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 October 28, 2021 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising. Absent; Miller.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Valerie Wilhoite, Kirby Green, Dr. Sonya Green, Tara Lawrence, Leisl Brown, Jim Safarik, Andrew Morgan, Julie Stephan, and Khristen McAfee.

Student Acknowledgement

Jim Safarik, Assistant Principal at Wentworth Jr. High honored two of the students of the month at WJH and their families that were present. He presented them with a t-shirt and a certificate of achievement.

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 Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Kirby Green read a statement to the Board regarding his recent resignation.

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

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications below:

- Acknowledgement of the donation of encyclopedias made by the DelCarlo family on behalf of former students Roberto and Paul DelCarlo.
- Thank you cards and posters to the Board of Education from all of the students in the district.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Stern, 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 09/09/2021.
ii. Public Hearing on 09/09/2021
iii. Special Board Meeting on 10/07/2021

b. FMLA leave:
   i. Sharon Worrell-Schroader
   ii. Shannon Brown
   iii. Lucinda Carruthers
   iv. Juana Munoz
   v. Danielle Doll

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

Finance

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of September, 2021 in the amount of $596,795.34. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, 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 10/28/2021 (Voucher #1094) in the amount of $478,816.26.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, 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 10/21/2021 (Voucher #1093) in the amount of $17,875.50.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. 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 09/22/2021 (Voucher #1071) in the amount of $218,727.12.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, 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 10/06/2021 (Voucher #1083) in the amount of $114,048.06.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Dr. Zotto advised the Board that the following item was in regards to an opportunity in August to amend the agreement with Preferred Meals based on changes made by the State and Federal government that would allow the district to capture a greater amount of reimbursement. He advised that the meal plans did not change, only the reimbursement rate.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the Amended Agreement dated 8/3/2021 with Preferred Meal Systems, Inc.
Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; Stern. Motion carried, 5-1.

A discussion took place regarding the performance and improvement expectations of Everest Snow Management for this year. Dr. Zotto advised that due to the worker shortage, other companies that were reached out to for quotes informed that they could not take on additional clients.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion to approve the Agreement with Everest Snow Management, Inc.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the Superintendent to apply for the Property Tax Relief Grant.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Adam Jordan presented to the Board on the tax levy process and the estimated amounts to be levied for the Year 2021.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the Year 2021 Tax Levy.
Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto updated the board on the previously approved projects and their status.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion that the board employ Claudia Saucedo as a Bilingual Education Teacher 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 lane and step of the 2021-2022 salary schedule. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the employment of Estefani Acosta-Lopez as a Building Secretary at Wentworth Jr. High for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the agreement with Sunbelt Staffing for a Registered Nurse position for the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Member Stern read the Enrollment Total: 984 students.

Policy

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the policies listed in the meeting agenda (below). Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. 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

Dr. Zotto advised that a few bills were passed last night and more items were to come that will affect schools and the way they operate.

FOIA Report

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

Date of Request	September 2, 2021
Summary of Records Requested	● Lease and Maintenance / Service contract(s) pertaining to all copier and printer equipment used by Woodrow Wilson School, Wentworth Intermediate School and Wentworth Junior High School. ● Contract(s) pertaining to any Managed Print Services program used by the schools and their departments. ● Current invoices
Status of Response	Requested information was sent via email on September 8, 2021

Date of Request	October 12, 2021
Summary of Records Requested	Any and all purchasing records from 07/01/2021 (mm/dd/yyyy) to current
Status of Response	Requested information was sent via email on October 12, 2021

Date of Request	October 5, 2021
Summary of Records Requested	1. All documents, data, and/or spreadsheets sufficient to show all unclaimed funds under the control of *Calumet City School District 155* which have NOT been reported or transferred to the Illinois State Treasurer for inclusion in the state's Unclaimed Property fund and database 2. Documents, data, and/or spreadsheets showing all unclaimed property which your office HAS reported and/or transferred to the Illinois State Treasurer, in response to the requirements of Illinois' Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, from January 1, 2016 to the present

	3. Documents, data and/or spreadsheets showing all claims for unclaimed property DUE TO *Calumet City School District 155* FROM the Illinois Treasurer's Unclaimed Property fund, for which you have submitted a claim or documentation to the Illinois Treasurer's Office, from January 1, 2016 to the present,
Status of Response	The district does not have any responsive records and responded indicating this on October 20, 2021.

Date of Request	October 19, 2021
Summary of Records Requested	● Please provide the executed contract(s) between Calumet CSD 155 & TSI Commercial Floor Covering for FY 2020. ● Please provide any correspondence such as e-mails, submittals, certified payroll and pay out requests. ● Please provide any documents disclosing and or identifying general contractors/subcontractors. ● Please provide a list of the schools the work was performed at for the FY requested.
Status of Response	Requested information was sent via email on October 20, 2021

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Ms. Stephan recognized the September and October teachers of the month: Ms. Kosner, Ms. Magalski, Ms. Clark and Ms. Worrell-Schroader.

Ms. Wilhoite recognized the Paraprofessional of the month, Ms. Alvarez.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Zotto updated the Board on the ARP/ESSER III grants and advised that ESSER III had been approved. He listed the following list projects, not all inclusive, that were approved in the grant and will need have quotes collected or bids requested for:

- WJH lockers
- Outdoor learning spaces
- Wilson playground
- Half of Wilson's roof
- WJH carpet replacement in certain rooms
- Roof at WJH, ECHO, DO, and WIS
- Monolithic flooring options for WJH gym
- Digital marquees (2)

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Projects Associated with the American Rescue Plan/ESSER III Grants as Presented. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

A discussion took place around the district's food service plan and the potential of going out to bid soon or also a potential waiver opportunity provided by the State that would allow the district to extend the agreement with Preferred Meals for one additional year. Dr. Zotto was going to reach out to Preferred Meals in regards to them attending the district's next board meeting to present options.

New Business

President Davis asked the Board members to reach out over the next few weeks regarding thoughts on how to vote on the upcoming IASB resolutions.

Discussion for the good of the School District

The board received sign up information for the National School Board Conference in San Diego in April, 2022 and was informed to submit them before next meeting.

Dr. Zotto acknowledged the upcoming Board appreciation month and thanked the Board for their service as well as presented each with a framed certificate acknowledging their hard work and dedication.

Dr. Zotto also discussed the following:

- Red ribbon week and the school spirit days at the schools
- Principal appreciation month
- Progress towards initiatives with the city in regards to a potential mentorship program with the feeder schools and TF North.

It was advised that the Calumet City Library would be re-opened the next day.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and 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 student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(9). Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 7:36 pm.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 8:07 pm.

Student Discipline

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, I move that, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the evidence and testimony of the suspension review hearing held on October 15, 2021, the Board of Education finds that Student No. 21-A committed acts of gross misconduct as outlined by the District's Administration, in violation of Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior.

Based upon such gross misconduct, the student's continuing presence in school posed a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, and/or substantially disrupted, impeded, or interfered with the operation of the school.

I move that the Board of Education uphold the suspension of Student No. 21-A from Calumet City School District 155 for 5 days. The Board finds that based on evidence presented to the hearing officer, the duration of Student No. 21-A's suspension is appropriate based upon the gravity and severity of the misconduct, the safety concerns and/or substantial disruption to the school and instruction caused by the misconduct, the student's relevant disciplinary history, and prior behavioral and disciplinary interventions to support the student and promote acceptable behavior.

The Board finds that prior to considering a recommendation for suspension, the District's Administration attempted other behavioral and disciplinary interventions and determined there are no other appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions.

During the period of suspension, Student No. No. 21-A was provided with appropriate and available support services consisting of opportunities to pick up and make up academic work. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Non-Recurring Monetary Stipend for Non-Bargaining Educational Support Staff

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve Payment of Non-Recurring Monetary Stipend for Non-Bargaining Unit Educational Support Staff (6 secretaries, 9 cleaners and 6 custodial engineers) in the amount of $500, less applicable withholdings, with first payroll during the month of December 2021, in recognition of their continued commitment to the District and its initiatives/protocols since the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0. Time: 8:15 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**