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 September 9, 2021 at 6:36 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Absent; Stern.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Jenny Seddon, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Jazmin Ellis, Leisl Brown, and Andrew Morgan.

Public Comment

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

There was no public comment.

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

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications below:

- The following board members will be receiving Master Board Member Program recognition at the IASB's Fall Division Meeting.
    - Tonya Davis, Master Board Member, Level 2
    - Yvette Franklin, Master Board Member, Level 1
    - Lamarr Miller, Master Board Member, Level 1
    - Janet Oberman, Master Board Member, Level 1

Administrator Presentation and Student Acknowledgement

Jenny Seddon, Principal at Wentworth Intermediate School, honored three students by reading acknowledgments made by their teachers and presented them with framed certificates of achievement.

She also invited everyone to the Back to School Bash being held on 09/10/21 in honor of former Principal, Julie Hassel.

Consent Agenda

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

Board meeting minutes:

i. Regular board meeting and executive session on 08/12/2021.

b. Resignation from Jasmin Sanchez-Meraz, effective 08/27/2021

c. Military leave for Daniel Perso

d. FMLA leave:

i. America Echeverria

ii. Lauren Krause

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

Finance

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of August, 2021 in the amount of $354,391.31. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, 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 08/23/2021 (Voucher #1042) in the amount of $298,779.39.

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

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Rising, 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 08/31/2021 (Voucher #1047) in the amount of $172,268.59.

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

Moved by Member Davis, 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 08/31/2021 (Voucher #1048) in the amount of $2,661.34.

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

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 09/09/2021 (Voucher #1057) in the amount of $860,934.26

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

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve and adopt the FY22 budget. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto updated the Board on the various projects that had been recently completed or are currently in progress. He advised that he was working on the ESSER III grants and potential capital improvement projects tied to it.

He acknowledged the hard work and extra hours that the buildings and grounds staff has been putting in lately and thanked the staff for their efforts.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Davis, a Motion to approve the employment of Marylouise Green as a 4th Grade Teacher (Military Leave) 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 lane and step of the 2021-2022 salary schedule.Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Davis, a Motion to approve the transfer for Maria Alba from the Building Secretary at Wentworth Jr. High and Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent at District Office to the Building Secretary at Wilson Elementary, effective 08/23/2021. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve the agreement with Sunbelt Staffing for a Registered Nurse position for the 2021-2022 school year.

Member Miller read the enrollment total of 971 students.

Policy

A discussion took place around current and future board practices regarding creating and approving district policies.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the first reading of the policies listed in the meeting agenda (below). Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

1:30, School District Philosophy
2:10, School District Governance
2:120-E2, Website Listing of Development and Training Completed by Board Members
2:125-E3, Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements
2:130, Board-Superintendent Relationship

2:150-AP, Superintendent Committees
2:200-AP, Types of School Board Meetings
2:220-E4, Open Meeting Minutes
2:220-E7, Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings
2:240, Board Policy Development
2:250-E2, Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
4:15-E2, Statement of Purpose for Collecting Social Security Numbers
4:15-E3, Statement for Employee Manual or District Website Describing the Dis- trict's Purpose for Collecting Social Security Numbers
4:60-AP3, Criminal History Records Check of Contractor Employees
4:140-AP, Fines, Fees, and Charges - Waiver of Student Fees
4:140-E1, Application for Fee Waiver
4:170-AP5, Unsafe School Choice Option
5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
5:30-AP2, Investigations
5:40-AP, Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
5:125-E, Employee Receipt of Board Policy on Personal Technology and Social Media
5:170-AP1, Copyright Compliance
5:170-AP2, Seeking Permission to Copy or Use Copyrighted Works
5:170-AP3, Instructional Materials and Computer Programs Developed Within the Scope of Employment

5:170-E1, Request to Reprint or Adapt Material
5:190-E1, Notice to Parents of Their Right to Request Their Child's Classroom Teachers' Qualifications
5:190-E2, Notice to Parents When Their Child Is Assigned To or Has Been Taught for at Least Four Straight Weeks By a Teacher Who Does Not Meet Applicable State Certification/ Licensure Requirements
5:240-AP, Suspensions
5:350, Educational Support Staff - Fringe Benefits
6:100-E1, Guidelines and Application for Using Animals in School Facilities for Educational Purposes
6:100-E2, Student Permission for Exposure to Animals(s)
6:120-AP4, Care of Students with Diabetes
6:145, Migrant Students
6:160, English Learners
6:170-AP1, Checklist for Development, Implementation, and Maintenance of Parent and Family Engagement Compacts for Title I Programs
6:170-AP1, E1, District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact
6:170-AP1, E2, School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Compact
6:170-AP2, Notice To Parents Required by Elementary and Secondary Education Act, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and Protection of Pupil Rights LawsAct
6:235, Access to Electronic Networks
6:235-AP1, Acceptable Use of the District's Electronic Networks

6:235-AP1, E1, Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks
6:235-AP1, E2, Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks
6:235-AP2, Web Publishing Guidelines
6:235-E3, Online Privacy Statement
6:235-E4, Keeping Yourself and Your Kids Safe On Social Networks
6:250-AP, Securing and Screening Resource Persons and/or School Volunteers; Screening
6:260, Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
6:260-E, Curriculum Objection
7:220, Bus Conduct
7:340-AP1, E3, Letter to Parents and Eligible Students Concerning Military Recruiters and Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory Information
7:340-AP1, E4, Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Military Recruiter Access to Students and Student Information
7:340-AP2, Storage and Destruction of School Student Records
7:345-AP, E4, Notice of Parent Rights Regarding Student Covered Information
8:90, Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

SCOPE

A brief report was given regarding new laws and mandates impacting school districts.

FOIA Report

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

Date of Request	August 5, 2021
Summary of Records Requested	● emails to/from Superintendent Dr. Joseph Zotto with the following keywords: "ransomware", "cybersecurity" (one or two words), "cyber attack" sent/received between January 1, 2020 and August 5, 2021
Status of Response	Requested information was sent via email on August 13, 2021

Date of Request	August 27, 2021
Summary of Records Requested	● Please send us copies of all active leases/licenses for cell towers, rooftop antennas, or other wireless installations on property owned or managed by Calumet City School District, Illinois along with 24 months of associated payment histories.
Status of Response	The district did not have any responsive records and advised of such via email on September 2, 2021.

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Ms. Stephan recognized the teacher of the month, Ms. Kading-Davis. She also acknowledged and thanked all the teaching and paraprofessional staff for their hard work to start the school year.

Ms. Wilhoite advised that the Pre-K for all class has been having a lot of fun to begin the year.

A potential future board member sponsored gift card in appreciation of a recognized teacher and paraprofessional was mentioned.

Unfinished Business
None.

New Business
None.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto acknowledged all staff for their hard work to begin the school year and acknowledged that each day is getting better.

He also gave a COVID-19 update in regards to the Governor vaccination/testing mandate.

Ms. McField is looking into potential testing programs such as SHIELD and also organized vaccination events to be held at the district on September 18th and October 9th.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, 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, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 7:03 pm.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 7:26 pm.

Action on Teacher Resignation

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to not approve resignation of teacher Kirby Green based on information received by the District's Administration that he is resigning mid-year to accept a teaching position with another school district, as this action is required by statute to allow the Board to refer Mr. Green to the State Superintendent for further proceedings relative to his teaching license. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment
Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 7:30 pm.

Board President **Board Secretary**