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

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Davis at 10:00 am. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Miller.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan (recording secretary), Norma Doyle, Deborah Smith, Mary Valle, Justin Valle, and Tara Lawrence.

Memorandum of Agreement

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve memorandum of agreement with Paraprofessional Union on adjusted salary schedules for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 School Years. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Let the record show that Member Franklin arrived at 10:02 am.

Discussion

Dr. Zotto discussed the transition back to school for the FY21 school year with the Board. Some of the topics discussed are listed below:

- The survey results for what was distributed to parents and staff
    - Three big takeaways:
        - 68% of parents prefer all remote or part-time hybrid model for the upcoming school year.
        - 32% of parents prefer students to always be present.
        - 64% of parents would allow attendance in school in a hybrid model.
        - 85% of parents responded that students would participate in remote learning regardless of other options.
    - Majority of the community is looking for some sort of hybrid model.
    - 291 parent participants which is enough to make the survey results valid.
- Next step is discuss results and plan for a hybrid model to bring students in on a limited basis but allow the option for parents and students to continue their education if they are not comfortable with in person learning.
- Most all of the district's PPE has been received.
- Direction from ISC4 instructing that the Cook County Department of Public Health will create their own back to school guidelines and the Governor's order says as they are our local officials, we must follow their guidance.
- Administration meetings to talk about a partial hybrid option and identify who will be on task force committees.
- The potential option of having students in two different groups; one group to come in to school on Mondays and Tuesdays, the other group to come in to school on Thursdays

and Fridays, and then Wednesdays would be a remote learning day for all which would allow deep cleaning of the buildings in between groups.
- Potential ideas for how lunch will be handled.
- Discussion around the gym still being able to take place in some fashion.
- Food service will be able to meet all needs and provide grab and go meals.
- Students who would not be scheduled to be in the building would still be able to come in and get breakfast and lunch.
- What and when open house may be and look like.
- Building entry procedures.
- The major hurdle of pre-screening before getting on the bus.
- The survey indicates that a lot of parents will not be putting students on the bus.
- Will bus companies be able to take the temperature of the students?
- Board attorney is looking into a boiler plate change for policies based on the Governor's order that would allow districts to enforce requiring face coverings.
- The district typically does not have 50 or more students on a bus at one time.
- The tentative timeline moving forward is to meet with administration later this week, have them establish their committees later this week and early next week, and then have another special meeting with the Board in a few weeks to present back.
- A sentence will be added to the student handbook that references the school board policy that will require face masks at all times.

Public Comment

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

Norma Doyle thanked Dr. Zotto for his work and communication on the back to school plan. She also advised that the staff is aware of the importance of in-person learning but also understands that student and community members' health is of the utmost importance.

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

Adjournment

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

Time: 10:30 am

_____ _____

Board President **Board Secretary**