**Board of Education**
**School District No. 155**
**Calumet City, Illinois**
**Regular Meeting**
**May 11, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Stern on May 11, 2023 at 6:32 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman: Absent: None

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Kimberly Powell, Ollie Gill, Eboni Gill, Patricia Moralez, Jenny Seddon, Greg Mason, Kim Daniels, Barbara Jude, Dana Berton, Becky Coulson, Brandi Tanner, Laura Bello, Mandy Graziano, Casey Nesbit, Joyce Dickerson, Vicki Walker, Yvette Black and Takeshia Williams.

**Public Comment**

President Stern opened the floor to the public for comments.

There was no public comment.

President Stern closed the floor to the public for comments.

**Communications**

Member Oberman read the communications.

**Administrator Presentation**

Jenny Seddon, Principal, Wentworth Intermediate, she thanked the staff and students. She also honored seven students individually and presented each of them with a certificate.

Brandi Tanner, 3rd Grade Teacher, Wentworth Intermediate, read a student thank you letter to the Board. The student was selected to be honored and could not attend.

**Consent Agenda**

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, 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 Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of April. 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 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 Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Annual Adoption of Attendance Boundaries and Transportation Guidelines for FY24. 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 Annual Adoption of the Vehicular Hazard Approval Resolution for FY24. 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 Resolution to Prepare the Tentative Budget for FY24. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the Omni Therapeutics Contract for School Therapy Services FY24. 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 Resolution to Adopt eLearning Program in Lieu of the District's Scheduled Emergency Days. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the Board to register and attend IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference in November 2023. 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 the NSBA Board Conference Expenses of Conference Fee, Flight and Hotel, Expense Reimbursement for Food and Travel for Member Stern in the amount of $3,023.89. 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 NSBA Board Conference Expenses of Conference Fee, Flight and Hotel, Expense Reimbursement for Food and Travel for Member Long in the amount of $3,275.23. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Abstain; Long  Motion carried, 6-0-1

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the NSBA Board Conference Expenses of Conference Fee, Flight and Hotel, Expense Reimbursement for Food and Travel for Member Franklin in the amount of $3,128.19. 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 NSBA Board Conference Expenses of Conference Fee, Flight and Hotel, Expense Reimbursement for Food and Travel for Member Miller in the amount of $3,147.25. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Coleman. Nays; none. Abstain; Miller  Motion carried, 6-0-1

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the NSBA Board Conference Expenses of Conference Fee, Flight and Hotel, Expense Reimbursement for Food and Travel for Member Coleman in the amount of $3,106.74. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Coleman  Motion carried, 6-0-1

**Teachers and Education**

**Enrollment Total**

Enrollment total is 982 as of 5/5/2023.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the board employ Michael Elman as STEAM Teacher at Wentworth Junior High, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place them on the appropriate lane and step of the 2023-2024 salary schedule. 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 that the board employ Priscilla Pacheco as 2nd Grade Teacher at Woodrow Wilson, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place them on the appropriate lane and step of the 2023-2024 salary schedule. 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 that the board employ Milagros Quintana as 1st Grade Teacher at Woodrow Wilson, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place them on the appropriate lane and step of the 2023-2024 salary schedule. 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 that the board employ Casey Doyle as Early Childhood/Pre-K Teacher at Woodrow Wilson, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place them on the appropriate lane and step of the 2023-2024 salary schedule. 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 that the board employ Laura Perez as 3rd Grade Teacher at Wentworth Intermediate, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place them on the appropriate lane and step of the 2023-2024 salary schedule. 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 that the board employ Olivia Ryba as Pre-K Paraprofessional at Woodrow Wilson, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place them on the appropriate lane and step of the 2023-2024 salary schedule. 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 that the board employ Michael Robinson as a Custodian at Wentworth Intermediate, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place them

on the appropriate lane and step of the 2023-2024 salary schedule. 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 5th grade Dozin' with the Dinos overnight field trip for SY24. 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 the 6th grade Camp Manitoqua overnight field trip for SY24. 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 7th grade Springfield, IL overnight field trip for SY24. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

Dr. Zotto thanked the Board for approving the overnight trips.

**Policy**

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the second reading and adoption of two policies as listed on the board agenda. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; Rising. Motion carried, 6-1

Member Oberman noted that there are a number of policies listed on the agenda for first reading that will be up for a second reading and adoption in June.

**SCOPE** - Dr. Zotto discussed Senate Bill 990.

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

**Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions**

Julie Stephan, President-Teachers Union, announced that Elina Bustmante and Sharron Morgan are teachers of the month for May.

**Unfinished Business**

Tara Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, indicated that Mr. Safarik led a committee for the Student Handbook for School Year 2023-2024.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the School Year 2023-24 Student Handbook. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

**New Business**

Tara Lawrence discussed the FY24 Consolidated District Plan, grants and what they are used towards. This includes mentor stipends, professional development, programs, etc.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the FY24 Consolidated District Plan. Ayes; Stern, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0

**Discussion for the good of the School District**

Dr. Zotto mentioned that the BPAC Mothers Day/End of Year Event went well. He also invited the Board to 8th grade graduation on May 25th which includes dinner after. Dr. Zotto also mentioned scheduling pictures for the School Board in June.

**Executive Session**

- Moved by Member Long, 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, Rising, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0
  Time: 7:11 pm.

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, 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: 7:22 pm.

**Employment Action Items**

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve 2023-2024 Principal Employment Agreement for Gregory W. Mason. 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 2023-2024 Director of Student Services Employment Agreement for Dr. Joyce Digby-Nelson. 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 the Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers Union Addressing New Hire Salary Schedule Placement for the 2023-2024 School Year. 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: 7:27 pm

**Board President** **Board Secretary**