Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
December 14, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on December 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real: Absent: Oberman, Stern and Miller

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Joyce L. Nelson, Samantha Rubalcava, Barbara Jude, Jessica Orr, Tara Lawrence and LoDonna Fleming

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

Dr. Zotto acknowledged and thanked Suzanne Long with Club Temulac for their generous donation to the District.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of October in the amount of $615,132.32. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of November in the amount of $616,492.93. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

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

Diana Cole, Manager at John Kasperek Company, gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Financial Report and Uniform Guidance Report. The District received the highest rating of an unmodified opinion and financial recognition score.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Audit. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Agreement with Blazer Works for School Nurse. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Agreement with F. E. Moran Mechanical Services for 2024 Planned Service Maintenance. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Proposal with Keepsake Construction Co. Inc. for WJH Doors and Frames. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Proposal with Seconds Matter Safety Solutions for Detection System. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the quote with Net56 for Router/Switches Refresh Project. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the quote with CDW-G. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto discussed the lighting project and next steps outlined to come in January and Feburary.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 978 as of 12/8/2023.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, 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, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Ibeth Cabrera	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WES
LaToya Lee	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WES

Reassignments		
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**
Daisy Martinez	Part-Time Hallway Supervisor to Full-Time Cross Cat Aide	12/11/2023

Resignations		
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**
Lorena Arlacon-Canchola	Hallway Supervisor-WES	10/25/2023
Olivia Ryba	Cross Cat Aide	11/02/2023
Araceli Briseno	Hallway Supervisor-WES	11/17/2023

Retirements		
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**
Ann Ford	Cleaner	12/29/2023

Policy

Dr. Zotto stated there will be policy up for first reading in January and second reading and approval in February.

SCOPE - Dr. Zotto discussed the upcoming legislative session.

FOIA - Dr. Zotto read the following FOIA's.

Date of Request	November 16, 2023
Summary of Records Requested	**1) the names of the universal/core curricula currently used to teach reading in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, 2) the grade levels these are used if there are multiple reading curricula, 3) the dates the reading curricula were purchased, 4) and if there are plans to purchase different literacy curricula in the future.**
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on November 27, 2023

Date of Request	November 27, 2023
Summary of Records Requested	The latest IAQ and Environmental Testing for all schools. The actual report that includes mold spore sampling data for each of the schools
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on December 1, 2023

Action Items Pertaining to Adoption of the 2023 Property Tax Levy for District 155

Dr. Zotto disclosed the cash reserve balance of all funds. He also advised that there were no changes from the proposed levy in October to the presented final levy.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the 2023 Tax Levy Resolution. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the Resolution To Instruct County Clerk How to Apportion 2023 Tax Levy Extension Reduction. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the Certification of Inapplicability of Truth in Taxation Law. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan mentioned that there are 4 teachers of the month. Reon Gillespie, Lisa Stuart, Jeannine Pazanin and Laura Bello.

Unfinished Business

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve Teacher MOU Class Size/Case Load Stipend. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

New Business

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve Attendance for Members Coleman and Del Real and Administrators Lawrence and Zotto to Present at the Academic and Business Research Institute. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Tara Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, Reviewed the ISBE Student Report Card. Topics that were discussed were racial ethnic diversity, students with IEP's, homeless Students, english learners, enrollment, attendance, student mobility, chronic absenteeism, early learning, IAR Growth Percentile and Teachers

Dr. Zotto discussed truancy.

A few board members highlighted a few vendors they spoke with and topics they learned about at the Joint Annual Conference. These include Student Board Members, Equality vs. Equity, Community Involvement, Interactive Ethics, ACE, after school programs, math and religion.

Dr. Zotto acknowledged Jim Long with Club Temulac. Mr. Long spoke on behalf of the club.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter executive session.

Adjournment

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Time: 6:49 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**