

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WEST HARVEY-DIXMOOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 147  
OCTOBER 17, 2023**

The Board of Education of West Harvey-Dixmoor School District 147, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order by Board President Michael Smith, on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 6:10 P.M.

**I. ROLL CALL - Present:**

Board Members:       Michael Smith  
                              Mable Chapman  
                              Hazel Bowman  
                              Bonnie Rateree  
                              Pamela Cudjo-Kelly  
                              Terry Young

Absent:                   Ronnie Lee

Administration:       Dr. Creg Williams, Interim Superintendent  
                              Dr. Jerry Jordan, Interim Superintendent  
                              Mrs. Camille Robinson, Assistant Superintendent

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. The Board requested information on the following: enrollment and staff count; class sizes for each school; consultants, vendor list; and annual financial reports for fiscal years 2021 and 2022.
2. Immigrant students enrolled in the schools; developing a newcomers plan; hiring a new ELL Coordinator.
3. The concrete work that was done at King Elementary School by A&R is deteriorating and needs to be repaired/replaced. The administration will contact the vendor.
4. Update regarding the Thornton Township Treasurer Office. The administration will be recommending our withdrawal from the treasurer..

**MOTION TO GO TO CLOSED SESSION**

Member Chapman asked for a motion to go into closed session for 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. **The motion was made by Member Bowman to go into closed session.** Member Rateree seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the vote was: AYE, 6 - Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman, Bonnie Rateree, Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Terry Young; NAY, 0; ABSTAIN, 0; ABSENT, 1-Ronnie Lee. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Member Bowman moved to return to open session; Member Rateree seconded the motion. Roll call: AYE, 6 - Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman, Bonnie Rateree, Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Terry Young; NAY, 0; ABSTAIN-0; ABSENT, 1- Ronnie Lee. **The motion carried 6-0.**

**CITIZEN'S INQUIRY**

One comment was made.

**ACTION**

1. Approve discipline action for Eric Lee as discussed in closed session.

**MOTION**

Member Cudjo-Kelly moved to approve the discipline action as presented; Member Chapman seconded the motion. The motion was withdrawn. **The motion died.**

2. Approve discipline action for James Coleman as discussed in closed session.

**MOTION**

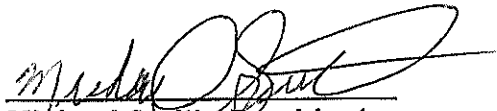
No motion was made. **The motion died.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

There being no further business to come before the Board in Open Session, Member Chapman moved to adjourn the regular board meeting of West-Harvey Dixmoor 147; Member Rateree seconded the motion. AYE, 6 -Mable Chapman, Michael Smith, Hazel Bowman, Bonnie Rateree, Pamela Cudjo-Kelly, Terry Young; NAY, 0; ABSTAIN, 0; ABSENT, 1- Ronnie Lee. **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

  
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Michael Smith, President

  
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Mable Chapman, Secretary