Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
May 12, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by Member Miller on May 12, 2022 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Absent; Davis, Stern and Rising.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Lisa Stuart, Rhonda Ryba, Julia M., S. Palacios, Andrew Morgan, Keitia White, Shereen McKnight, Leisl Brown and Julie Stephan.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to appoint President Pro Temporary Lamarr Miller. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Public Comment

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to open the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to close the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Communications

Member Oberman acknowledged that the board received a thank you note from the family of James Coglianese for a floral arrangement sent to Mr. Coglianese's funeral service.

Administrator Presentation and Student Acknowledgement

Dr. Zotto and Ms. Stuart presented three Wilson students with certificates of achievement and took photos with the students and families in attendance.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda (below):

a. Board Meeting Minutes:
    i. Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session on 04/13/2022
b. FY23 Student Handbook
c. Resignation of Ronald Kooima, effective 05/06/2022
d. Resignation of Amaranta Flores-Gualtieri, effective 05/27/2022

e. Unpaid Leave of Absence for Shannon Brown through 08/01/2022
f. Unpaid Leave of Absence for Juana Munoz through 05/31/2022

Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of April, 2022 in the amount of $877,256.28.
Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Member Franklin's NSBA conference expenses and reimbursements:

- Hotel: $1,348.12
- Flight: $496.95
- Conference Registration: $800.00
- Reimbursement for food and travel expenses: $369.81

Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long. Abstains; Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 3-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Member Miller's NSBA conference expenses and reimbursements:

- Hotel: $1,258.85
- Flight: $700.15
- Conference Registration: $1,020.00
- Reimbursement for food and travel expenses: $309.96

Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin. Abstains; Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 3-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the following pre-list of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents:

- Pre-list dated 05/12/2022 (Voucher #1251) in the amount of $316,894.86.

Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the following pre-list of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents:

- Pre-list dated 04/26/2022 (Voucher #1237) in the amount of $37,239.65.

Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve and Ratify the FY22 Agreement with Fresh Wind Transportation. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Adopt the Attendance Boundaries and Transportation Guidelines for FY23. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Adopt the Vehicular Hazard Approval Resolution for FY23. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to Approve the Agreement with TF North High School for 8th Grade Honors Algebra I Course. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve the FY23 Agreement with PowerSchool for SIS Maintenance and Support, Enrollment Registration and Enrollment School Locator. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve FY23 Agreement with Kickert School Bus Lines. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to Approve the Short-Term Program Agreement and the Safe Schools Program Agreement with Regional Institute for Scholastic Excellence. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto advised that he would provide the board with a schedule for the summer work in his next weekly update. He also discussed the HVAC univents at the Jr. High. A letter from JMA architects regarding installing ADA compliant door operators at two Jr. High doors were discussed and the board gave Dr. Zotto a directive to move forward with that work.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion that the board employ John Rejba as a 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Wentworth Jr. High for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place him on the appropriate lane and step of the 2022-2023 salary schedule. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the board employ Shrouq Mansour as an ESL Teacher at Wentworth Jr. High for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her on the appropriate lane and step of the 2022-2023 salary schedule. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the board employ Reon Gillespie as a 6th Grade English Language Arts Teacher at Wentworth Jr. High for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place him on the appropriate lane and step of the 2022-2023 salary schedule. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the board employ Louis Ingram as a Boys Physical Education Teacher at Wentworth Jr. High for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place him on the appropriate lane and step of the 2022-2023 salary schedule. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the board employ Raquel Salazar as a Bilingual Teacher at Wentworth Intermediate School for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her on the appropriate lane and step of the 2022-2023 salary schedule. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the board employ James Duggan as a School Social Worker for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place him on the appropriate lane and step of the 2022-2023 salary schedule. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Long, a motion that the board employ Crystal Garcia as a Bilingual AC Aide at Wentworth Jr. High for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Member Miller read the enrollment total: 993 students.

Policy

Policy Press and its recent update was discussed. Policies will be brought to the June or August meeting for a first reading.

SCOPE

There was no update.

FOIA Report
Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

Date of Request	April 11, 2022

Summary of Records Requested	Any and all purchasing records from 1/11/2022 to current 1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number 2. Purchase date 3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase) 4. Line item quantity 5. Line item price 6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address
Status of Response	The responsive records were sent via email on April 12, 2022

Date of Request	April 13, 2022
Summary of Records Requested	Bid Results/Tabulations or Award for: 04/07/2022 Calumet City School District No. 155 - Site Improvements at Wentworth Intermediate School, Wentworth Jr. High School, and Wilson School (Cook County) 04/07/2022 Calumet City School District No. 155 - Site Signs at Woodrow Wilson School, Wentworth Intermediate School, and Wentworth Jr. High School (Cook County) 04/07/2022 Calumet City School District No. 155 - Tuckpointing at Woodrow Wilson School (Cook County)
Status of Response	The responsive records were sent via email on April 13, 2022

Date of Request	April 17, 2022

Summary of Records Requested	Permission to inspect and receive copies of the following public records: 1. Most recent 3 months electric bills paid by School District 155. 2. Most recent 3 months gas bills paid by School District 155. 3. Current gas contract(s) between School District 155 and your gas supplier. 4. Current electric contract between School District 155 and your electric supplier.
Status of Response	The responsive records were sent via email on April 22, 2022

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Ms. Stephan highlighted Ms. Jurka as the teacher of the month for her dedication to her class and lesson plans.

Unfinished Business

A discussion took place around IASB membership and Dr. Zotto was directed by the board to hold off paying the district's dues to the organization for 90 days upon receipt of the invoice.

New Business

Mr. Jordan discussed a letter from ISBE regarding an EBF funding error calculation.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto acknowledged the administration and staff for their hard work to close out the year. He highlighted the teacher appreciation week. The district's participation in the scholastic bowl was also discussed.

Executive Session
Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and (2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (2). Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.
Time: 6:58 pm.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Time: 7:26 pm.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Addressing Designation and Pay Differential for Paraprofessionals Performing Certain Duties. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Designating 2022-2023 Salary for Candidate for Vacant School Nurse Position. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the board employ Viola Johnson as a School Nurse for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve a 4% base rate of pay increase effective July 1, 2022, for non-bargaining unit educational support staff members. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to Approve the Job Description for the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve 2022-2023 Employment Agreement with Assistant Principal James Safarik. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve 2022-2023 Employment Agreement with Assistant Principal Courtney Albert. Ayes: Franklin, Oberman. Nays; Miller, Long. Motion lost, 2-2.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve 2022-2023 Employment Agreement with Assistant Principal Jeanelle Smith. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve 2022-2023 Employment Agreement with Case Manager Kimberly Daniels. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve 2022-2023 Employment Agreement with Principal Alyssa Mostyn. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve 2022-2023 Employment Agreement with Principal Jennifer Seddon. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to Approve 2022-2023 Employment Agreement with Director of Student Services Denise McField. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve 2023-2024 Director of Buildings and Grounds Employment Agreement for Justin Valle. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to Approve Amendment to the Assistant to the Director of Buildings and Grounds Employment Agreement. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Pass; Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 3-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve Job Description for Chief School Business Official. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve 2022-2023 Chief School Business Official Employment Agreement for Adam Jordan. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve a 4% increase to base salary for Principal Andrew Morgan, effective July 1, 2022. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve a 4.5% increase to base salary for Assistant Superintendent Tara Lawrence, effective July 1, 2022. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve a 4% increase to base salary for Superintendent Dr. Joseph Zotto, effective July 1, 2022. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Franklin. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 3-1.

Adjournment
Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Miller, Oberman, Long, Franklin.. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Time: 7:34 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**