Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
January 12, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Stern on January 12, 2023 at 6:31 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller: Absent: None

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Jessica Orr, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Andrew Morgan, Jenny Seddon, Barbara Jude, Ashleigh Isherwood, Dorothy Rock, Christopher Pfeifer, Leisl Brown, Hannah Meibers, Kathryn Kosner, Eileen Sheedy, Reon Gillespie, Natasha Walker-Robinson, Jim Safarik, Amber Jackson, Lisa Patlaba, Brandi Tanner, April Doorneweerd, Kyle Kasperek, Dakota Combs, Angel Lankin, Marshuarb Duncan, Sharon Coleman and Rosalba Lopez.

Board Appointment of Individual to Fill Vacancy on the Board

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion to Appoint Sharon Coleman to fill the vacancy on the Board caused by the resignation of Ms. Tonya Davis, who shall serve as appointed until the date of the Board of Education's reorganization meeting following the April 4, 2023 consolidated election. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Oath and Seating of new Board Member

President Stern administered the Board Member Oath and Conduct as outlined in the Board Policy 2:80 to Board elect Sharon Coleman.

New Roll Call

President Stern asked for the new roll call which now includes Sharon Coleman. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller, and Coleman: Absent: None

Public Comment

President Stern opened the floor to the public for comments.

Brandi Tanner, 3rd Grade Teacher, Wentworth Intermediate, She spoke on behalf of the 3rd grade team about the benefits of having added weekly SIP days this school year. She explained that students are exceeding when they were lagging during Covid. SIP days have helped with greater opportunities, developing plans and exploring curriculum.

Amber Jackson, Cross Cat Teacher, Wentworth Junior High, She spoke regarding a recently resigned teacher. And shared notes about the teacher written by students.

President Stern closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications below:

- Thank you letter from The Gaspar Family for the floral arrangement sent for their family member's service.

Administrator Presentation

James Safarik, Assistant Principal, Wentworth Junior High, presented the 8th grade student of the month with a certificate of recognition and a shirt. He mentioned various ways of rewarding students for good behavior. A Board Member acknowledged the student's parents in attendance for their good work.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Auditor Presentation

Kyle Kasperek, Manager at John Kasperek, Co. thanked Dr. Zotto and Judy Caban for their hard work. Kyle presented to the board on the uniform guidance report and the annual financial report for the FY22 audit. Both reports were summarized.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve the FY22 Audit. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Reports

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of December. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the pre-lists of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Member Stern's IASB Hotel and Conference Registration Fee. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve Member Long's IASB Hotel and Conference Registration Fee. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Member Franklin's IASB Hotel and Conference Registration Fee and Expense Reimbursement. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve Member Miller's IASB Hotel and Conference Registration Fee. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long and Franklin. Nays; none. Abstain; Miller and Coleman Motion carried, 5-0-2

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the National School Board Association Conference for Member Miller, Member Stern, Member Long, Member Franklin and Superintendent Zotto. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Buildings & Grounds

Dr. Zotto discussed asphalt plans for Wentworth Intermediate and Wilson Schools.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the employment of Alondra Hernandez as a Part Time Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor 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; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve the employment of Daisy Martinez as a Part Time Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor 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; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 972 as of 1/6/2022.

Policy

Dr. Zotto discussed policy 4:165 being added to the first reading of policies and reminded the board that the second reading and adoption of policies will take place in February.

SCOPE - A board member discussed recent scope topics and proposed bills. Dr. Zotto discussed absenteeism related to changing school code and its effect on the report card.

FOIA - Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report.

FOIA Report

Date of Request	January 6, 2023
Summary of Records Requested	1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number 2. Purchase date 3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase) 4. Line item quantity 5. Line item price 6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 1/9/2023

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan, President-Teachers Union, announced that Jessica Reyna is teacher of the month for January.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - Dr. Zotto discussed building security related to a visitor management system and the possibility of implementing new monitors that detect smoking and vaping in the Jr. high bathrooms.

Discussion for the good of the School District

a. Dr. Zotto recognized the Buildings and Grounds Director, Mary Valle and Assistant Building and Grounds Director, Justin Valle, their team and the teachers for a perfect Health and Life Safety Report this year.
b. Dr. Zotto discussed the new ECHO facility and how it received a design and architecture award.
c. Adam Jordan discussed the refund recapture levy with the board. He advised of the amount that the county had certified to be added to the county's extension, available options and the recommendation of the administration.

Executive Session

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion that the Board Enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1),(2),(3) 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; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and the selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),(2),(3). Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.
  Time: 7:50 pm.

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board return to regular order of businessAyes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman Motion carried, 6-0-1.
  Time: 8:21 pm.

Action After Executive Session

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the recommendation to terminate the employment of Paraprofessional, Ms. Shannon Brown, effective January 12, 2023.

Adjournment

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

Time: 8:23 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**