

**Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
April 13, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Davis on April 13, 2022 at 6:31 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Absent; Stern and Rising.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, Julie Stephan, Leisl Brown, Amber Jackson, Regina Walker, Kimberly Daniels and Valerie Wilhoite.

Public Comment

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to open the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Jackson, 8th Grade Cross Categorical Teacher at WJH, spoke to the board about concerns related to staffing assignments and communications within the student services department. Dr. Zotto requested that Ms. Jackson meet with Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Daniels to discuss her concerns further and Ms. Jackson agreed.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to close the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Communications - none.

Administrator Presentation

Ms. Daniels, Case Manager, highlighted a WIS student for excelling throughout this school year. It was noted that the student was on the honor roll and has his own 501(c)(3) organization. Ms. Daniels presented the student with a certificate of achievement and acknowledged the student's Mother in attendance for her great work.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda (below):

- a. Board Meeting Minutes:
 - i. Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session on 03/10/2022
- b. Retirement letters:
 - i. Evelina Navarette, effective 05/27/2022
 - ii. Irene Torres, effective 08/31/2022
 - iii. Christopher Nicholson, effective 07/12/2022
- c. Teacher Honorable Dismissal List
- d. FY23 Board Meeting Calendar

Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of March, 2022 in the amount of \$593,302.59. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Davis, 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 03/11/2022 (Voucher #1207) in the amount of \$240,339.35.

Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

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 03/23/2022 (Voucher #1216) in the amount of \$47,441.78.

Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, 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 04/14/2022 (Voucher #1228) in the amount of \$1,150,809.44.

Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the contract renewal agreement with Preferred Meals, Inc. for FY23 for food management services. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long and Franklin. Nays; Miller. Motion carried, 4-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the agreement with ABA Consultants for Program Manager consultation services in April and May, 2022. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long and Franklin. Nays; none. Abstain; Miller. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the agreement with John Kasperak Co. for FY22 and FY23 Audit Services. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the FY23 Agreement for Classroom Lease with Exceptional Children Have Opportunities. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve and accept bid package 1, site signs, from Roeda Signs, Inc. in the negotiated amount of \$67,000.00. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Davis, a motion to approve and accept bid package 1, tuckpointing, from RestoreWorks Masonry Restoration in the negotiated amount of \$79,000.00. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve and accept bid package 1, site improvements from Oak Lawn Blacktop Paving Co. in the negotiated amount of \$182,100.00. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve and ratify Change Order #1 for Wentworth Intermediate HVAC Improvements for Temporary Heat Start-Up in the amount of \$3,078.00. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion that the board approve the following teacher reassignments effective at the start of the 22-23 school year:

- Jane Librizzi from a 4th Grade Teacher to a Physical Education Teacher at Wentworth Intermediate
- Isiah Dodd from a 4th-5th Grade Cross Categorical Teacher to a 4th Grade Teacher at Wentworth Intermediate
- Rebecca Coulson from a 4th Grade Resource Teacher to a 4th-5th Grade Cross Categorical Teacher at Wentworth Intermediate

Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Teachers' Union for Position Transition Stipend. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve Memorandum of Understanding between the District and the Teachers' Union for Voluntary Reassignment to Hard-To-Fill Position Stipend. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Member Miller read the enrollment total: 1,002 students.

Policy

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the policies listed in the meeting agenda (below):

7:285	Food Allergy Management Program
7:285, AP	Administrative Procedure - Implementing a Food Allergy Management Program

Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

SCOPE

Different topics were discussed:

- Additional EBF funds from miscalculation a few years ago
- SCOPE executive meeting tomorrow to recap legislation
- COVID administrative leave law

- Different federal programs highlighted at a meeting with President Preckwinkle that a few board members attended
- IASB withdrawing membership from NSBA without input from their members
- Amazon giveaway of food for district spirit weeks

FOIA Report

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

Date of Request	March 16, 2022
Summary of Records Requested	<p>A copy of data on reconsideration forms or other forms that challenge library books. For this request, please provide what can be shared of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The title of the book (or other library resource) being challenged, • The action requested in such a challenge, and the outcome of such challenges • Details on the reason for the challenge • Whether the book (or other library resource) was a part of a curriculum or official program • Such data over time, from Jan 2018 up until the most current date at the point of production. • Such data electronically, ideally in a spreadsheet format. • Any available information on the challenger • Any other available aggregated data relevant to such challenges
Status of Response	There were no responsive records and the district indicated such in an email response on March 22, 2022

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Ms. Stephan highlighted Ms. Berton as the teacher of the month for her “one book, one school” event.

Unfinished Business

President Davis will be reaching out to Dr. Steyskal for additional board training next week.

Dr. Zotto discussed a vendor, Fresh Winds Transportation, and a letter received regarding an increase in rates requested for the remainder of FY22. The board gave Dr. Zotto permission to agree to the increase for that timeframe.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve President Davis’ NSBA conference expenses and reimbursements. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Abstain; Davis. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve Vice President Stern's NSBA conference expenses and reimbursements. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the district administration to register for the Model Schools Conference in Orlando, Florida in June, 2022. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 4-1.

A discussion took place on the improvements in the parking lot safety procedures, changes to come in the parking lot setup for next year and a potential pending traffic study on Superior Avenue.

New Business

Ms. Lawrence presented the consolidated district plan to the board.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the consolidated district plan. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto highlighted some of the recent events at schools and some upcoming trips in the district.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) and (2) 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, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) and (2). Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 7:27 pm.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 8:30 pm.

Superintendent Evaluation

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the FY22 Superintendent evaluation. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Paraprofessional Agreement

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to Approve 2022-2025 Agreement between the District and the Calumet City School District 155 Paraprofessionals

Southwest Suburban Federation of Teachers AFT Local 943, IFT/AFL-CIO. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; Long. Motion carried, 4-1.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 8:32 pm

Board President

Board Secretary