Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
September 19, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on September 19, 2024 at 6:11 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real: Absent: Franklin and Miller (both arrived at the meeting at 6:32 pm).

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Jenny Seddon, Benny Palacios, Julie Stephan, Barbara Jude, Valarie Wilhoite and Alina White.

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comments

President Long closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

There were no communications to report.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Oberman, second by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of August 2024 in the amount of $507,759.59. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman, Oberman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, 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 08/13/2024 (Voucher #1042) in the amount of $12,812.59 and Pre-List dated 08/28/2024 (Voucher #1046) in the amount of $301,476.67 and Pre-List dated 09/19/2024 (Voucher #1069) in the amount of $695,841.73. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman, Oberman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Agreement with R We There Yet Transportation. Ayes; Stern, Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the Agreement with PowerSchool. Ayes; Oberman, Stern, Drl Real, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Agreement with Fox Hire, LLC. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Del Real, and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve the Agreement with Lakeshore Behavior Consulting, LLC. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the Agreement with Delta-T Group. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman, Oberman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the FY25 Final Budget. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Agreement with Evrest for Snow Removal at Wentworth Jr. High, Wentworth Intermediate and District Office. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Del Real and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the Agreement with Evrest for Snow Removal at Wilson School. Ayes; Oberman, Stern, Del Real, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Teacher and Education

A special Thanks was given to everyone from a member of the Board for working really hard to get the students registered for school.

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 959 as of 9/19/2024.

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

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Castillo, Maria	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WW
Thomas, Marcia	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WJH
McBride, Patricia	Building Secretary	WJH
Kot, David	PE Teacher	Wilson

Contract Hires				
Name	**Position**	**Hourly Amount**	**Company**	**Building**
Doyle, April	SLP	$120.00 hr	Amergis	WW
Martinez, Jennifer	RN-School Nurse	$75.00 hr	Amergis	WW
Utti-Bamiro (Blessing), Elizabeth	SLP	$120.00 hr	Amergis	WIS

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Byrd, Natasha	Pre-K Aide	8/16/2024	WW

Policy

A discussion occurred regarding updating the policies. Dr. Zotto informed the Board that two policy press issues were released and needed to be reviewed. It was determined that both policy press issues would be brought forward for first reading in the October Board Meeting.

SCOPE

The board was informed that there was an upcoming SCOPE meeting scheduled for 9/23/24.

FOIA - none

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that the teachers were excited and showed steadfast consistency. She also gave a thank you to the building's office staff for the enrollment numbers.

Valarie Wilhoite and Benny Palacios addressed the board on multiple topics including, pay, training, and kindergarten enrollment.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Stern to approve Resolution Appointing Trustee of Schools. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman, Oberman and Stern. Nayes; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman to approve the District to Apply for the FY25 School Maintenance Project Grant. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman, Obermman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman to approve District to Apply for the FY25 Property Tax Relief Grant. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto discussed the drafting of the five-year capital plan and what projects would be considered for the next two fiscal years.

Board members asked about how the Debt Service and Transportation will affect the district and Dr. Zotto and Adam addressed their concerns.

Jennifer Seddon, first gave a big thank you to Justin and the Building and Grounds staff for the awesome job with helping setup, break down and cleanup with the Back to School Bash. She also gave a presentation on what's happening at the Wentworth Intermediate School. Their theme for this year is “The Magic of WIS”.

Members: Franklin and Miller joined the meeting at 6:32 pm.

Adjournment

Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.
Time: 6:45 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**