Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
February 20, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Long on February 20, 2025 at 6:03 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Coleman, Oberman and Del Real: Absent: Stern, Franklin and Miller.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Attorney Catherine Locallo, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Jane Librizzi, Marciel Blaisdell, Brandi Tanner, Dana Berton, Lidia Tessuye, Menuaure Daniels, Valerie Glass, Sean Montgomery, Rochelle Cooper-Garr, Reginald Hall, Shene Poe, Amir Owens, Jeannine Pazanin, Lisa Stuart, Colleen Kolasa, Gloria Kelley, Jaclynn Labahn, Jenny Seddon, Valarie Wilhoite, Julie Stephen, Officer B. Jude, Dante Hansen, April Doorneweerd, Alina White, Dr. Joyce Nelson, Leisl Brown, Lenora Jones and Jonathan Bolda.

Public Comment

President Long opened the floor to the public for comments.

Brandi Tanner gave the definition of the “Censuring of a Board Member”, and thanked the Board Members that voted yes to the Resolution to Censure Board Member Miller. She informed the Board that she was an assault survivor and that she had several questions that she would like to have answered by Board Member Miller. Ms. Tanner also discussed the process of FOIA and steps taken to gain access to the documents. Ms. Tanner made it clear she intended to ask Mr. Miller what steps is he taking or have taken to change his behavior.

Amber Jackson of the FOIA, regarding the Censuring of Board Member Miller and expressed her concerns. Ms. Jackson provided an overview of sexual harassment and the effects it could have potentially had on the young ladies that reported it. Ms. Jackson concluded that Mr. Miller should not bear the responsibility of being a representative of our schools, district, or our students.

President Long closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

No Comment for Communication

Administrative Presentation

Jaclynn Labahn thanked Brandi Weiss, Leisl Brown, the Band Students and their families for their hard work and dedication. She stated that even with Ms. Weiss was not feeling good, because of her dedication to the students, she made her way to work to assure that she would be there for their performance. Ms. Labahn, also presented Ms. Weiss with a certificate.The band played 7 or 8 selections.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Oberman, second by Member Long, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of January 2025 in the amount of $969,963.98. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, 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 01/17/2025 (Voucher #1187) in the amount of $226,651.15, Pre-List dated 01/28/2025 (Voucher #1188) in the amount of $15,905.20, Pre-List dated 02/05/2025 (Voucher #1198) in the amount of $1,892.61, Pre-list dated 02/13/2025 (Voucher #1211) in the amount of $27,316.31 and Pre-List dated 02/20/2025 (Voucher #1212) in the amount of $901,415.66. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve one-year garbage service agreement with Republic Services. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve one-year lawn and landscape maintenance agreement with Beverly Companies. Ayes; Oberman, Del Real, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Biometric Screening Agreement with Empower Health Services, LLC. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Del Real and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Jerry Maciejewski from JMA Architects presented the board with an overview of the bids that were up for approval regarding the WJH bathroom remodel project. Jerry advised that the recommendation was to break this work up over the next two summers.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board approve and accept bid package1: masonry from A-One Group, ltd., in the amount of $192,100. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Obaerman, a Motion that the Board approve and accept bid package 2: carpentry & general construction, from Keepsake Construction Co., in the amount of $255,555. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, carried by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board approve and accept bid package 3: flooring from MTB Flooring, Inc., in the amount of $154,914. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, carried by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board approve and accept bid package 4: painting, from CoDeco Industries Inc./Cote Decorating Co., in the amount of $27,982. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.
Moved by Member Long, carried by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board approve and accept bid package 5: plumbing, from LGS Plumbing, Inc., in the amount of $238,000. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, carried by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board approve and accept bid package 6: mechanical/fire protection, from Gatlin Plumbing & Heating, Inc., in the amount of $125,950. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, carried by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board approve and accept bid package 7: electrical, from Kreykes Electric, Inc., in the amount of $98,129. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, carried by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve Wentworth Intermediate Grease Trap Replacement with Calumet City Plumbing Co., in the amount of $13,900. Ayes; Oberman, Del Real, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, carried by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Telcor Intercom Head End Replacement with Tri-Electronics, Inc., in the amount of $12,690. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Del Real and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Teacher and Education

Moved by Member Oberman, carried by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve the employment 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, Del Real, Long and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

New Hires			
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**	**Rate of Pay**
Robin Beymer	Part-Time Certified School Nurse	District Wide	$40.00 Per Hour
Elina Bustamante	Bilingual Aide	WW	$19.50 Per Hour
LaKrizzia Henry	CNA	WW	$27.00 Per Hour

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 971 as of 02/20/2025.

Policy

First Reading of Policy as Presented

Number and Title
2:105, Ethics and Gift Ban
2:120, Board Member Development
2:140, Communication To and From the Board
2:250-E2, Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
3:60-E, Event Reporting and Notice Requirements for Building Principals Concerning School Safety and Security
4:10, Fiscal and Business Management
4:30, Revenue and Investments
4:40, Incurring Debt
4:60, Purchases and Contracts
4:150, Facility Management and Building
4:160, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
4:170, Safety
4:170-AP1, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan
4:190, Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
4:190-AP2, Threat Assessment Team (TAT)
5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited
5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria
5:30-AP2, Investigations
5:35, Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
5:35-AP1, Fair Labor Standards Act Exemptions
5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:120, Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct and Conflict of Interest
5:125, Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
5:150, Personnel Records

5:150-AP, Personnel Records
5:150-E, Employee Request Form for Personnel Records
5:230, Maintaining Student Discipline
6:20, School Year Calendar and Day
6:20-AP, Remote and/or Blende Remote Learning Day Plan(s)
6:60, Curriculum Content
6:60-AP1, Comprehensive Health Education Program
6:65, Student Social and Emotional Development
6:135, Accelerated Placement Program
6:135-AP, Accelerated Placement Program Procedures
6:270, Guidance and Counseling Program
6:340, Student Testing and Assessment Program
7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities
7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations: Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:160, Student Appearance
7:165, School Uniforms
7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment
7:190-AP1, Student Handbook-Hazing Prohibited
7:190-AP4, Use of Isolated Time-Out, Time-Out, and Physical Restraint
7:190-AP7, Student Discipline Guidelines
7:190-AP8, Student Re-Engagement Guidelines
7:190-E2, Student Handbook Checklist
7:200,Suspension Procedures
7:200-E2, Long Term Out-of-School Suspension (4-10 Day) Reporting Form
7:340-A1, School Student Records
8:10, Connection with the Community

Moved by Member Oberman, carried by Member Long, a Motion to Approve the First Reading and Adopt Board Policy 5:330. Ayes; Long, Coleman, Oberman, and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

SCOPE

Dr. Zotto stated that he would keep the Board updated on the next general session in Springfield as new bills are being introduced.

FOIA

Date of Request	01/08/2025
Summary of Records Requested	All contracts, agreements , or other documents related to the provision of janitorial and cafeteria services at the schools in your district within the last year. This may include but not limited to: Names of current service provider Contract start and end date Scope of work for each contract Payment schedules and amount Any performance evaluations and/or reports Any complaints and/or disciplinary actions related to janitorial and cafeteria services
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email 01/10/2025

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Date of Request	01/13/2025
Summary of Records Requested	“A copy of the following documents be provided to the Wentworth Wilson Teachers Union Council; resolution censuring board member Miller approved at the January 9, 2025 school board meeting and all documents supporting the resolution.”
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email 01/14/2025

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Date of Request	01/14/2025
Summary of Records Requested	“All documents related to the censuring resolution concerning Mr. Miller, including but not limited to the following: 1. A copy of the censuring resolution, including any drafts or proposed versions. 2. Meeting minutes, agendas, or notes from any Board of Education

	meetings where the censuring resolution was discussed or voted on. 3. Email correspondence, memos, or other communications mentioning the resolution, whether authored by or addressed to Mr. Miller or other members of the Board. 4. Any supporting documents, reports, or evidence considered in connection with the censuring resolution. 5. Records of the final vote and decision regarding the resolution. To narrow the scope of this request, I am requesting documents from December 1, 2024, to January 12, 2025."
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 01/16/2025

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Date of Request	01/15/2025
Summary of Records Requested	The contact information for certified staff who are planning to retire in 2025.
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 01/16/2025

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Date of Request	02/03/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of the following documents; resolution censuring board member Miller which was approved at the January 9, 2025 school board meeting and all documents supporting the resolution.
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 02/06/2025

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Date of Request	02/03/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of the following document; the resolution censuring board member Miller which was approved at the January 9th, 2025 school board meeting and all documents supporting the resolution. I'd also like more information about an indecent

	exposure incident that occurred during remote learning in the 2020-2021 school year.
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 02/06/2025

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Date of Request	02/04/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of the following documents; the resolution censuring board member Miller which was approved at the January 9th, 2025 school board meeting and all documents supporting the resolution. I am also requesting any information about an indecent exposure during online learning SY 20/21.
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 02/06/2025

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Date of Request	02/04/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of the following documents; the resolution censuring board member Miller which was approved at the January 9th, 2025 school board meeting and all documents supporting the resolution.
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 02/06/2025

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Date of Request	02/05/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of the following documents; the resolution censuring board member Miller which was approved at the January 9th, 2025 school board meeting and all documents supporting the resolution. Also, any and all information related to the indecent exposure incidents during online learning for the 2020-2021 school year

Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 02/06/2025

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Date of Request	02/05/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of the following documents; the resolution censuring board member Miller which was approved at the January 9th, 2025 school board meeting and all documents supporting the resolution. Also, any and all information related to the indecent exposure incidents during online learning for the 2020-2021 school year
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 02/06/2025

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Date of Request	02/06/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Copy of the following documents; the resolution censuring board member Miller which was approved at the January 9th, 2025 school board meeting and all documents supporting the resolution. Also, any and all information related to the indecent exposure incidents during online learning for the 2020-2021 school year
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 02/06/2025

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that there were 2 teachers of the Month (Jane Librizzi-WIS-PE Teacher) and (Madi Drewno-WIS-3rd Grade Teacher). She asked the Boar will they consider partnerships with social service agencies in the area, that were in place before COVID)

Valerie Wilhoite - No Comment

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto stated that Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming soon

Executive Session

Moved by Member Oberman, carried by Member Coleman, a Motion that the Board enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public.. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0

Entered Executive Session at 6:49 pm

Moved by Member Long, carried by Member Del Real, a Motion that the Board return to regular business. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Returned to regular business at 7:50 pm

Moved by Member Oberman, carried by Member Del Real, a Motion to Approve Superintendent School Year 24/25 evaluation. Ayes; Del Real, Long, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Adjournment

Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Time: 7:54 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**