Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
April 24, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Stern on April 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Miller and Coleman: Absent: Franklin

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Jessica Orr, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Jenny Seddon, Barbara Jude, Chris Tanner, Brandi Tanner, Dana Berton, Hannah Meibers and Ana Lechuga

Public Comment

President Stern opened the floor to the public for comments.

Brandi Tanner, 3rd Grade Teacher at Wentworth Intermediate, she spoke about trauma education and social emotional learning in classrooms.

Board members thanked Mrs. Tanner.

Hannah Meibers, Language Arts Teacher at Wentworth Junior High, and a 6th grade student council member voiced concerns about the breakfast and lunch program. They provided Dr. Zotto with a list of their concerns.

President Stern closed the floor to the public for comments.

Let the record show, board member Franklin arrived at 6:56 PM.

Communications

Member Oberman indicated there were no communications. .

Administrator Presentation

Denise McField, Director of Student Services, discussed a Special Education update related to their reading program. Ms. McField introduced Principal Seddon and two teachers, Mrs. Tanner and Ms. Berton. They discussed an overview of Fundations, a multisensory and systematic phonics, spelling and handwriting program that assists with reading.

Ms. McField also honored an eighth grade student.

Jessica Orr spoke about the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) sponsoring a districtwide Mother's Day/End of Year Celebration on May 10, 2023 at Wentworth Intermediate School, from 5 - 7 P.M.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

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

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, 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, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Blazer Works Agreement for School Counselor. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Blazer Works Agreement for School Nurse. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Rise Agreements for Safe School Program, Short-Term Program and Credit Recovery Program. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Echo Agreement for Classroom Lease. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Kickert Agreement for Transportation. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve the CDW quote for the summer technology hardware project. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Food Service

Adam Jordan discussed Taher pricing and the student council food concerns.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve and award the Taher, Inc., the Noncompetitive Procurement Contract for food management services for School

Year 2023-2024. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 985 as of 4/14/2023.

Policy

Member Oberman noted that there are two updated policies for review and 2nd reading and adoption will take place at the May meeting.

SCOPE - Member Miller discussed tenure and other possible bills that may impact schools.

FOIA - Adam Jordan read the FOIA report.

FOIA

Date of Request	Any and all purchasing records from December 22, 2022 to current
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 April 6, 2023

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan, President-Teachers Union, announced that April Doorneweerd, Eileen Sheedy and Brandi Tanner are all teachers of the month for April.

Valerie Wilhoite, President-Paraprofessional Union, recognized Becky Taylor.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Member Miller discussed a better support system and possible committee for Trauma Education. Professional development was also discussed.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto discussed The Springfield trip, Scholastic Bowl, the 6th grade trip, 8th grade graduation, the BPAC event, energy packs and grant, the 8th grade end of year trip, and the Buildings and Grounds certificate of excellence.

Executive Session

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, 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, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0
  Time: 7:42 pm.

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0
  Time: 8:07 pm.

Employment Action Items

- Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement Rollover of 2018-2023 Agreement with Teachers Union. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding for WJH Special Education Staffing for SY 2023-2024. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Third Amendment to Principal Employment Agreement for Andrew Morgan for the period of 2023-2026 and find that he has met all the student performances and academic improvement goals. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve Third Amendment to Assistant Superintendent Employment Agreement for Tara Lawrence for the period of 2023-2027 and find that she has met all the student performances and academic improvement goals. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve 2023-2024 Chief School Business Official Employment Agreement for Adam Jordan. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve 2023-2024 ESL Coordinator Employment Agreement for Jessica Orr. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve 2023-2024 Assistant Principal Employment Agreement for Jeanelle Smith. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve 2023-2024 Principal Employment Agreement for Jennifer Seddon. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve Non-Bargaining ESP and Administrative FY24 Pay Increases as Presented and Discussed in Closed Session. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Adjournment

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

Time: 8:13 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**