Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on March 21, 2024 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin Miller and Del Real: Absent: Stern

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Julie Stephan, Tara Lawrence, Jenny Seddon and Jaclynn Labahn

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

There were no comments.

President Long closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications.

Administrator Presentation

Jaclynn Labahn, Wentworth Intermediate Assistant Principal, passed out a packet to the Board. She discussed the data on Instructional Coaching for the 2023-2024 school year.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of February, 2024 in the amount of $628,232.13. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, 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, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the agreements with Blazer Works for SLPA and Paraprofessional. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the agreements with RISE for Safe Schools Program, Short-Term Program and Credit Recovery Program. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the proposals with Johnson Floor Company, Inc. for carpet projects at WJH for classrooms 130 and 132. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the proposal with Valor Technologies, Inc for asbestos removal and disposal at WJH for classrooms 130 and 132. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Lawn Contract with Beverly Companies for landscape maintenance. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Resolution to Enter into Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with Veregy, LLC. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 970 as of 3/15/2024.

Moved by Member Coleman, 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, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Retirements		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Trinidad Conroy	Paraprofessional	WES

Policy- Dr. Zotto mentioned there were policies this month.

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

FOIA - Adam Jordan read the following FOIA's.

Date of Request	February 5, 2024
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of any and all letters and or emails and or all anonymous letters sent to your superintendent of schools that you received bearing my name Michael A Smith an employee of Echo Joint agreement.
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on February 12, 2024

Date of Request	February 29, 2024
Summary of Records Requested	Submitting a FOIA request regarding the current copier contract(s) for Calumet City SD 155.
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on March 1, 2024

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan indicated that the Teacher of the Month for March is Matt Dorgan.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Zotto discussed Capital Projects.

New Business

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto discussed the new Curriculum Newsletter and an overview of the AABRI presentation.

Member Stern arrived at 6:17 pm.

Executive Session

- Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion that the board enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and (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, deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),(2). Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Time: 6:19 pm

- Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.
  Time: 7:14 pm

Adjournment

- Moved by Member Miller, 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: 7:18 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**