

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 6:35 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, and Miller.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Cittalaly Hernandez, Epifanio Adame Julie Hassel, Jennifer Caine, Georgia Lolis, Norma Doyle, Louise Garza, Jeanelle Smith, Rebecca Schwartzentraub, Robert Polk, and Deanna Bibbs.

Student Acknowledgement

Julie Hassel, Principal at Wentworth Intermediate, presented two students with acknowledgement achievement awards. She discussed some of their strengths and favorite things and took pictures with the students.

Public Comment

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board open the floor to the public for comments. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board close the floor to the public for comments. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications below:

- a. Donation of \$500.00 to the Woodrow Wilson activity fund from Gregory and Julie Vacala
- b. Resignation letter from Ma Alejandra Ramirez

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 for the Regular Session of the 08/15/2019 meeting
- b. FMLA leave for Sandra Randolph

- c. Resignation letter:
 - i. Ma Alejandra Ramirez, part-time cleaner, effective 9/13/2019
- d. Change the date of the Regular Board meeting scheduled on 10/17/2019 to a new date of 10/09/2019

Ayes: Franklin, Rising, Miller, Davis, Stern, Oberman, Davis. Motion carried, 7-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board approve the gross payroll figure for the month of August 2019 in the amount of \$373,545.84. Ayes: Franklin, Rising, Miller, Davis, Stern, Oberman, Davis. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board approve the following pre-list of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents:

1. Pre-list dated 08/14/2019 (Voucher # 1029) in the amount of \$192,186.06.
2. Pre-list dated 08/16/2019 (Voucher # 1039) in the amount of \$20,056.42.
3. Pre-list dated 09/05/2019 (Voucher # 1052) in the amount of \$3,450.35.

Ayes: Franklin, Rising, Miller, Davis, Stern, Oberman, Davis. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board approve the following pre-list of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents:

4. Pre-list dated 09/19/2019 (Voucher # 1053) in the amount of \$564,193.86.

Ayes: Oberman, Franklin, Rising, Davis, Stern. Abstentions: Long, Miller. Motion carried, 5-0. Member Long stated he is abstaining from numbers 6168 and 4872 in Voucher #1053.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve the Agreement with Everest Snow Management, Inc. for snow removal services starting on 11/15/2019 and ending on 04/15/2020. Ayes: Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Davis. Abstentions: Miller. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve the FY20 Budget. Ayes: Davis, Stern, Oberman, Rising. Abstentions: Long, Franklin, Miller. Motion carried, 4-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Mary Valle stated that the Buildings and Grounds staff are preparing facilities for the upcoming winter.

Enrollment

Member Rising read the enrollment total of 1,070 students.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Davis, seconded by Member Long, a motion that the Board employ Maria Gonzalez as a part-time Cleaner at the District Office for the 2019-2020 School Year pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and place her on a starting pay of \$10.00 per hour. Ayes: Miller, Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising. Motion carried, 7-0.

Policy

Member Rising asked whether the Board could receive copies of the currently active policies to compare them with the proposed new policies. It was advised that they can be found online. Dr. Zotto also advised that there is no timetable for the voting of these policies.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board table the discussion on the first reading of the proposed policies. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board approve the resolution approving travel, meal, and lodging policy. Ayes: Franklin, Rising, Miller, Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long. Motion carried, 7-0.

SCOPE

Member Miller mentioned that there were a few bills on the floor regarding appropriations and funding, one of which is from President Trump in which he wants to cut some type of funding to fund the wall. The other bill would give more money to schools.

Dr. Zotto mentioned that everything is heating up for the Spring time and discussed a few big initiatives that may be coming up in the Spring.

FOIA Report

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

Date of Request	09/11/2019
Summary of Records Requested	1. Any and all purchasing records from 2019-05-31 (yyyy-mm-dd) to current. a. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not

	<p>used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Purchase date c. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase) d. Line item quantity e. Line item price f. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address
Status of Response	Response provided on 9/11/2019 via email

Date of Request	09/09/2019
Summary of Records Requested	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joseph Zotto, Superintendent contract 2. Tara Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent contract 3. Andrew Morgan, Principal contract 4. Board Member Stanley Long expenses beginning with 2009-2010 School year until present year 2019 (was amended to records readily available in District Office) 5. Director of Building & Ground contract present and previous 4 or 2 year contract.
Status of Response	Response provided on 9/16/2019 via email

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Both Unions had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business

President Davis indicated not having any unfinished business.

New Business

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve Board Members Lamarr Miller, Bonnie Rising, Yvette Franklin, Stanley Long, Kathyne Stern, and Tonya Davis to attend the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference in Chicago, IL in November, 2019. Ayes: Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller, Davis, Stern, Oberman. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve Dr. Joe Zotto, Superintendent, to attend the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference in Chicago, IL in November, 2019; the IASA Conference in Springfield, IL in September, 2019; and the Lake County Superintendent's Association Conference in Galena, IL in October, 2019. Ayes: Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller, Davis, Stern, Oberman. Motion carried, 7-0.

Discussion for the Good of the District

Julie Hassel discussed the back to school bash and all that was offered there. She thanked the staff, the Buildings and Grounds crew, and all the parents, community, and board members for their involvements. She also discussed all of the programs and clubs that were being offered at WIS.

Dr. Zotto acknowledged and thanked the Jr. High staff for the ice cream social that took place and mentioned the progress being made at the Jr. High. He thanked the teachers for modeling their calm classroom curriculum.

Dr. Zotto also discussed the new possible TIF in Calumet City and mentioned he is actively monitoring the status of the TIF and will work with the Board's attorney; he anticipates the attorney coming in to discuss the TIF with the Board.

Dr. Zotto discussed a possible major capital project of ECHO which would result in a new facility in South Holland. He also mentioned a new first time partnership with the Lions Club in Indiana that would put a bus at Wilson School for 100 free vision screenings which would lead to free eyeglasses.

Lastly, Dr. Zotto acknowledged Vice President Kathryne Stern for becoming an IASB Master Board Member.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), 2(c)(2) and 2(c)(9) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, and student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)(9). Ayes: Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller, Davis. Motion carried, 7-0.

Time: 7:06 pm.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Rising, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes: Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising, Miller, Davis. Motion carried, 7-0.

Time: 8:10 pm.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board adjourn.
Unanimous voice vote, motion carried, 7-0.

Time: 8:10 pm.

Board President

Board Secretary