Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
October 24, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on October 24, 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, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Andrew Morgan, Dana Berton, Julie Stephen, Michael C. Williams, B. Tanner, Dominique Montgomery, Christopher Montgomery, Officer Barbara Jude, and Dr. Joyce Nelson.

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comments

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Communications

Dana Berton, the Reading Specialist from Wentworth Intermediate acknowledged students for coming up with and creating the first issue Cougar Chronicles. The Board expressed their gratitude toward the students and staff for coming up with a new project that leads to more student involvement.

Administrator Presentation

The Wentworth Jr. High administration highlighted a few of their school culture and climate initiatives. Michael Williams (Interim Dean) had 6 students from Wentworth Junior High recite the Junior High School Creed. 6th Graders-Malachi Franklin (Student Council President), Jocelyn Cadoza (Drama Tem), 7th Grader-Nevaeh Milons (Basketball Team Manager), 8th graders-Cameron Montgomery (Tichi-Calm Down), Madison Reed (Girls Cheerleading Manager) and Paige Pickett (Cheerleader, Basketball Captain, Track and Peer Mediation). One student concluded the presentation about voicing concern about student reading performance.

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, Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Reports

Robert Lewis from PMA presented an update on the District's bonds.

James Maciejewski from JMA Architects presented an updated five-year facilities plan and provided an overview of the summer projects that need approval to go out to bid.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Stern, a Motion to Approve the Board's Architect and Administration to Release Bidding for 2025 Summer Projects: Landscaping, Carpet/Flooring, Fencing, Exterior Doors, Interior Doors, and Junior High Bathrooms/Locker Room. Ayes; Miller, Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Franklin; Nayes; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, second by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of September 2024 in the amount of $655,931.91. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Long, Coleman, Oberman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, 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 09/18/2024 (Voucher #1070) in the amount of $207,523.92 and Pre-List dated 10/03/2024 (Voucher #1080) in the amount of $47,504.61 and Pre-List dated 10/24/2024 (Voucher #1093) in the amount of $636,865.68. Ayes; Stern, Franklin, Miller, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Tentative Levy Presentation

Adam Jordan presented the 2024 proposed tax levy. It was noted that the district does not plan to increase this year's levy by more than 5% greater than last year's tax extension and thus, a truth in taxation public hearing is not required.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve 2024 Proposed Tentative Levy. Ayes;Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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

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

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the Agreement with Back Office Staffing Solutions. Ayes; Long, Coleman. Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve Proposal with Keepsake Co., Inc for Doors at Wentworth Junior High School. Ayes; Miller, Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve Agreement with FE Moran for Preventative HVAC Maintenance. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Long, Coleman, Oberman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve Quote from Precision Control Systems, Inc. for HVAC Work at Wilson Main Office. Ayes; Stern, Franklin, Miller, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Teacher and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 962 as of 10/24/2024.

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

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Ford, Ann	Part-Time Cleaner	DO
Orze, Adam	Cross Cat - 4th/5th Grades	WIS
Thomas, Leah	Cross Cat Aide	WW

Contract Hires			
Name	**Position**	**Company**	**Building**
Cousins, Gail	Cross Cat Teacher	Ashmore/BOSS, LLC	WW
Reyes, Joeclyn	Bilingual Aide	Select Savvy	WJH
White, Philanise	Perm Sub - STEM	Blazerworks	WJH

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Acosta-Lopez, Estefani	Building Secretary	10/18/2024	WJH

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding Stipend for special Education Teacher Assignment for the 2024-2025 School year. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve Substitute Pay Rate changes to $150 for days 1-9, $165 for days 10-19 and $180 for 20 days or more, Effective 1/1/2025. Ayes; Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Miller, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Policy

Policy Press Issues 115 and 116 provided in Board Packets for 1st review.

SCOPE

Dr. Zotto addressed the issue and is working with the committee to address the pay leave situation (granting benefit days) at the County Level.

FOIA

Name of Requestor	Sandra Hock - Burbank School District #111
Date of Request	September 26, 2024
Summary of Records Requested	FOIA Request for records related to contracted school psychologist Dr. Julianna Padilla. *Any and all contracts *Any and all invoices for services *Sign in logs for her attendance during the school day at Calumet City 155 schools. *Any and all calendar invites for virtual meetings held during the school day for special education meetings *Any and all email/text communications between her and district staff during school hours *Any sign out logs for psychological protocols that were district provided.
Status of Response	The district does not have any responsive records and responded via email on September 30, 2024.

Name of Requestor	Sheri Reid - SmartProcure
Date of Request	September 27, 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 October 1, 2024

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated the 8th graders will be taking the Constitution test soon. Teachers of the Month, April Doornward, Christopher Pheifer and Sharon Morgan

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto recognized the School Board and acknowledged that November 15, is School Board Member Day.

Adjournment

Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.
Time: 7:26 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**