**Board of Education**
**School District No. 155**
**Calumet City, Illinois**
**Regular Meeting**
**September 21, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on September 21, 2023 at 6:04 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Del Real: Absent:

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Julie Stephan, Jessica Orr, Tara Lawrence, Joyce Nelson, Samantha Rubalcava, Barbara Jude and Raquel Salazar

**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.

**Administrator Presentation**

Jessica Orr, ESL Program Coordinator, discussed Back to School and BPAC. Mrs. Orr also honored 4 students and presented them with gifts and certificates.

**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; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Reports**

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of August in the amount of $368,641.10. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

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; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the agreement with Empower Health Services, LLC Flu Vaccination Agreement. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

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

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve District to apply for the Property Tax Relief Grant. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Buildings and Grounds**

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Snow Removal Agreements with Everest. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

**Teachers and Education**

**Enrollment Total**

Enrollment total is 882 as of 9/15/2023.

Moved by Member Franklin, 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, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

| New Hires | | |
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| **Name** | **Position** | **Assignment** |
| Guadalupe Lopez | Cleaner (Part-Time) | DO |
| Lupita Padilla | Pre-K Paraprofessional | WW |
| Araceli Briceno | Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor (Part-Time) | WW |
| Shelby Adams | ELA (8) | WJH |

**Policy**

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve Second Reading and Adoption of Both Sets of Policies as listed on the agenda. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Abstain: Miller Motion carried, 6-0-1.

**SCOPE** - Dr. Zotto stated there was nothing to report on SCOPE at this time. He mentioned the upcoming veto session in October.

**FOIA** - Adam Jordan read the following FOIA's.

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| **Date of Request** | July 26, 2023 |
| **Summary of Records Requested** | Please provide documents sufficient to show all communications received, which include a request to reconsider, ban, and/or challenge any book or any other material in any of your school district's libraries or classrooms. Any existing documents will include the following:<br><br>1. The date of each such request;<br><br>2. The title(s) of each book(s) or other material that was requested to be pulled from your shelves or classrooms, as well as any reason stated by the requestor;<br><br>3. Any response (email, letters, texts, board proceedings, or notes from phone calls) from anyone in your district, your school board, or individual school, to each request;<br><br>4. The resolution of each request (i.e.: the book or material was removed completely; the book or material was partially restricted; the book or material remains on your shelves or in your classrooms; etc.).<br><br>Please also provide me with any documented threats that have been received by District 155, related to books or other material kept in one of your libraries or classrooms. |
| **Status of Response** | No records, responded via email on August 2, 2023 |

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| **Date of Request** | September 11, 2023 |
| **Summary of Records Requested** | **Please identify (by employee name and work email address) each and every District employee who is certified as a school librarian (meaning they have the school library licensure and/or endorsement in library media) and who is *currently* working in that capacity in your District's library/libraries/media centers this academic school year.** |
| **Status of Response** | Responded via email on September 12, 2023 |

**Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions**

Julie Stephan indicated there was no teacher of the month. She recognized all of the Paraprofessional staff.

**Unfinished Business**

**New Business**

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

Tara Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, discussed data on students with disabilities with absenteeism, goals to reduce absenteeism and approved grants.

Dr. Zotto discussed goals, enrollment and discipline.

**Adjournment**

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

Time: 6:26 pm

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