

**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 President Long at 6:05 p.m. On the Roll the following members were physically present and answered present; Valle, Eveland, Oberman, Stern, Davis, and Long. Absent was Crull.

Also present were: Dr. Troy A. Paraday, Dr. Joseph H. Zotto, Kristine Cochrane, Norma Doyle, Marciel Blaisdell, Jane Librizzi, Lamarr X. Miller, Annette Kebr, Erin Kading-Davis, Amy Rosenhagen, Julie Hassel, Teri Kic, Julie Stephan, Lori Linn, Glyniss Boney, Patricia Blewitt, Yvette Franklin, Yessenia Santoyo, Louise Garza, Dorothy Rock, Nick Dwyer, Suzanne Garner, Rosemarie Nugent, Diane Ivy, Alexis Bone, April Caldwell, Julie Valdivia, Maribel Roa, Martha Tamayo, Clarivel Reyna, Carolyn Williams, Krystal Moreno, Emilia Sanchez, Ollie Sims, Andrea Torres, Rosalva Juarez, Maria Villa Lobos.

President Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Zotto asked Julie Hassel, Principal of Wentworth Intermediate School, to step forward for student acknowledgements. Ms. Hassel presented two students, Ximenia and Ryan, with recognition certificates for being outstanding students. President Long commended the parents of the two students.

Member Oberman read the following communications: resignation from Beatriz Soto; resignation from Raquel Sanchez; and resignation from Maricela Pinedo.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Valle, the Board approve the Consent Agenda items listed below with any necessary corrections, additions, and/or deletions, and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents.

- a. Board minutes for the Regular Board meeting of August 16, 2018, Special Board meeting of August 16, 2018, and Special Board meeting Executive Session of August 16, 2018.
- b. Resignation letters: Beatriz Soto, Raquel Sanchez, and Maricela Pinedo
- c. Family Medical Leave: Thomas Hansen and Julie Stephan
- d. Amendment to the school calendar for FY19
- e. 2019 School Library per Capita Grant Application
- f. 2019 School Improvement Grant Application

Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

## REPORTS

### Finance

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Valle, the Board approve the gross payroll figure for the month of August 2018 in the total amount of \$434,491.93. Eveland, aye; Valle, aye; Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Davis, aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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

- a. Pre-list dated 08/24/2018 (Voucher #1041) in the amount of \$16,209.00
- b. Pre-list dated 09/07/2018 (Voucher #1055) in the amount of \$1,879.64
- c. Pre-list dated 09/20/2018 (Voucher #1057) in the amount of \$678,368.78
- d. Pre-list dated 09/20/2018 (Voucher #1067) in the amount of \$46,720.00

Eveland, aye; Oberman, aye; Stern, pass; Davis, aye; Valle, aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board adopt the FY19 Budget. Eveland, aye; Oberman, aye; Stern, pass; Davis, aye; Valle, aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board approve Dr. Zotto's expenses for IASA conference: registration \$369.00, lodging \$270.00, parking, \$21.00, mileage \$198.38, food \$120.00. Total \$978.38.

Member Eveland commented approval is pending proper documentation being submitted.

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

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board approve Dr. Zotto's expenses for the Lake County Superintendent conference: registration \$400.00 (includes lodging and food), mileage \$190.74. Total \$590.74. Eveland, aye; Valle, aye; Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Davis, aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

### Buildings and Grounds

Member Eveland stated that everything was looking fine for the upcoming year.

## **Teachers and Education**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board employ Genolia Holmes, Interventionist, for the 2018-2019 School year pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and placing her on the appropriate entry level pay. Eveland, aye; Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Davis, aye; Valle aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board employ David Neely, Permanent Substitute, for the 2018-2019 School year pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and placing him on the appropriate entry level pay. Eveland, aye; Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Davis, aye; Valle aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Valle, the Board employ Lucinda Carruthers, Health Aide, for the 2018-2019 School year pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and placing her on the appropriate entry level pay. Eveland, aye; Valle, aye; Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Davis, aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Zotto requested to move the next action item on the agenda until after executive session.

Member Oberman indicated enrollment was at 1,148 students.

## **Policy**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board name the following individuals to the Concussion Oversight Team: Ellen Newman-Williams, Raina Lawler, Jim Safarik, and Christopher Nicholson. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Valle, the Board approve the second reading and adoption of the following policies as listed:

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Title</b>
2:170-AP	Administrative Procedure - Qualification Based Selection
3:40-E	Exhibit - Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process
4:80	Accounting and Audits
4:80-AP1	Administrative Procedure - Checklist for Internal Controls
4:80-AP2	Administrative Procedure - Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Awareness Program
5:20-AP	Administrative Procedure - Sample Questions and Considerations for conducting the Internal Harassment in the Workplace Investigation
5:335	Educational Support Staff - Post Retirement Severance
6:60	Curriculum Content
6:60-E	Exhibit - Notice to Parents/Guardians of Students Enrolled in Family Life and Sex Education Classes
6:220-E1	Exhibit - Authorization to Participate in the Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct Agreement
6:220-E2	Exhibit - Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program Student Guidelines
6:240	Field Trips
6:240-AP	Administrative Procedure - Field Trip Guidelines
7:20-AP	Administrative Procedure - Harassment of Students Prohibited
7:50	School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:180-AP1	Administrative Procedure - Prevention, Identification, Investigation, and Response to Bullying

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7:180-AP1, E1	Exhibit - Resource Guide for Bullying Prevention
7:180-AP1, E2	Exhibit - Be a Hero by Reporting Bullying
7:180-AP1, E3	Exhibit - Memo to Staff Regarding Bullying
7:180-AP1, E4	Exhibit - Memo to Parents/Guardians Regarding Bullying
7:180-AP1, E5	Exhibit - Report Form for Bullying
7:180-AP1, E6	Exhibit - Interview Form for Bullying Investigation
7:180-AP1, E7	Exhibit - Response to Bullying
7:280-E2	Exhibit - Reporting and Exclusion Requirements for Common Communicable Diseases
7:280-E3	Exhibit - Prevention of Staphylococcal Infections for Schools
7:340-AP1	Administrative Procedure - School Student Records
7:340-AP1, E1	Exhibit - Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records

Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

### **Scope**

Member Valle indicated upcoming dates for the Fall session and several bills of interest.

### **Teachers Union/Paraprofessional Union**

Norma Doyle thanked Dr. Paraday for meeting monthly with the Teachers Union. She also thanked the District Administration and Mary Valle and her staff for their help with the Back to School Fair.

### **Unfinished Business**

Dr. Zotto indicated that there was not any unfinished business.

### **New Business**

Dr. Zotto indicated that there was not any new business.

**Courtesy extended to the public for comments**

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

Yvette Franklin discussed a robo-call system to communicate Board meeting dates, staff salaries, and student resources. Ms. Franklin also discussed buildings and grounds, the accelerated placement act, and full-time Kindergarten.

Lamarr Miller discussed board member conduct, documents on the district's website, and job postings.

Julie Stephan read a prepared statement discussing her tenure working for the district and the recent mold contamination at Wentworth Junior High School.

Dane Placko indicated he was working on a story regarding Dr. Paraday. Mr. Placko asked the Board questions regarding Dr. Paraday's contract and salary.

Alexis Boyd asked about the bond and Dr. Paraday discussed the bond and the rate reduction.

Ms. Franklin asked about the current status of the mold at Wentworth Junior High and asked for the air quality report. It was advised by the Board that this could be sent to her.

President Long discussed his pride in the community and the safety and education of the students being the top priority of the Board's.

Ms. Franklin discussed the appearance of the schools, location of board meetings, homework, clubs, sports, and full-time Kindergarten.

Lamarr Miller discussed the relationship between the district and T.F. North High School, the robo-call system, and board meeting agendas.

Members of the public discussed homework, tutoring, after-school programs, playgrounds, recess at schools, and standards of the community.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by member Oberman, the Board close the floor to the public for comments. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

### **Discussion for the good of the District**

Principal Hassel discussed the success of the First Annual Back to School Bash at Wentworth Intermediate School. She indicated that 561 parents, students, and community members attended. She discussed members of the police, library, and park district being in attendance. School spirit wear was sold, raffles were held, a DJ played, and games were available. Principal Hassel thanked Mary Valle and her staff for their work in preparation for the event. She also thanked Dr. Zotto, Dr. Paraday, and all the staff for their participation.

### **Executive Session**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board adjourn to Closed Session to discuss matters of appointment, employment, discipline, and dismissal of specific employees pursuant to Section 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried. **Time: 7:04 p.m.**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board return to regular order of business. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried. **Time: 8:13 p.m.**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board approve the Superintendent's recommendation that the Board terminate certified staff member Meredith Robertson, effective immediately. Eveland, aye; Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Davis, aye; Valle, aye; and Long, aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Zotto discussed the success of the Back to School Bash. He also indicated that the Junior High now has a National Junior Honor Society. Dr. Zotto discussed school calendars in the Board packets, upcoming conferences and a visit to the Preferred Meals facilities.

Dr. Paraday discussed his career and the students and people he has worked with. He complimented the administrative team of the district and thanked the Board for their service. He wished the district the best of luck in the future.

The Board discussed the meeting agendas, robo-call system, and location possibilities for future Board meetings.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried.

**Adjourned: 8:37 p.m.**

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Stanley Long, President

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Barbara Crull, Secretary

