Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
August 15, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on August 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Oberman, Stern, and Franklin: Absent: Coleman, Del Real and Miller (arrived at the meeting at 6:09 pm).

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming and Julie Stephan.

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comments

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Communications

Thank you letter to the Board and Administration from Kristine Cochrane for the retirement gift.

Thank you card from Adam Jordan & Family for the floral arrangement for his uncle's funeral service.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Franklin, second by Member Stern, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of June 2024 in the amount of $1,448,093.46. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Stern, and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the gross payroll figures for the month of July 2024 in the amount of $157,505.81. Ayes; Franklin, Long, Oberman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the following pre-list of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents. Pre-list dated 07/25/2024 (Voucher #1021) in the amount of $193,568.82 and Pre-List dated 08/15/2024 (Voucher #1033) in the amount of $348,779.57. Ayes; Stern, Franklin, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to table the vote on the Agreement with R We There Yet Transportation. Ayes; Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Agreement with AAA Academy. Ayes; Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Member Miller joined the meeting at 6:09 pm.

Presentation of FY25 Tentative Budget

Mr. Jordan presented the FY25 tentative budget by highlighting projected expenditures and revenues by fund. It was noted that work on the budget will continue throughout the month of September prior to the final budget being presented at the next regular meeting.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve FY25 Tentative Budget. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none, Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto stated that we are progressing well and all occupancy letters have been received.

Teacher and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 350 as of 8/15/2024.

A Board Member asked Dr. Zotto questions relative to incentives to help promote the parents to register their students early for school.

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 FY25 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, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Yareli Barcenas	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WES
Francesca Gaeta	Bilingual Aide	WES
Nicole Griffin	Adm. Asst. to Dir. of District Service	DO

Jarena Hawthorne	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WIS
Selina Moffett	Pre-K Teacher	WES
Antonia Rodriguez-Perez	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WES
Jesus Unzueta	8th Grade-Cross Cat Aide	WJH
Tiffani Williams	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WES

Contract Hires			
Name	**Position**	**Company**	**Building**
Jennifer Ayala	Bilingual Para	Blazerworks	WJH
LaTonya Malone	STEAM Teacher	Blazerworks	WJH
Patricia Muhammad	Long-Term Sub Teacher (3rd-5th Cross Cat)	Blazerworks	WIS
Aaron Rice	4th Grade Teacher	Blazerworks	WIS
Shaunika Toussaint	Paraprofessional (6th & 7th)	Blazerworks	WJH

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Lourdes Angel	Librarian Aide	7/18/2024	WIS
Elina Bustamante	2nd Grade Teacher	8/16/2024	WES
T'Anda Harris	4th Grade Teacher	7/15/2024	WIS
Corey Kelly	PE Teacher	7/25/2024	WES
Katheryn Kosner	6th Grade ELA Teacher	7/9/2024	WJH
Hilda Rosales	Building Secretary	8/9/2024	WJH
Raquel Salazar	Bilingual Teacher	7/31/2024	WIS

Policy - No Report

SCOPE - No Report

FOIA

Name of Requestor	Sheri Reid - SmartProcure
Date of Request	June 29, 2024

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	Requested applicable documents were sent via email on July 2, 2024

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that the teachers are here and getting ready for the new school year.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

A Board member asked if there could be an extensive presentation on the Bonds and the Debt that the district has.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto presented the District curriculum and technology cycles. Dr. Zotto also discussed the 5-year capital improvement plan and draft Board calendar. Lastly, Dr. Zotto reminded the Board about the Back to School Bash on September 11, 2024, from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

Approve Memorandum of Understanding Post-Retirement Pay for Certified Teacher

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman to Approve Memorandum of Understanding Post-Retirement Payment for Certified Teacher Rhonda Ryba. Ayes; Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; Stern, Franklin, Miller, Long, Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.
Time: 6:30 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**