

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

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March 21, 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; Long, Valle, Crull, Eveland, Oberman, Stern, and Davis.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Catie Locallo, Tracey Jurka, Jeannine Pazanin, Lori Stage, Julie Hassel, Yvette Franklin, Leisl Brown, Charmaine Keys, Teri Kic, Julie Stephan, and Kimberly McGhee.

President Long led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Student Acknowledgement

Dr. Zotto introduced Mr. Jim Safarik, Assistant Principal at Wentworth Junior High School.

Mr. Safarik introduced two students of the month and presented them with a certificate and t-shirt.

Courtesy extended to the public for comments

Moved by Member Crull, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board open the floor to the public for comments. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried, 7-0.

A parent addressed concerns with the Board regarding recent bullying at Wentworth Intermediate. The parent also asked about more options for after school programs.

Dr. Zotto advised that he would get the parent's contact information and follow-up individually with her the following day.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board close the floor to the public for comments. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried, 7-0.

Communications

Member Crull read the communications; a leave request letter from Julie Stephan.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve the Consent Agenda items as listed. Unanimous voice vote, motion carried, 7-0.

- Board Minutes for the Open and Executive Session of the February 21, 2019 Regular Meeting.

- Accept and approve the following closed session minutes remain closed to the public because the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of the minutes: December 17, 2017, First session of January 11, 2018, Second session of January 11, 2018, February 15, 2018, March 15, 2018, March 29, 2018, April 19, 2018, June 21, 2018, August 16, 2018, September 20, 2018, October 4, 2018, October 11, 2018, October 19, 2018, October 25, 2018, December 20, 2018, and January 17, 2019.
- Establish a date for the Organizational Meeting (Special Meeting) of 4/25/2019
- Leave request for Julie Stephan

Finance

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve the gross payroll figure for the month of February 2019 in the total amount of \$629,284.04. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Stern, aye; and Davis, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, a motion that the Board approve the following pre-lists of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents.

- a. Pre-list dated 02/27/2019 (Voucher #1196) in the amount of \$26,905.23
- b. Pre-list dated 03/21/2019 (Voucher #1205) in the amount of \$639,343.40

Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Stern, aye; and Davis, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, a motion that the Board approve the Tuition Reimbursement Agreement with Adam Jordan, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; and Stern, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, a motion that the Board approve the award the contract to the low bidder, G.P. Maintenance Services, in the amount of \$65,000.00 for the summer ceiling painting project at Wentworth Junior High School.

Member Eveland asked if this project was going to be paid for by insurance. Dr. Zotto advised that the summer ceiling painting project and also the movers in the next recommendation would both be paid for by the insurance company.

Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; and Stern, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Crull, a motion that the Board approve the contract with Professional Library Lift Movers in the amount of \$21,985.00 for the moving services associated with the summer ceiling painting project at Wentworth Junior High School. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; and Stern, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Member Valle advised that the summer ceiling painting project had been publicly posted and was awarded to the lowest bidder.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve the reassignment of James Sloane from a 6th Grade Language Arts teacher to the 6th-8th Grade STEM teacher for the 2019-2020 School Year. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; and Stern, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board employ Romana Alvarez, Part-Time and Substitute Cleaner, 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. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; and Stern, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Valle, a motion that the Board ratify placement of Speech Language Pathologist Rebecca Schwarzentraub at Masters Lane, Step 16 (\$58,877) of the negotiated 2018-2019 teacher salary schedule, effective 02/19/2019. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; and Stern, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Member Crull read the enrollment total of 1,109 students.

Policy

Moved by Member Eveland, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve the first reading of the following policy: Policy 5:340: Educational Support Staff - Longevity Pay. Eveland, nay; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Stern, aye; Oberman, aye. Motion carried, 6-1.

SCOPE

No current update.

FOIA

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

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| Date of Request | 02/28/2019 |
| Summary of Records Requested | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Purchasing records from 11/26/2018 to current |
| Status of Response | Response and records sent on 03/05/2019 |

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| Date of Request | 02/28/2019 |
| Summary of Records Requested | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter School applications for a specific date range |
| Status of Response | Response of no responsive records sent on 03/05/2019 |

Teachers and Paraprofessionals Unions

Leisl Brown asked a question regarding her previous tuition reimbursement. Dr. Zotto advised that he could follow up with her individually.

Unfinished Business

Dr. Zotto indicated there not being any unfinished business to discuss.

New Business

Dr. Zotto indicated there not being any new business.

Discussion for the good of the School District

James Safarik discussed the recent family reading night at WJH on 3/13/19 and indicated that over 250 parents and students had attended. He also mentioned that over 300 books were given away, along with backpacks, kindles, and language kits. The feedback from parents and students was very positive.

Mr. Safarik also mentioned that the parent and student handbook committee was going to have a meeting soon. He then acknowledged the staff at WJH for their hard work this school year.

President Long thanks the parents for their recent involvement and participation.

Dr. Zotto recognized the parents and community members present at the meeting and discussed with "coffee with Joe" meetings. He advised that the parents were formulating an official PTA and that in the next month or so, they should have commitment from the state organization and a local delegate should be assigned to the district to confirm a PTA. He advised that the date would be shared with the community in an effort for support at the meeting date.

Dr. Zotto acknowledged the teachers and paraprofessionals and their willingness to come together in regards to the District's insurance plans to help lower costs for the staff, tax payers, and District.

Dr. Zotto discussed staffing needs at the District and advised that Ms. Lawrence has gone to multiple job fairs in an effort to find new candidates. He also mentioned the new marketing materials that were purchased for fairs to help sell the District.

Dr. Zotto also thanked all that were able to attend the diversity meeting that was held earlier that day.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Crull, seconded by Member Davis, a motion that the Board enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the, employment, compensation, discipline, or performance of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Stern, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Time: 6:30 pm

Moved by Member Valle, seconded by Member Stern, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Oberman, aye; Eveland, aye; Crull, aye; Valle, aye; Long, aye; Davis, aye; Stern, aye. Motion carried, 7-0.

Time: 7:01 pm.

Moved by Member Valle, seconded by Member Davis, a motion that the Board adjourn. Unanimous voice vote. Motion carried, 7-0.

Time: 7:01 pm.



Stanley Long, President



Barbara Crull, Secretary