Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on August 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman and Del Real: Absent: Franklin, Miller

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Jessica Orr, Andrew Morgan, Jenny Seddon, Tara Lawrence, Joyce Nelson, Greg Mason, Barbara Jude and Samantha Rubalcava.

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

There was no public comment.

President Long closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of June in the amount of $264,154.15. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of July in the amount of $194,889.67. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve the pre-lists of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman and Del Real. Nays; none Motion carried, 4-0.

Let the record show that Member Stern arrived at 6:08 pm.

Adam Jordan discussed an overview of the FY24 Tentative Budget. He reviewed the Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditures of All Funds, Operating Funds, Education Fund, Operations and Maintenance Fund, Debt Service Fund, Transportation Fund and Working Cash Fund

Dr. Zotto discussed grants and finances.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the FY24 Tentative Budget. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Stern mentioned that she is very proud of the Buildings and Grounds crew for the work they have completed on all three schools.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 599 as of 8/11/2023.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the resignation of the listed staff per the effective dates indicated; and to execute the employment contracts for the FY24 school year for the identified staff at the salary indicated or steps and lanes provided in the applicable bargaining agreement pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Joana Villalobos	Building Secretary	WW
LoDonna Fleming	Student Services Admin Assistant	WW

Reassignments		
Name	**Position**	**Date**
Alondra Hernandez	Building Secretary	08/08/2023
Kathleen Kittaneh	Teacher (4)	08/21/2023
Ed Roseberry	Engineer	08/24/2023

Resignations		
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**
Hannah Meibers	ELA (8)	07/10/2023
Ron Pierre-Pierre	Math (6)	07/24/2023
America Echerverria	Student Services Admin Assistant	07/31/2023
Yajaira Camacho	Building Secretary	08/03/2023
Dan Perso	Teacher (4)	08/07/2023
Maria Alba	Building Secretary	08/09/2023
Danielle Summerscales	Teacher (5)	08/10/2023

Policy

Member Oberman read, First Readings of Policy - No Motion Needed - Informational Only

SCOPE - Dr. Zotto discussed SCOPE and the upcoming veto session in October.

FOIA - Adam Jordan read the following FOIA's.

Date of Request	June 1, 2023
Summary of Records Requested	1. Records of the board's votes on IASB resolutions over the past 5 years (2018-2023).
Status of Response	No records, responded via email on June 5, 2023

Date of Request	June 15, 2023
Summary of Records Requested	1) All settlement agreements resolving any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits; 2) All judgments or other court orders requiring you to pay attorney fees, costs, and/or civil penalties in any FOIA lawsuits; 3) All invoices from law firms for work on any FOIA lawsuits or Public Access Counselor reviews, where the lawsuit or the PAC review was ultimately decided in favor of the requestor; 4) All claims made to an insurance company for coverage involving a FOIA action; 5) All studies, reports, or other records calculating or referencing the cost of FOIA lawsuits or PAC reviews on an annual or other time-period basis.
Status of Response	No records, responded via email on June 21, 2023

Date of Request	July 5, 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 July 5, 2023

Date of Request	July 26, 2023
Summary of Records Requested	1) All settlement agreements resolving any Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits; 2) All judgments or other court orders requiring you to pay attorney fees, costs, and/or civil penalties in any FOIA lawsuits; 3) All invoices from law firms for work on any FOIA lawsuits or Public Access Counselor reviews, where the lawsuit or the PAC review was ultimately decided in favor of the requestor; 4) All claims made to an insurance company for coverage involving a FOIA action; 5) All studies, reports, or other records calculating or referencing the cost of FOIA lawsuits or PAC reviews on an annual or other time-period basis.
Status of Response	No records, responded via email on August 2, 2023

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan indicated that a lot of teachers are volunteering to come in and set up classrooms.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the school board to attend either the NSBA or COSSBA national conference and Dr. Zotto to attend both if requested by the board. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve district administration to apply for the school maintenance project grant. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto discussed the board calendar, academic goals, district curriculum offerings, textbook adoption cycle, 5-year tech plan, 5-year Capital Improvement Plan, the Back to School Bash, Full Service Community Grant, and Electric School Bus Grant.

A member volunteered to work the Back to School Bash.

A member left a dozen roses from Calumet City School District 155 at site in Texas.

Executive Session

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Stern, 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 of specific employees of the public body, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),(2). Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.
  Time: 6:47 pm.

- Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.
  Time: 7:01 pm.

Teachers Memorandum of Understanding

- Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve MOU Third Grade Class Size Stipend. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none Motion carried, 5-0.

Adjournment

- Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 7:07 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**