Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Stern on March 9, 2023 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman: Absent: Rising

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Jessica Orr, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Andrew Morgan, Jenny Seddon, Barbara Jude, Madyson Latham, Michelle Latham, Saniyah Scanelli, Gabriele Ledicga, Dorothy Rock and Leisl Brown.

Public Comment

President Stern opened the floor to the public for comments.

Leisl Brown thanked the Board and Dr. Zotto for the new handicap accessible doors.

President Stern closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

Member Oberman indicated there were no communications.

Administrator Presentation

Andrew Morgan, Principal, Wentworth Junior High, passed out a news flyer to the Board highlighting NJHS, Student Council, Experiential Learning, and pictures from Black History Family Night. Mr. Morgan honored two eighth grade students. Both students spoke about NJHS, donating clothes and shoes, the local food drive, and tutoring WIS students. Mr. Morgan also honored two sixth grade students. Both sixth grade students spoke about Student Council, the kindness initiative, and the Spotlight Podcast.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

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

Moved by Member Long, 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; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Blazer Works Agreement for School Nurse. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings & Grounds

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Agreement with Beverly Companies for Landscape Maintenance. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 983 as of 3/3/2022.

Policy

Dr. Zotto discussed CPI and how it has impacted the per diem rates.

SCOPE - Member Miller discussed bills regarding mental health days, phonics instruction, IEP's, teacher evaluations, full day kindergarten, minimum employee salaries, senate bill 100, and a few other topics.

FOIA - Adam Jordan indicated that there were no FOIA's this month.

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan, President-Teachers Union, announced that Stephen Ligda is teacher of the month for March.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Zotto discussed the vapor sensing system and vendor pricing. Raptor Technologies System, a visitor management system that checks against sex offender databases was also discussed.

New Business

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto discussed a relaxed dress code for students and families options in hopes to reduce the financial burden on families when buying uniforms.

Adam Jordan discussed the noncompetitive procurement contract for next year's food service, a proposal from the current food service management company, and other quotes received.

Executive Session

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1),(2) 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),(2). Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
  Time: 7:25 pm.

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
  Time: 10:13 pm.

Superintendent's Evaluation

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Superintendent's Evaluation. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment

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

Time: 10:21 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**