Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
April 18, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on April 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller: Absent: Del Real

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Tara Lawrence, Michael Williams, Bonnie Walker, Barbara Jude, Andrew Morgan, Jacqueline McGee, Dr. Millicent Davis, Jay Bolda, Nicole Hudson-Lucas and Michelle Porter.

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

A substitute teacher discussed that there should be more of a full packet lesson plan for substitutes. The packet should have more lessons, instructions, behavioral information and drill plans. She also mentioned that subs should have more training on procedures during a drill.

President Long closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications.

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 and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of March, 2024 in the amount of $945,285.58. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the agreements with Omni Therapeutics for School Therapy Services 2024-2025. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the agreements with Empower Health Services, LLC for Biometric Screening. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Engagement Letter with John Kasperek Co. for FY24 and FY25 Financial Audit Services. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve Managed Service Agreement with Net56, Inc. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Agreement with Kickert School Bus Lines for FY25 and FY26 Bus Services. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the Agreement with Powerschool for 2024-2025. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the Agreement with Echo for 2024-2025 Classroom Lease. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve and accept bid package number 1, Sitework, from Abbey Paving Co., Inc. in the negotiated amount of $106,480.00. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve and accept bid package number 2, Site Utilities, from Olthoff, Inc. in the negotiated amount of $26,000.00. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve and accept bid package number 3, Contract 'T' - Tuckpointing, from Safe-Way Tuckpointing LLP in the negotiated amount of $147,570.00. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Quote for Advantage Office Interiors, LLC for new Student Services office space. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve the Proposal with Johnson Floor Company, Inc for Wentworth Junior High Library Carpet Project. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 990 as of 4/12/2024.

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 and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Marcia Thomas	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WES
Ariana Lopez	Kindergarten Teacher	WES

Tara Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the Consolidated District Plan for School Year 2024-2025. She reviewed Title I, Title II, Title III (Bilingual Program), Title IV, IDEA Part B (Flow-Through), IDEA Part B (Pre-School), Youth In Care Stability (Foster Care) and School Improvement.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the School Year 2024-2025 Consolidated Grant Plan. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

A board member reviewed some information from ISBE.

Policy- Dr. Zotto mentioned there will be policies for review and adoption in May and June.

SCOPE - A board member discussed a number of bills in legislation and a bill tied to Teacher's Plan Time.

FOIA - Adam Jordan read the following FOIA.

Date of Request	March 31, 2024 ***Sheri Reid***
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 April 4, 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 April is Brandy Weiss.

Valerie Wilhoite acknowledged Lourdes Angel and Angie Alvarez.

Two board members discussed their experience at the NSBA conference.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Discussion for the good of the School District

Executive Session

- Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Stern, 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, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Time: 6:33 pm

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
  Time: 8:10 pm

Approve Personnel Items

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Interim Case Manager employment agreement with Kathy Martin, pending all required HR related documents. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Wentworth Jr. High employment agreement with Jacqueline McGee, pending all required HR related documents. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

- Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve Superintendent's Evaluation. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment

- Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
  Time: 8:14 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**