

**Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois**

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Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by Vice President Valle at 6:00 p.m. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Long, Davis, Oberman, Eveland, Crull, and Valle.

Absent members were: Stern.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Catie Locallo, Ebonie Thurmond, Jim Safarik, Mandy Graziano, Charlie Russ, Brandi Tanner, Julie Hassel, Bonnie Rising, Carolina Ortiz, Andrew Morgan, Gail Batinick, Lamarr Miller, Justin Valle, Michelle Hessler, Kim Nelson, Jeanelle Smith, Deborah Smith, Norma Doyle, and Yvette Franklin.

President Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Acknowledgement

Charles Russ, Assistant Principal at Wentworth Intermediate, recognized the achievements and highlighted strengths of two WIS students. Mr. Russ presented the students with awards and took photographs with the students and parents in attendance.

Courtesy extended to the public for comments

Moved by Member Valle, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board open the floor to the public for comments. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Lamarr Miller addressed the Board and asked questions regarding the proposed employment agreements on the meeting's agenda.

President Long advised that all employment contracts were thoroughly looked into by the Board and mentioned changes made in new contracts as compared to previous contracts in the District.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Valle, that the Board close the floor to the public for comments. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Communications

Member Crull read the communications:

1. Resignation Letter from Karen Edmondson, STEM teacher, effective 02/15/19.
2. Resignation Letter from Esmeralda Fonseca, Part-time cleaner, effective 02/11/19.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Valle, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as listed. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried, 6-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board approve the gross payroll figure for the month of January 2019 in the total amount of \$632,431.67. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; and Davis, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board approve the following pre-lists of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents.

- a. Pre-list dated 02/21/2019 (Voucher #1186) in the amount of \$781,662.69
- b. Pre-list dated 02/11/2019 (Voucher #1185) in the amount of \$11,693.46
- c. Pre-list dated 01/24/2019 (Voucher #1175) in the amount of \$131,948.90

Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; and Davis, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Eveland, a motion that the Board Approve Resolution providing for the payment of debt service on the outstanding Limited School Bonds, Series 2012A, of School District Number 155, Cook County, Illinois, and abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2018 for said bonds. Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, a motion that the Board Approve the lease agreement with ECHO School. Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Valle indicated nothing new to report.

Teachers and Education

Member Crull read the enrollment total of 1,108 students.

SCOPE

Member Eveland stated that the Governor made a state speech regarding the budget which gave education a big raise in what they will receive.

FOIA

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report;

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| Date of Request | 01/16/2019 |
| Summary of Records Requested | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Latest contract with AYP Services. ● Documents sufficient to show all monies paid to AYP Services from 2018 to present |
| Status of Response | Response sent on 01/23/2019 |

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Neither Union had anything to address during the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Zotto indicated there not being any unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Member Eveland recommended that parents get measles shots for their students.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approved the amended FY19 school calendar. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried, 6-0.

Discussion for the Good of the School District

Wentworth Intermediate School Assistant Principal Charlie Russ discussed the recent enchanted backpack grant that was won by WIS which was worth over \$40,000 of school supplies and clothes. Mr. Russ also discussed the recent family Valentine's Day dance and an award won by two teachers, Ms. Weiss and Ms. Brown.

Dr. Zotto mentioned the recent success of the Girl's Volleyball team at WJH and the team currently being in first place in the standings.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Valle, seconded by Member Crull, a motion that the Board enter executive session to pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the, employment, compensation, discipline, or performance of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and 2(c)(8). Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Time: 6:18 pm

Moved by Member Valle, seconded by Member Davis, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried, 6-0. Time: 8:38 pm

Employment Agreements

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Valle, a Motion to Approve 2019-2020 Employment Agreement with Assistant Principal James Safarik, with an annual salary of \$99,586.00. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2019-2020 Employment Agreement with Assistant Principal Charles Russ, with an annual salary of \$68,000.00. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2019-2020 Employment Agreement with Case Manager Kimberly Nelson, with an annual salary of \$61,800. Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2019-2020 Employment Agreement with Case Manager Jeanelle Smith, with an annual salary of \$61,800. Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Amendment to Employment Agreement with Principal Andrew Morgan, for a new term from 2019-2024 and with an annual salary of \$87,550.00 for the 2019-2020 contract year, as the Board finds that Mr. Morgan has met all student performance and academic improvement goals. Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2019-2022 Employment Agreement with Principal Deborah Smith, with an annual salary of \$109,291.54 for the 2019-2020 contract year, as Board finds that Ms. Smith has met her performance objectives and goals. Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2019-2024 Employment Agreement with Principal Julie Hassel, with an annual salary of \$110,862.00 for the

2019-2020 contract year. Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2019-2024 Employment Agreement with Director of Student Services Michelle Hessler, with an annual salary of \$111,240.00 for the 2019-2020 contract year. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Amendment to Employment Agreement with Assistant Superintendent Tara Lawrence, for a new term from 2019-2024 and with an annual salary of \$108,150 for the 2019-2020 contract year, as the Board finds that Ms. Lawrence has met all student performance and academic improvement goals. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2019-2024 Employment Agreement with Superintendent Dr. Joseph Zotto, with an annual salary of \$164,800.00 for the 2019-2020 contract year, as the Board finds that Dr. Zotto has met all performance and academic improvement goals. Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2019-2024 Employment Agreement with Assistant to the Director of Buildings and Grounds Justin Valle, with an annual salary of \$56,650 for the 2019-2020 contract year. Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, abstain. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

Non-Reemployment Resolution

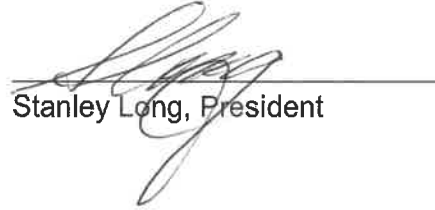
Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full-Time, Non-Tenured Teacher Sofia Salazar, as discussed and reviewed by the Board in closed session. Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Non-Bargaining Rate of Pay

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the 3% rate of pay increases for non-bargaining educational support staff employees, except Yolanda Ponce, who will make \$10.00 per hour, as discussed and reviewed by the Board in closed session, effective July 1, 2019. Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye. Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Valle, seconded by Member Eveland, a Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried, 6-0. Adjourned: 8:59 pm


Stanley Long, President


Barbara Crull, Secretary