

**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 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Oberman, Long, and Miller. Absent; Rising, Stern (joined the meeting later via telephone), Franklin (joined later).

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Julie Stephan, Charlie Russ, and Andrew Morgan.

Public Comment

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to open the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

There was no public comment.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to close the floor to the public for comment. Ayes; Davis, Oberman, Long, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Let the record show that Member Franklin arrived at 6:32 pm. Also at 6:32 pm, Member Stern called into the meeting via phone call.

Communications

There were not any communications to be read.

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Board Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting and executive session on 01/07/2020
- b. FMLA leave for Shannon Brown, Deborah Smith and Brandy Weiss
- c. Military leave for Daniel Perso
- d. Engineer job description

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Finance

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of January, 2021 in the amount of \$602,467.62. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, 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 01/20/2021 (Voucher #1164) in the amount of \$297,520.61.

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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 01/29/2021 (Voucher #1165) in the amount of \$9,400.43.

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, 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 02/11/2021 (Voucher #1177) in the amount of \$277,122.53.

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the Biometric Screening Agreement with Empower Health Services. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Mary Valle acknowledged that there were a lot of projects coming up for the staff this summer.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Teachers Union regarding COVID-19 Administrative Leave Days. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Paraprofessional Union regarding COVID-19 Administrative Leave Days. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to approve the Memorandum of Agreement of Paraprofessional Non-Recurring Stipend Payment April 2021. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Member Franklin read the enrollment total of 1,010 students.

Policy

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

2:20-E, Waiver and Modification Request Resource Guide
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3:40-E, Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process
4:60-AP1, Purchases
4:80, Accounting and Audits
4:90, Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
4:120-AP, Food Services; Competitive Foods; Exemptions
4:175-AP1, Criminal Offender Notification Laws; Screening
5:30-AP2, Investigations
5:185-AP, Resource Guide for Family and Medical Leave
6:20, School Year Calendar and Day
6:235-E5, Children's Online Privacy Protection Act
6:310, High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
6:310-E, Class Substitution Request
6:340, Student Testing and Assessment Program
7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:140-E, Letter to Parents/ Guardians Regarding the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act
7:300, Extracurricular Athletics
7:325, Student Fundraising Activities
7:340-AP1, School Student Records
7:340-AP1, E1, Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records
7:340-AP2, Storage and Destruction of School Student Records
7:340-AP2, E1, Letter Containing Schedule for Destruction of School Student Records

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

SCOPE

A discussion took place around a potential waiver for standardized testing, another potential stimulus package, and an IASB legislative breakfast where district and administrative consolidation was discussed.

FOIA

There were not any FOIA requests for the month to report.

Teachers and Education

Julie Stephan acknowledged the December teacher of the month, Danielle Doll, and the January teacher of the month, Lisa Stuart. She also acknowledged former district students that received Posse scholarships that would pay for their college tuitions.

There was no report from the paraprofessional union.

New Business

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve Temporary, Discretionary Leave with Pay for District Nurses to Administer COVID-19 Vaccinations through Cook County Department of Public Health Volunteer Program, subject to pre-approval by the Superintendent, and to grant the Superintendent full authority to administer the leave accordingly in the best interests of the District. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

A discussion took place around potential upcoming capital improvement projects at the district, timelines for those projects, and funding to be used for the projects.

Dr. Zotto informed the board that he spoke with the bus company and they advised that they would not be providing any districts additional buses.

Dr. Zotto discussed the contracts with New Hope and Net 56.

Discussion for the Good of the School District

A discussion took place around potential plans to begin to get students back into school in a more formalized setting. The will of the board was given to Dr. Zotto to move forward with remaining in a remote setting through spring break while continuing to integrate more students into school through appointment times in small groups.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board enter Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1), Section 2(c)(2), and Section 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, and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2)(9). Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Time: 7:30 pm

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Time: 8:00 pm

Employment

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve appointment of Rick Sanchez to Engineer position and to approve a 3% base rate of pay increase, both effective July 1, 2021. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve appointment of Ron Kooimato Engineer position and to approve a \$0.75 hourly rate of pay increase, both effective July 1, 2021. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve appointment of Scott Kooima to Engineer position and to approve a \$2.00 hourly rate of pay increase, both effective July 1, 2021. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Davis, a Motion to approve a \$0.75 hourly rate of pay increase effective July 1, 2021, for Building Secretaries, including Ms. Alba, and custodians. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to approve a rate of pay increase to \$12.00 per hour effective July 1, 2021 for Stacy Amos and Ann Ford. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve a 3% base rate of pay increase effective July 1, 2021, for the District Office Staff, Resource Officers and School Nurses. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve payment of a Board Meeting Stipend in the amount of \$2,575.00 to Adam Jordan for FY22. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion that the Board adjourn. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

TIME: 8:08 pm

Board President

Board Secretary