

**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 on August 12, 2021 at 6:31 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Stern, Oberman, Rising, and Miller. Absent; Davis, Long (joined later via phone), and Franklin (joined later in person).

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Julie Stephan, Jenny Seddon, Denise McField, Maria Alba, Valerie Wilhoite, Andrew Morgan, and Alyssa Mostyn.

**Public Comment**

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

There was no public comment.

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

**Communications**

Member Oberman read the communications below:

- The Board would like to recognize and thank Latasha Finley and her family for a donation of books made to the Wentworth Jr. High and Wilson Elementary libraries.
- Thank you card from Paulette Hudak for the gift received in appreciation of her years of service milestone.

**Consent Agenda**

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the meeting agenda (below):

- a. Board meeting minutes:
  - i. Regular board meeting and executive session on 06/10/2021.
  - ii. Special board meeting and executive session on 07/28/2021.
- b. Resignation from Raquel Salazar, effective 08/02/2021
- c. Resignation from Stephanie Smith, effective 08/12/2021
- d. FMLA leave:
  - i. Patricia Barajas
  - ii. Kimberly McGhee
  - iii. Faith Ramirez
  - iv. Maria Alba
- e. Establish the FY22 Budget Public Hearing for September 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

- f. Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with the Calumet City Public Library
- g. South Suburban School Purchasing Cooperative Agreement
- h. Facility Use Agreement with Concordia University Chicago
- i. Job Description for Early Childhood/Pre-K Parent Coordinator

Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

### **Finance**

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of June, 2021 in the amount of \$196,137.38. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of July, 2021 in the amount of \$257,875.31. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Let the record show that Member Long joined the meeting via phone call at 6:33 p.m.

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 06/24/2021 (Voucher #1345) in the amount of \$202,693.16.

Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, 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 06/30/2021 (Voucher #1346) in the amount of \$154,968.90.

Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Stern, 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 07/19/2021 (Voucher #1014) in the amount of \$427,732.73.

Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, 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 08/04/2021 (Voucher #1022) in the amount of \$3,288.14.

Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Rising, 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 08/12/2021 (Voucher #1033) in the amount of \$445,468.15.

Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Oberman, a motion to approve the agreement with Empower Health Services for a Flu Vaccination Event. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Buildings and Grounds**

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve bid package 1 - lockers, and award the contract to the Larson Equipment & Furniture Company in the amount of \$22,040.00 for lockers at Wilson Elementary. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Stern, a motion to approve the employment of Brandon Kubon as a Custodian pending receipt of the required documents and place him on the appropriate entry level pay. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

**Teachers and Education**

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the transfer for Elina Sanchez from Building Secretary at Wentworth Jr. High to 2nd Grade Teacher at Wilson Elementary. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Member Stern read the enrollment total of 718 students.

**Policy** - no update.

**SCOPE** - no update.

**FOIA Report**

Dr. Zotto read the FOIA report below:

<b>Date of Request</b>	June 28, 2021
<b>Summary of Records Requested</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Executed contract(s) between Calumet City SD 155 &amp; ET Paddock Inc., and Lansing Fence Corp. for FY 2019.</li><li>● Any correspondence such as e-mails, submittals, certified payroll and pay out requests.</li><li>● Any documents disclosing and or identifying general contractors/subcontractors.</li><li>● A list of the schools work was performed at for the FY requested.</li></ul>
<b>Status of Response</b>	Responsive records were sent via email on July 6, 2021

<b>Date of Request</b>	July 8, 2021
<b>Summary of Records Requested</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Purchasing Records from 03/30/2021 to current.</li></ul>
<b>Status of Response</b>	Responsive records were sent via email on July 8, 2021

<b>Date of Request</b>	July 9, 2021
<b>Summary of Records Requested</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Contract, purchase order form, and all items associated with a PO issued to Learning A-Z.</li></ul>
<b>Status of Response</b>	Responsive records were sent via email on July 13, 2021

**Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions**

Ms. Stephan indicated that the teachers were excited to get back to school next week.

The promotion approved earlier was discussed as a positive step in terms of promoting internal growth.

**Unfinished Business** - none.

**New Business**

Dr. Zotto discussed and presented the tentative budget with the board, beginning fund balances, revenues and expenditures by fund, and also pointed out the unaudited revenues and expenditures from FY21 and advised that the surplus from last year was partially tied to the increase in federal aid that the district received.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the FY22 tentative budget. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

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

Dr. Zotto advised that the board approved bond refinance was completed and the final results were a 16.33% savings which equates to a total of \$1.3M in savings for the taxpayers.

**Executive Session**

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Franklin, 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; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 6:49 pm.

Let the record show that Member Franklin arrived at the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and joined the executive session.

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

Time: 7:15 pm.

### **Employment**

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion that the Board approve a new position titled Executive Associate for District and Board Operations and Job Description. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, Franklin, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to promote Adam Jordan as the District's Executive Associate for District and Board Operations and set an annual salary of \$80,000.00 for FY22, which shall be prorated accordingly (and supersedes all previously approved compensation), and is effective with the beginning of the District's next payroll cycle. Ayes; Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising, Franklin, and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

### **Adjournment**

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

Time: 7:18 pm.

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**Board President**

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**Board Secretary**