

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Davis at 6:31 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. The following members were present via phone call and answered present; Stern and Oberman.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan (recording secretary), Valerie Wilhoite, and Rebecca Taylor.

Public Comment

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board open the floor to the public for comments. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

There were no members of the public that wished to comment.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board close the floor to the public for comments. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Student Acknowledgment

There was no student acknowledgement presented at the meeting.

Communications

Member Oberman read the communication below:

- a. Retirement letter from Cherie Koutsis, Secretary at Wentworth Jr. High, effective 06/30/2020.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda:

- a. Board Minutes for the regular and executive sessions of the 02/20/2020 regular Board meeting.
- b. FMLA for Norma Doyle
- c. Military Leave for Daniel Perso
- d. Retirement of Cherie Koutsis, effective 06/30/2020

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of February 2020 in the amount of \$643,635.72. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Miller, 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 02/21/2020 (Voucher #1189) in the amount of \$23,694.51. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, 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 03/05/2020 (Voucher #1201) in the amount of \$8,145.37. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

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 03/19/2020 (Voucher #1206) in the amount of \$502,061,240. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Rising, a motion to Approve the Tuition Reimbursement Agreement with Ron Kooima, Custodian. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding: Class Size/Case Load Stipend 1. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Davis, a motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding: Class Size/Case Load Stipend 2. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve Dr. Joseph Zotto registered for the IASBO Annual Conference in Peoria, Illinois in April/May of 2020. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve Adam Jordan to register for the IASBO Annual Conference in Peoria, Illinois in April/May of 2020. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Buildings and Grounds

It was acknowledged that the District was commended by ISC4 for their outstanding work in that this was the sixth consecutive year that the District did not have any violations on their compliance visit.

It was also acknowledged the hard work that the buildings and grounds staff was doing on the deep cleaning of the schools while the students were out.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Davis, a motion that the Board approve the reassignment of James Sloane from 6th-8th Grade STEM Teacher to 6th Grade Science

Teacher starting for the 2020-2021 School Year. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

The enrollment total of 1,105 students was read.

A potential error in the enrollment total reporting was discussed and would be looked into before the next meeting.

Policy

There was no report.

SCOPE

A member advised that they had been asked to look at proposals for subjects to be presented at the IASB conference in November.

FOIA Report

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

Date of Request	02/10/2020
Summary of Records Requested	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Copies of public records that are outlined below and please organize this information in the following manner:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. First Nameb. Middle Namec. Last Named. Positione. Grade Level (for teachers)f. Subject Area taught (for teachers)g. Certified in Area of Instruction (for teachers)h. School Emaili. Personal Email (<i>not provided</i>)j. Phone (<i>not provided</i>)k. Race/Ethnicity (<i>not provided</i>)l. Hire Datem. Years of Experience (<i>not provided</i>)n. Current Salary
Status of Response	Two attempts were made to send a response to the email address listed as the requester but both came back as undeliverable and not a valid email address.

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Summary of Records Requested	For each of the following school years: 2016-17, 2017-18, and 2018-19, and for each school in the District 155 system, please provide: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The race, grade, gender, and student ID code of each student who was referred for discipline.2. Data maintained by the District on disciplinary referrals, identifying each by the student ID code, the date of the incident, disciplinary category, and the disciplinary action taken.
Status of Response	After filing an extension, the district responded with responsive records via email 03/04/2020.

Teachers and Paraprofessionals

Ms. Wilhoite inquired about the reassignment approved earlier in the meeting and it was advised that the reassignment voted on was only for the staff member mentioned in the action item.

Unfinished Business

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve a 3% increase to FY20 annual salary for Principal Andrew Morgan, effective July 1, 2020. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve a 3% increase to FY20 annual salary for Assistant Superintendent Tara Lawrence, effective July 1, 2020. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion to approve a 3% increase to FY20 annual salary for Director of Student Services Michelle Hessler, effective July 1, 2020. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve a 3% increase to FY20 annual salary for Superintendent Dr. Joseph Zotto, effective July 1, 2020. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve a 3% increase to FY20 annual salary for Assistant to the Director of Buildings and Grounds Justin Valle, effective July 1, 2020. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Discussion for the Good of the School District

Dr. Zotto advised the following:

- a. The upcoming IASB dinner had been cancelled.

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- b. The WJH Girls Volleyball team went undefeated, won their conference, and will celebrate when students return to school.
- c. On 03/18/2020, 408 meals were served across the district. The district is currently working with the other feeder schools to put out joint communication to advise where students can pick up food in the area.
- d. The bus contracts are being worked on and he will be meeting with the contractor to see if the district can pay bills that are reimbursable which would cover driver and dispatcher salaries.
- e. The closures have gone well and he is communicating with staff as much as possible.

Executive Session

There was no executive session at the meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 7-0.

Time: 6:51 pm.

Board President

Board Secretary