Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
October 13, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Davis on October 13, 2022 at 6:31 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller; Absent: None

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Jessica Orr, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Courtney Albert, Jenny Seddon, Lisa Stuart, Jeannine Pazanin and Steven Terrell.

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, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

There was no public comment.

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, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Communications

Administrator Presentation

Courtney Albert, Assistant Principal, Wentworth Intermediate, summarized how well the Back to School Bash went and the different vendors that attended. Mentioned that one of our past students is a Jessie White Tumbler. Stated that out of 271 students 165 were there and there were over 400 attendees at the event. Almost all the staff volunteered to help at the event. Ms. Albert discussed that each month Wentworth Intermediate is focusing on character traits. October is empathy and other months were mentioned. Ms. Albert also discussed various field trips and mentioned that the Chicago Wolves Field Trip is coming soon.

A board member asked a question leading to a discussion around overnight and 8th grade field trips.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of September. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the pre-lists of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the One Year HVAC Planned Service Agreement with F. E. Moran Mechanical Services. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Tax Levy Discussion

Adam Jordan summarized where things are with the Tax Levy. He stated that the district recommends maximizing the Levy. He also stated that with rising costs, extension reports are delayed. The Levy must be filed in December. Therefore, a Special Board Meeting is needed in November.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the employment of Denny Carranza as a Part Time Cleaner at Woodrow Wilson, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her at entry level pay. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Davis, a Motion to approve the employment of Barbara Jude as Resource Officer at Wentworth Junior High, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her at entry level pay. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

A couple of Board Members expressed that they would like to meet the new Resource Officer at the next Board meeting. They also stated that they would like a Resource Officer to be at meetings moving forward.

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 895 as of 10/7/2022.

Policy

Dr. Zotto stated that policy is up to date.

SCOPE - None

FOIA - None

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan, President-Teachers Union, announced that Abby Garrett is teacher of the month. Stated that Abby is doing well with classroom management and always has a smile.

A Union Representative thanked Dr. Zotto and the board members who were able to attend the Back to School Bash. She also shared pictures from the event.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto discussed the WJH Fall Fest and invited the board.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, 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, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0
Time: 6:55 pm.

Moved by Member Long, 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. Miller; Abstain Motion carried, 6-0-1
Time 7:08 pm.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve Superintendents' Employment Agreement effective July 1, 2023. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

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

Time: 7:12 pm

Board President	**Board Secretary**