

**Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
December 8, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Stern on December 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising; Absent: Miller

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Jessica Orr, Julie Stephan, Valerie Wilhoite, Andrew Morgan, Kimberly Daniels, Jenny Seddon, Barbara Jude, Ashleigh Isherwood, Ellen Patricia Blewitt, Dorothy Rock, Christopher Pfeifer, Leisl Brown, Sheila Price, Hannah Meibers, Kathryn Kosner, Eileen Sheedy, Reon Gillespie and Margaret Novak.

Public Comment

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

There was no public comment.

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

Communications

Member Oberman read the communications below:

- Resignation of Board Member Tonya Davis, Effective December 3, 2022
- Notice of Vacancy
Calumet City School District No. 155 is seeking applications for a position on the Board of Education that became vacant on December 3, 2022, when Ms. Tonya Davis resigned. The Board intends to appoint an individual to fill the vacant position at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on January 12, 2023 (or by no later than February 1, 2023), and the individual appointed will serve until the Board's reorganizational meeting following the April 4, 2023 consolidated election.

Interested applicants must submit a letter to express interest in the board position and their qualifications/resume for the position to the District's Administrative Office in care of Superintendent Dr. Joseph H. Zotto, 540 Superior Ave., Calumet City, Illinois 60409, no later than December 23, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

In order to qualify for school board membership, an individual must be, as of the date of the appointment, a U.S. citizen, a resident of Illinois and Calumet City School District 155 for at least one year preceding the appointment, at least 18 years of age, a registered voter, have not been convicted of an infamous crime or for a violent offense against a child, not hold an incompatible office, not have a prohibited interest in any contract with District 155 and not hold certain types of prohibited employment.

Candidates for the vacancy should be familiar with the District's mission (<https://www.calumetcity155.org/about/mission>) and board policies (<https://www.calumetcity155.org/board-of-education-info/policies>).

The Board plans to schedule interviews (if any) with selected candidates on January 10, 2023 (date subject to change). Not all of the candidates for the board vacancy may be interviewed. If you have questions concerning the role of a school board member, please contact Dr. Joseph Zotto.

- Thank you letter from The Zielinski Family for the floral arrangement sent for their family member's service.
- With deepest regrets we inform everyone that former teacher, Barb Gaspar passed away on 12/3/2022.
- Acknowledgement of Donation of Music Supplies Made by Lincoln School District 156.

Special Election to Fill Vacancy in Office of Vice President

Dr. Zotto requested nominations for the new vice president. There was a unanimous vote for Bonnie Rising.

Administrator Presentation

Kimberly Daniels, Case Manager at Woodrow Wilson, presented a 5th grade star student with a certificate of recognition. She mentioned honorable hard work and dedication. She also discussed Parent University with Jessica Orr. Jessica discussed the Pro-Kids Show and how well it was liked by everyone. She also discussed two professors from Governor's State that will be visiting to discuss EL professional development.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adam Jordan presented the 2022 tax levy and summarized each of the four items presented for board action. Adam read the amounts to be submitted on the 2022 certificate of tax levy, by fund. Also, in accordance with section 17-1.3 of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/17-1.3), Adam verbally disclosed the unaudited cash reserve balance of all funds held by the district as of both 06/30/2022 and 11/30/2022 (below).

	Unaudited Cash Balance as of 06/30/2022	Unaudited Cash Balance as of 11/30/2022
10 - Educational	\$ 9,460,122.67	\$ 10,807,336.39
20 - Operations and Maintenance	\$ 1,226,347.88	\$ (32,628.95)
30 - Debt Service	\$ 2,062,607.78	\$ 9,048.65
40 - Transportation	\$ 287,784.39	\$ 391,626.11
50 - Municipal Retirement	\$ 495,405.89	\$ 443,937.74
51 - Soc Sec/Medi	\$ (180,365.78)	\$ (57,588.33)
60 - Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ -
70 - Working Cash	\$ 60,727.50	\$ 60,727.50
80 - Tort Immunity	\$ -	\$ -

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the 2022 Tax Levy Resolution. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Resolution To Instruct County Clerk How to Apportion 2022 Tax Leve Extension Reduction. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Certification of Inapplicability of Truth in Taxation Law. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the Resolution Regarding Application of Loss and Cost Factor to 2022 Tax Levies. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Franklin, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of October. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of November. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the pre-lists of invoices and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the appropriate documents. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the BlazerWorks Agreement for School Counselor. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve Amended Planned Service Maintenance Agreement with FE Moran. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Presentation from JMA on Facilities Capital Improvement Plan

Jim Maciejewski gave an overview of the completed and ongoing projects from 2019 to 2022. Board members asked a couple of questions around rebidding, age of the roof and lockers. Jim discussed that JMA does do rebids if needed. Roofing bids were also discussed. The roof at Wentworth Intermediate is aged but there are no issues and no need for work to be done at this time. He also mentioned that there are 550 lockers to be worked on.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve and accept bid package number 1, Wilson Elementary School, from Metalmaster Roofmaster, Inc. in the negotiated amount of \$444,041.00. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve and accept bid package number 1, Wentworth Jr. High School, from Crowther Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. in the negotiated amount of \$873,900.00. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve and accept bid package number 1, Wentworth Jr. High School, from Larsen Equipment & Furniture Co. in the negotiated amount of \$142,000.00. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the employment of Lorena Canchola-Alarcon as a Part Time Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor at Woodrow Wilson, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her at entry level pay. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the employment of Nina Press as a Part Time Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor at Woodrow Wilson, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her at entry level pay. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the employment of Lourdes Angel as Library Aide at Wentworth Intermediate, pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report, and place her at entry level pay. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Franklin and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 896 as of 12/2/2022.

Policy

Dr. Zotto stated that the first reading for Policy will be at the January or February meeting.

SCOPE - Dr. Zotto will email for meeting information. The meeting will be heavy education focused.

FOIA - Dr. Zotto read the two FOIA reports.

FOIA Report

Date of Request	Any and all purchasing records from July 6, 2022 to current
Summary of Records Requested	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number2. Purchase date3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase)4. Line item quantity5. Line item price6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on October 14, 2022

Date of Request	November 12, 2022
Summary of Records Requested	<p>Bid Results/Tabulations or Award for:</p> <p>11/07/2022 Calumet City School District No. 155 - HVAC Improvements at Wentworth Jr. High School (Cook County)</p> <p>This information is being requested for Commercial purposes.</p>
Status of Response	November 15, 2022

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Valerie Wilhoite, President-Paraprofessionals Union, mentioned that paraprofessionals are still short staffed and needed in the classrooms. Paraprofessional union members are also needed.

Julie Stephan, President-Teachers Union, announced that Leisl Brown is teacher of the month for December. Raina Lawler was teacher of the month for November. A concern was stated about team meeting schedules, encore classes and moral team time.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Discussion for the good of the School District

Tara Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent, discussed receiving the Pre-K Gold Circle of quality, school report cards, chronic student absenteeism and truancy. Also discussed was Special Education targeted assistance.

A Board member asked if the absences were any particular school building. Tara stated it was across the entire district.

Another Board member suggested a possible pizza party to reward the children that have good attendance. Tara stated that lots of different reward options are being highlighted.

Andrew Morgan, Principal-Wentworth Jr High, discussed schedule platforms and maximizing instructional time. Possibly having all co-ed classes starting next fall and plan time changes were mentioned. WIN, What I Need, was also discussed. The school leadership team had a shout out as well.

Board members asked questions around WIN.

Dr. Zotto mentioned that he asked Mr. Morgan to look into different options for WIN and schedules. The district may be eliminating STEM and Computer classes. With the teacher shortage over the past few years, these positions are very difficult to fill.

A Union Representative asked if classes like Art or Home Economics will be brought back. Dr. Zotto stated that those are two very difficult to fill positions.

A Board member mentioned to keep in mind that if we take certain classes away it can affect the students when they attend core classes like Spanish in High School.

Dr. Zotto stated that certain classes that are required cannot be cut.

Executive Session

There was no executive session.

Adjournment

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

Time: 7:38 pm

Board President

Board Secretary