Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
December 12, 2024

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on December 12, 2024 at 6:02 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman, and Franklin: Absent: Stern, Miller and Del Real.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Dana Berton, Brandi Tanner, Jeannine Pazanin, Colleen Kolasa, Valeria Wilhoite, Barbara Jude, Lisa Stuart, Reon Gillespie, Julie Stephen and Tamra Gullatt.

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

Colleen Kolasa invited the Board to the Winter Holiday Concert at Wilson on Tuesday, December 17th.

Tamra Gullatt (ELA Perm Sub @ WJH) voiced her concern and submitted a Permanent Substitute Proposal advocating for more pay and holiday pay for the Perm Subs.

Reon Gillespie stood and expressed his support for Tamra Gullatt's concerns.

President Long closed the floor to the public for comments.

Member Stern joined the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Communications

Thank you letter from the Quandt Family for the flowers received

Thank you to Club Temulac for their $250 donation to the district

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Long, second by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of October 2024 in the amount of $667,984.51 and November, 2024 in the amount of $664,952.18. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Stern, 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 100/24/2024 (Voucher #1103) in the amount of $3,348.80 and Pre-List dated 10/29/2024 (Voucher #1105) in the amount of $24,324.23 and Pre-List dated 11/19/2024 (Voucher #1120) in the amount of $291,547.27 and Pre-List dated 12/12/2024 in the amount of $822,004.46. Ayes; Franklin, Long, Coleman, Oberman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Kyle Kasperek, Manager at John Kasperek, Co. thanked Dr. Zotto, Adam Jordan and Judy Caban for their hard work on providing the necessary documents for the audit. Kyle presented to the board on the uniform guidance report and the annual financial report for the FY24 audit. Both reports were summarized.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2024 Audit. Ayes; Stern, Franklin, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve and ratify the Agreement with Hudson Energy Services, LLC. Ayes; Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adam Jordan advised the board that no changes had been made from the proposed tax levy presented at the October meeting. Also, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/17-1.3, Mr. Jordan read the unaudited fund balances from November, 2024, that are listed below:

10	20	30	40	50/51	60	70	80
$ 15,314,823	$ 4,153,317	$ 918,442	$ 564,817	$ 511,902	$ -	$ 64,569	$ -

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the 2024 Tax Levy Resolution. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Stern, Franklin and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the Resolution to Instruct County Clerk How to Apportion 2024 Tax Levy Extension Reduction. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Certification of Inapplicability of Truth in Taxation Law. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board approve and accept bid package 1, fencing from Classic Fence Inc. in the negotiated amount of $64,955.00. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve and accept the bid package 2, finished flooring from Johnson Floor Company, Inc., in the negotiated amount of $104,417.00. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, Stern and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board approve and accept bid package 3, exterior door improvements, from Keepsake Construction Co., in the negotiated amount of $146,375.00. Ayes; Franklin, Long, Coleman, Oberman and Stern. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Teacher and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 979 as of 12/12/2024.

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

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Fabian, Jennifer	Admin. Asst. To Director of Student Services	DSS Office
Figueroa, Denisse	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WIS
Hernandez, Jennifer	Building Secretary	WJH
Wells, Dazha	Perm Sub Teacher (Floater)	WW

Contract Hires			
Name	**Position**	**Company**	**Building**
Jaimes, Janet	Bilingual Aide	Blazerworks	WIS
Larson, Grace	Bilingual Teacher	Clarifi Staffing	WIS
Newson, Karen	SLPA	Amergis	WW
Robinson, Jarita	4th Grade Teacher	Blazerworks	WIS

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Griffin, Nicole	Administrative Assistant to the Director of Student Services	11/1/2024	Student Services

Policy

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the second reading and adopt the policies as listed in the meeting agenda. Ayes; Oberman, Stern, Franklin, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

SCOPE

No Report

FOIA

Name of Requestor	Jason Bittner - Prairie Farms
Date of Request	October 29, 2024
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of the district's invoice(s) for milk for August and September 2024, including vendor, school location, quantity and pricing.
Status of Response	The district does not have any responsive records and responded via email on October 29, 2024.

Name of Requestor	Karen Garcia, SmartProcure
Date of Request	November 20, 2024
Summary of Records Requested	The specific information requested from your record keeping system is: 1. First Name 2. Last Name 3. Position Title 4. Department 5. Direct Phone Number (if does not exist, list main phone number with extension) 6. Business Cell Phone (if provided by Calumet City School District No. 155) 7. Email Address 8. Office Address (address, city, state, zip)
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email November 21, 2024

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that there were three teachers of the Month (Ariana Lopez-WW, Ashley Isherwood-WJH and Reon Gillespie-WJH).

Julie addressed the Board about an anonymous letter that the union received regarding the alleged inappropriate conduct of one of our Board Members. She also acknowledged that the letter was sent to each School Board Member and District Administration. Julie expressed the union's concerns and requested that the Board take the matter seriously and investigate the legitimacy of the letter. The District's Attorney, Catie Locallo, stated that the district is aware of the letter and is investigating the matter.

Valarei Wilhoite stated that the Paraprofessional Union is waiting for Bargaining.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Discussion for the good of the School District

District Academic Report

Tara Lawrence presented the Board with an update on the District Report Card data and presented the Board with a hard copy of her PowerPoint presentation.

Adjournment

Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 7:10 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**