

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 Vice President Stern at 6:31 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller. The following members were absent; Davis.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan (recording secretary), and Norma Doyle.

Public Comment

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a motion that the Board open the floor to the public for comments. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Student Acknowledgment

There was no student acknowledgement presented at the meeting.

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications below:

- a. Retirement letter from Katherine Wetzig, effective June 2024
- b. Resignation letter from Glyniss Boney, effective 05/21/2020
- c. Resignation letter from Efrain Rodriguez, effective 05/13/2020

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Board Minutes of the 04/23/2020 regular Board Meeting
- b. Katherine Wetzig retirement letter, effective June, 2024
- c. FMLA for Janet Ashogbon
- d. Glyniss Boney resignation, effective 05/21/2020
- e. Efrain Rodriguez resignation, effective 05/13/2020
- f. FY21 Regular Board Meeting Schedule
- g. Reassignment of Maria Alba to Building Secretary at WJH (0.75 FTE) and Administrative Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent (0.25 FTE)

Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of April, 2020 in the amount of \$605,876.16. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Rising, 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 05/01/2020 (Voucher #1249) in the amount of \$7,875.36. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. 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 05/21/2020 (Voucher #1298) in the amount of \$597,409.92. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve and the amendment to the FY20 Contract with Kickert School Bus Line, Inc. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising. Abstains; Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the FY21 Contract with Kickert School Bus Line, Inc. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Instructional/Technology Support Agreement with Becky Foellmer. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Long, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve the FY21 Lease Agreement with ECHO. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the FY21 Contract Renewal Agreement with Preferred Meals Systems, Inc. that has a 2% rate increase. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising. Nays; Stern, Miller. Motion carried, 4-2.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve and adopt the Prevailing Wage Resolution. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Dr. Zotto to attend the IASA conference September/October 2020 in Springfield, IL and the LCS conference in October 2020 in Galena, IL. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, Motion to Approve the Agreement with the Larson Company in the amount of \$22,800.00 for the new Kindergarten lockers at Wilson Elementary. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion that the Board approve the 2020-2021 CLIC Workers' Compensation Program Cost Comparison. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board approve the 2020-2021 CLIC Property/Casualty Program Cost Comparison. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board approve the 2020-2021 CLIC Fiduciary Liability Insurance Premium. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion that the Board approve the 2020-2021 Law Enforcement Liability Insurance Premium. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto discussed the Wilson carpet project, the COMED LED lightbulb grant, and safety measures for a potential return to school.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion that the Board employ Jessica Reyna as a Pre-K Teacher at Wilson Elementary for the 2020-2021 School Year, pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and place her on the appropriate Lane and Step of the 2020-2021 Salary Schedule. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board employ Brandon Reyes as a 7th Grade Math Teacher at Wentworth Jr. High for the 2020-2021 School Year, pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and place him on the appropriate Lane and Step of the 2020-2021 Salary Schedule. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Member Rising read the enrollment total of 1,102 students.

Policy

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the First Reading of the Policies listed in the Meeting Agenda (and below). Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising. Abstains; Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0-1.

2:125, Board Member Compensation; Expenses
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2:125-E1, Board Member Expense Reimbursement Form
2:125-E2, Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form
2:150-AP, Superintendent Committees
2:160, Board Attorney
2:160-E, Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney
4:60-AP4, Federal and State Award Procurement Procedures
4:170-AP6, E1, School Staff AED Notification Letter
5:35, Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
5:35-AP1, Fair Labor Standards Act Exemptions
5:60, Expenses
5:60-AP, Federal and State Grant Travel Expense Procedures
5:60-E1, Employee Expense Reimbursement Form
5:60-E2, Employee Estimated Expense Approval Form
5:90-AP, Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center
5:120-AP1, Statement of Economic Interests for Employees
6:120-AP1, Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities

6:135-AP, Accelerated Placement Program Procedures
6:280, Grading and Promotion
7:70, Attendance and Truancy
7:190-E2, Student Handbook Checklist
7:325-E, Application and Procedures to Involve Students in Fundraising Activities
8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
8:30-E1, Letter to Parent Regarding Visits to School by Child Sex Offenders
8:30-E2, Child Sex Offender's Request for Permission to Visit School Property
8:110, Public Suggestions and Concerns

SCOPE

There was no report.

FOIA Report

There was no report.

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Norma Doyle thanked Dr. Zotto for the work that has been taking place during the pandemic. The amount of learning taking place by students was discussed with the Board.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Zotto discussed the CARES money that was released. The state budget and potential cuts to education funding as well as the potential issue of decreased property tax collections were discussed.

Dr. Zotto also discussed the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant.

New Business

Dr. Zotto discussed the current staffing of the District, a potential celebration for the 8th graders, the need to complete economic interest statements, a letter from the auditor that the Board members are requested to complete, and the Triple I conference sign up sheet.

Also discussed was the public hearing that will take place in June for the Board to approve the e-Learning plan that is on file and create a waiver for the next three academic years that would allow the District to use those days in the event of snow days needing to be used.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Executive Session

The Board did not enter an executive session.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Rising, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Time: 7:02 pm.

Board President

Board Secretary