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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Davis on December 9, 2021 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Absent; Rising.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Julie Stephan, Leisl Brown, Tara Lawrence, Jennifer Seddon and Denise McField.

Public Comment

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to open the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to close the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Communications - none**.**

Administrator Presentation

Denise McField, Director of Student Services, provided updates to the board on the student services department. Topics highlighted included: the new district psychologist, a donation of student backpacks from a local organization, student-led IEP meetings, staff members becoming certified with ISBE as interpreter translators, piloting a communication device with our bilingual students, a recent covid vaccination clinic held at the district, a free ESL class (in person and virtual) for parents and community members, a parent university to present information to parents regarding their rights in regards to IEP's, and an upcoming mobile physician to provide free physicals to all students that qualify.

Food Service Discussion

Angela Smith from Preferred Meals presented and discussed with the board the district's food service program. Topics discussed included: Pre-plated meals, a partnership with Aviance (cook on site company), current menu options, potential future menu options, temperature checks, ordering enough food for all periods, hot breakfasts and logistical concerns in regards to that, what variety of options are available, a potential survey for students, continuous complaints from students, ensuring federal guidelines are adhered to, the current agreement and its end date, a potential waiver with the state to extend the agreement one additional year due to the supply

chain issues caused from the pandemic, preliminary data of a potential 12-15% increase in cost for the current food if the district went out to bid this year, cooking on site and pre-plated services are the same items but just a difference in where they are prepared, changes to a salad bar coming in the new year at the Jr. High, and the requirement for a district to award a bid to the lowest responsible bidder.

Consent Agenda

A board member that was absent in the previous meeting requested the board remove the board meeting minutes from the regular board meeting and executive session on 10/28/2021 from the consent agenda voting and have them be voted on separately.

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

a. FMLA leave:
    i. Rebecca Schwarzentraub
    ii. Nick Dwyer
    iii. Evangelina Perez
b. Retirement of Ellen Newman-Williams, effective 12/17/2021
c. Teacher Seniority List
d. Paraprofessional Seniority List
e. Alternative Site Partnership Agreement with TF North High School
f. Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor Job Description (funded out of ESSER III)

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session on 10/28/2021. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin. Nays; none. Abstain; Miller. Motion carried, 5-0.

Action Items Pertaining to Adopt of the 2021 Property Tax Levy for District 155

Adam Jordan, Executive Associate for District and Board Operations, presented an overview of the 2021 tax levy to the board. Among the topics discussed were: the estimations and assumptions of the data, the tax rate in the capped funds, total amount on the certificate of tax levy, the 2.22% increase in the total amount levied from the 2020 levy extended, the non-capped bond and interest levy projection and tax rate, and an estimated aggregate tax rate. Each of the four documents recommended for board approval were discussed. Also discussed was the recent legislation of Public Act 102-0519.

Moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve and adopt the 2021 Certificate of Tax Levy. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve and adopt the Resolution Directing the County Clerk as to Reduction of 2021 Levies for Funds Subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Final Aggregate Tax Levy for the Year 2021. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance with the Cook County Truth in Taxation Law. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Davis, a Motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of October, 2021 in the amount of $900,075.28.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve Vice President Stern's IASB conference expense reimbursement in the amount of $145.79.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve Member Franklin's IASB conference expense reimbursement in the amount of $178.28.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion to approve Member Rising's expense reimbursement from IASB conference in the amount of $168.21.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, 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 11/16/2021 (Voucher #1116) in the amount of $254,919.88.

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Franklin, 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 12/09/2021 (Voucher #1125) in the amount of $851,155.16.

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Dr. Zotto advised that it is expected the district will need to provide an additional counselor to meet the needs required in student IEP's.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the FY22 Agreement with ProCare Therapy.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the Agreement with American Institute for Research for professional development services.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Davis, a Motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing and Approving Lease Agreement in Connection with the Lease of Copier Equipment for Calumet City School District No. 155.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto updated the board on the previously approved projects (HVAC, windows at Wilson, doors and pre-K lockers) and their status.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the board employ Elizabeth Ramirez as a Building Secretary at Wentworth Intermediate School for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her on the appropriate entry level pay.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to approve the employment of Yoana Valdivia as a Part-Time Cleaner for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her on the appropriate entry level pay. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Member Stern read the Enrollment Total: 994 students and district enrollment trends were discussed.

Policy

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, in accordance with Board policy 2:240, a motion that the board approve a first reading and adoption of Board policy 5:350.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Abstain; Stern, Long. Motion carried, 4-0.

<u>Board Travel and Conference Stay Discussion</u>
Topics during this discussion included: policy 5:120, the number of conferences board members are able to attend per year, workshops at conferences that are at an additional cost, multiple people attending the same additional workshops, traveling back and forth each night for the IASB annual conference, amounts allowable for meals, and potentially removing a section from the policy regarding limiting the number of conferences that could be attend. The board agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

SCOPE

Dr. Zotto advised that a meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday which is being led by ISBE to discuss new state assessments.

The district's third party vendor for covid testing and not experiencing a supply chain shortage to this point was also discussed.

FOIA Report

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

Date of Request	October 25, 2021
Summary of Records Requested	• *electronic copies of the most recent Transportation RFP and Beverage (Milk/Water/Juice) RFP documents*
Status of Response	Requested documents were sent via email on October 27, 2021

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Ms. Stephan recognized the November teacher of the month, Ms. Morgan (1st Grade teacher at Wilson).

Unfinished Business - none.

New Business

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion to approve President Davis's conference registration, hotel stay, airfare and pre-conference workshop for the April, 2022 NSBA annual conference in the total amount of $2,071.01.
Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Davis. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve Vice President Stern's conference registration, hotel stay, airfare and pre-conference workshop for the April, 2022 NSBA annual conference in the total amount of $2,855.07.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 5-1.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve Member Franklin's conference registration, hotel stay, airfare and pre-conference workshop for the April, 2022 NSBA annual conference in the total amount of $2,645.07.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 5-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve Member Miller's conference registration, hotel stay, airfare and pre-conference workshops for the April, 2022 NSBA annual conference in the total amount of $2,959.29.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 5-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve Dr. Zotto's conference registration, hotel stay and airfare for the April, 2022 NSBA annual conference in the total amount of $1,974.02.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion for the good of the School District

IASB Conference Discussion
Board members discussed different takeaways from the IASB annual conference around topics including: the delegate assembly, electric school buses, strategic plans and setting district goals and direction, an organizer/planner for the board, board policies, camaraderie among the board at the conference, the superintendent evaluation and process, superintendent/board relations, a product for superintendent evaluations, keeping policies updated, health concerns for some that did not attend and policy press being used currently to comply with mandates/laws on district policies.

Board Development Discussion
Board members discussed a potential additional training from Dr. Steyskal and creating what they would like to be developed on.

Let the record show that Member Stern left the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) 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.. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 8:17 pm.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 8:49 pm.

Adjournment
Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 8:52 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**