

**SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147
THURSDAY, JULY 17, 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 Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL -

Board Members Present: Sharron McGee
Mable Chapman
Michael Smith
Kenneth Henderson
Bonnie Rateree (7:12pm)
Hazel Bowman (via zoom)
Terry Young

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

II. Approval or Modifications to the Agenda

Ms. McGee moved and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson to Approve the Agenda. 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: Ms. Rateree. Motion carried 6-0.

III. Approve June Regular and Special 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: Ms. Rateree. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Adjourn to Closed Session

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

Chapman, Mr. Henderson, Ms. McGee, Mr. Young, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ms. Rateree. Motion carried 6-0 at 7:07pm.

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 (arrived at 7:12pm) 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. Young, Ms. Rateree, Ms. McGee, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Chapman, Ms. Bowman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0 at 7:49pm.

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

Pastor James Perry of Harvey, IL stood to invite district staff and administration to attend a Back to School event on August 16, 2025 at 151st and Vine Street.

Ms. Parker, D147, stood to bring a concern and awareness to the Board and Administration regarding the school lunch program; offered her thoughts on improvement for the upcoming school year.

VII. Approve June Payables in the amount of \$1,693,740.61

Mr. Young moved and it was seconded by Ms. Chapman to Approve the June Payables totaling \$1,693,740.61. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: Mr. Henderson. Abstain: Ms. McGee. Absent: None. Motioned carried 5-1.

VIII. Approve June Payroll in the amount of \$964,102.15

Mr. Henderson moved and it was seconded by Ms. Chapman to Approve the June Payroll totaling \$964,102.15. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Mr. Henderson, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: Ms. McGee. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 6-1.

IX. Board Committee Reports

Member Chapman commented that she and other members and staff attended the homegoing services of a retired teacher and parent of the district. Ms. Chapman provided both families with a resolution on behalf of the Board of Education and WHD District 147.

X. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Scott introduced the Board to Selena Decker who provided a brief overview of the GEC Program, who'll aid in securing certified teaching staff.

XI. Department Reports

No reports presented.

XII. Action Items

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Mr. Young to Approve Action Items on a Consent Agenda including items 1-52. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. 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 1-18 and 20-58; item 19 was removed and item 41 was corrected to reflect "retirement" and not "resignation" as was listed. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. Motioned carried 7-0.

XIV. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business on the table.

XV. New Business

Ms. Chapman moved and it was seconded by Mr. Henderson to Approve New Business Items 1-4. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ms. Bowman (left meeting at 8:34pm). Motioned carried 6-0.

XVI. Conference Request Approvals

Mr. Henderson moved and it was seconded by Mr. Young to Approve Conference Requests 1-10 and 12-13; request 11 was removed. On roll call the following members voted Aye: Ms. McGee, Mr. Henderson, Ms. Rateree, Mr. Young, Ms. Chapman, and Mr. Smith. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ms. Bowman. Motioned carried 6-0.

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. Rateree moved to adjourn the Special 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, and Mr. Smith; Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Ms. Bowman. The motion carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

Michael Smith, President

Mable Chapman, Secretary