September meeting. Mr. Henderson then shared that he will be meeting with the Buildings & Grounds Committee in September as well. After that, Ms. Chapman announced that she will be meeting with the Policy Committee to make updates and corrections to Issue 115 submitted in May.

X. Superintendent's Report

Ms. Smith, Executive Director of Specialized Services did a brief presentation on what is happening in the Specialized Services Department; including the launching of the West Harvey-Dixmoor Family Education Center, to have its first event on September 30, 2025 to kick-off the opening of the new center.

Next, Ms. Kupec, District Band Director presented a proposal to the Board to implement band for all students in the middle school. Ms. Kupec stressed the importance of every student being introduced to an instrument.

XI. Department Reports

No reports presented.

XII. Action Items

Mr. Henderson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Rateree to Approve Action Items on a Consent Agenda including items 1-27. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Mr. Henderson, Ms. McGee, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0.

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 Mr. Henderson to Approve the Personnel Recommendations on a Consent Agenda including items 1-14. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Smith, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0.

XIV. Unfinished Business

Mr. Henderson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Rateree to Approve the Ratification of Press Policy Issue 118. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Smith, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0.

XV. New Business

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson to Approve the FY26 Budget. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Mr.

Henderson, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Bowman.
Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0.

XVI. Conference Request Approvals

Mr. Henderson moved and it was seconded by Mr. Young to Approve Conference Requests 1-9. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0.

XVII. FYI


No information was shared.

XVIII. FOIA Requests

No FOIA Request to report.

XIX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board in open session, Ms. Rateree moved to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting of West Harvey-Dixmoor District 147; it was seconded by Mr. Henderson. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Rateree, Ms. McGee, Ms. Chapman, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Bowman. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. The motion carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.


Michael Smith, President


Mable Chapman, Secretary