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 at 6:39 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Stern (via phone call), Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Lisa Stuart, Rhonda Ryba, Stephanie Blanco, Julie Stephan, Charlie Russ, and Valerie Wilhoite.

Public Comment

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion to open the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to close the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Communications

There were no communications to be read.

Consent Agenda

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

a. Board Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting and executive session on November 12, 2020
b. Minutes of the Summer 2021 Food Service Program Opt-Out meeting on December 1, 2020
c. Teacher Seniority List
d. Paraprofessional Seniority List

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Action Items Pertaining to Adoption of the 2020 Property Tax Levy

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Rising, a Motion that the Board adopt the 2020 Certificate of Tax Levy. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Davis, a Motion that the Board sign the Certificate of Compliance with the Cook County Truth in Taxation Law. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Approve and Adopt Resolution Directing County Clerk As To Reduction of 2020 Levies for Funds Subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion that the Board Approve and Adopt Resolution to Levy 2020 Property Taxes. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Rising, a Motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of November, 2020 in the amount of $601,280.49. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, 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 11/20/2020 (Voucher #1112) in the amount of $218,328.64.

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Rising, 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 12/10/2020 (Voucher #1114) in the amount of $253,788.19.

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Stephanie Blanco from John Kasperak Co. presented the Board with an overview of the FY20 audit. They went over the packets that the Board had been given and highlighted multiple sections for the Board to review. They advised the Board that they had an unmodified opinion which is the best result they can give for an audit.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to approve the FY20 Audit. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Teachers and Education

Member Franklin read the enrollment total of 1,015 students.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion that the Board approve the reassignment of Dana Berton from 3rd Grade Teacher to Reading Specialist at Wentworth Intermediate starting in the 2021-2022 School Year. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

FOIA

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

Date of Request	11/17/2020
Summary of Records Requested	1. Names, positions, school they work at (if possible) and district email addresses of all employees of the district that work at a school. 2. It was offered that if it would be easier or less time consuming, the requestor was open to the district sharing the information about his nonprofit with the district instead of completing the open records request.
Status of Response	Have made two attempts (11/17/20 and 11/23/20) stating that the district would share the requestor's website link, message, and attachments with the all staff email group upon confirmation that this would fulfill his request. Neither attempt was responded to by the requestor.

Teachers and Education

Members of the Teachers Union discussed the Breakfast with Santa event and how wonderful it went at Wilson Elementary. The teachers thanked Dr. Zotto for coming out to show support and dress up as Santa for the students.

Unfinished Business

A discussion took place regarding next year's school calendar. Dr. Zotto discussed open positions across the District and the possibility of restructuring some of the administrative positions at Wilson Elementary.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(2), and Section 2(c)(9) 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, and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)(9). Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.
Time: 7:47pm

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; Stern. Motion carried, 6-1.
Time: 8:35pm

Adjournment

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0. TIME: 8:38pm

Board President **Board Secretary**