

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

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January 17, 2019**

**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; Crull, Eveland, Oberman, Valle, and Stern.

Absent members were; Davis and Long.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph H. Zotto, Chris Maglaris, Josh Crull, Teri Kic, Norma Doyle, Julie Hassel, Suzanne Garner, Nick Dwyer, Andrew Morgan, Lamarr Miller, Valerie Wilhoite, Yvette Franklin, Kirby Green, Mario DaSilva, Chris Cook, Dae'twane Thomas, Jose Ortega, Trixy Cook, Tonya Davis, and Charmaine Key.

Vice President Valle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Student Acknowledgement**

Dr. Zotto introduced Wentworth Junior High Principal Andrew Morgan. Mr. Morgan acknowledged the 8th grade boys basketball team and their championship season. Mr. Morgan informed the Board that the team went 12-0 for the first time in school history. One student athlete in attendance was introduced as well.

Mr. Morgan also advised the Board of the upcoming family reading night that is going to be held at WJH.

**Courtesy extended to the public for comments**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, that the Board open the floor to the public for comments. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board close the floor to the public for comments. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Communications**

Member Crull read the communications;

- Retirement letter from Mary Valle, Directory of Buildings and Grounds, effective June 30, 2023.
- Notice of Raquel Salazar's Father, Salvador Salazar
- Resignation letter from Alejandra Ortiz, 6th Grade English/Language Arts Teacher, effective 01/11/2019.

**Consent Agenda**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as listed. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Finance**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, that the Board approve the gross payroll figure for the month of December 2018 in the total amount of \$656,252.47. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, that the Board approve the following pre-lists of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents: Pre-list dated 01/03/2019 (Voucher #1152) in the amount of \$33,672.42. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

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: Pre-list dated 01/17/2019 (Voucher #1162) in the amount of \$459,252.67 Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board waive the first reading and immediately move to the second reading and adoption of the Resolution adopting a Disclosure Compliance Policy. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, that the Board approve the contract with the New Hope Foundation. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Member Valle indicated that the new tables have arrived and been placed in the 6th through 8th grade Science classrooms.

### **Teachers and Education**

Member Crull read the enrollment total of 1,113 students.

### **Policy**

Moved by Member Crull, seconded by Member Oberman, that the Board approve the second reading and adopt the Board policies as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

### **SCOPE**

Member Eveland discussed having a new Governor and potentially knowing more on how to push new committees together.

### **FOIA**

Dr. Zotto advised that this would be a new addition the regular meeting agendas when applicable. Dr. Zotto read a FOIA report of recent requests.

Member Valle asked for a small break from the agenda to recognize other members of the WJH boys basketball team that had recently arrived to the meeting.

Principal Morgan introduced Coach Kirby Green.

Coach Green addressed the Board and recognized the team members both present and absent as excellent students and athletes. Mr. Green also acknowledged the Head Coach, James Sloane, and thanked him for putting the game plan into place for the team. Mr. Kirby indicated excitement for the future of the student athletes on the team, as well.

### **Teachers and Paraprofessionals Unions**

There was no comment from either the Teacher or Paraprofessional unions.

### **Unfinished Business**

Dr. Zotto discussed conversations with the insurance company regarding the mold issue at WJH earlier this year. He advised that he would like to set up a meeting next week with the teachers that were affected. He acknowledged that the work was not done and that he would continue to work with the insurance company weekly.

**New Business**

Assistant Superintendent Tara Lawrence presented the work plans for the school improvement for WJH and WIS. Ms. Lawrence discussed how these plans were created based of assessment results.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, that the Board approve the WJH and WIS Work Plans for School Improvement. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Discussion for the good of the School District**

Dr. Zotto introduced Chris Maglaris, teacher at a neighboring High School, that is working on his Master's Program and will be working with Dr. Zotto for his internship.

Ms. Lawrence highlighted WIS as proud recipients of the Enchanted Backpack program. She discussed the program and thanked Mr. Russ and Ms. Hassel for their work. The school will be receiving over 200 boxes of school supplies on January 29th.

**Executive Session**

Moved by member Eveland, seconded by member Oberman, 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). Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0. **Time: 6:19 p.m.**

Moved by Member Crull, seconded by Member Eveland, the Board return to regular order of business. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0. **Time: 6:51 p.m.**

**Adjournment**

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, the Board return to regular order of business. Oberman, aye; Stern, aye; Crull, aye; Eveland, aye; and Valle, aye. Motion carried, 5-0. **Time: 6:52 p.m.**

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**Stanley Long, President**

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**Barbara Crull, Secretary**