Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on February 8, 2024 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real: Absent: Stern and Miller

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Julie Stephan, Joyce L. Nelson, Jessica Orr, Annette Kebr, Barbara Jude, Andrew Morgan and Valerie Wilhoite

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

Annette Kebr announced Family Math and Science Night will be on April 23, 2024. Eight former students will attend and advise how they use Math in their current jobs.

Dr. Zotto acknowledged retiree, Ann Ford and presented her with a gift.

President Long closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

Administrator Presentation

Andrew Morgan, Principal-Wentworth Junior High, discussed Intervention and Enrichment scheduling.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the second reading and adoption of policies as listed on the agenda. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of January, 2024 in the amount of $605,259.26. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, 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, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the Agreement with Blazer Works for 6th Grade Math Teacher. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve Certification and Proper Grant Paperwork for EPA Clean School Bus Application. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Program School District Approval Letter for Third-Party Applicants. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto discussed Spring and Summer Capital Projects. Concrete, tuckpointing, carpet, lighting, offices and the halo system.

Dr. Zotto also indicated that the district's Safety Inspection was 100% for the tenth year in a row. He acknowledged the Buildings and Grounds Director, Justin Valle and his crew along with the teachers and staff.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 977 as of 2/2/2024.

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, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Megan Shank	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WES

SCOPE - Dr. Zotto discussed the middle of the spring legislative session.

FOIA - Adam Jordan read the following FOIA's.

Date of Request	January 17, 2024
Summary of Records Requested	Please provide the name and email address of any certified staff (teachers, administrators, nurses, counselors, etc.) who are retiring this year.
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on January 17, 2024

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan indicated that the Teachers of the Month for January were Jennette Essery, Lisa Stuart and Jeannine Pazanin. Teachers of the Month for February are Sharon Worrell-Schroader and Jane Librizzi.

Valerie Wilhoite thanked the school board for the changes made to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto discussed the FY25 Calendar, Food Service Bid, Summer School Schedules and Girls Volleyball.

Executive Session

- Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the board enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1),(2),(9) 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, deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, or student discipline. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),(2),(9). Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.
- Time: 6:28 pm

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.
  Time: 7:13 pm

Memorandum of Agreement

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Paraprofessional Union - Building Secretaries. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Board Action Student Discipline (Expulsion)

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the board move that, based upon and after the Board's consideration of the evidence and testimony of the expulsion hearing, the Board of Education finds that Student No. 24-A has committed acts of gross misconduct as described by the District's Administration, in violation of Board Policy 7:190, Student Behavior. I move that the Board of Education expel the student from the District, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 regular school year and summer 2024. I move that the Superintendent (or Superintendent's designee) issue the Board's written decision on the student's expulsion, consistent with the Board's discussions in closed session. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adjournment

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.
  Time: 7:19 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**