

**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 May 13, 2021 at 6:33 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, Rising. Absent; Franklin and Miller.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Julie Stephan, Safiyah Malvin, Nancy Ernst, Diana Pertchi, Suzanne Garner, Norma Doyle, Nick Dwyer, Barb Simon, Sheila Macklin, Clare Magalski, Katie Millar, Deborah Smith and Valerie Wilhoite.

**Public Comment**

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

There was no public comment.

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

**Retirement Acknowledgements**

Dr. Zotto presented each of this year's retirees (Eric Dahl, Norma Doyle, Nancy Ernst, Suzanne Garner, Don Jones (not present), Sheila Macklin Jones, Kathleen Millar, Diana Pertchi, Barb Simon, and Deborah Smith) with a gift from the Board.

**Consent Agenda**

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda (and below):

- a. Board meeting minutes: regular board meeting and executive session on 04/15/2021; special board meeting on 04/29/2021.
- b. FMLA leave for Colleen Kolasa
- c. Military leave for Daniel Perso

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

**Finance**

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of April, 2021 in the amount of \$908,889.92. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. 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 04/28/2021 (Voucher #1239) in the amount of \$10,212.34.

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

Moved by Member Long, 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 04/16/2021 (Voucher #1230) in the amount of \$243,150.26.

Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. 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 05/13/2021 (Voucher #1240) in the amount of \$277,345.13.

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

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve Dr. Zotto to attend the IASA annual conference in September/October of 2021 in Springfield, IL, the LCS conference in October of 2021 in Galena, Illinois, and the Joint Annual conference in November of 2021 in Chicago, IL. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Rising, a Motion to approve the prevailing wage resolution. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve and adopt the attendance boundaries and transportation guidelines for FY22. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve and adopt the vehicular hazard approval resolution for FY22. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the FY22 ECHO lease agreement. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the agreement with Sunbelt Staffing for registered nurse position. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Approve the Resolution of Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155, Cook County, Illinois to Effect Interfund Transfer pursuant to the provisions of Section 17-2A of The School Code of the State of Illinois. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

## **Buildings and Grounds**

Jim Maciejewski from JMA Architects presented the board with the results of the bid packages.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve and accept bid package 1, plumbing, from LGS Plumbing Inc., for water fountains in the amount of \$24,302.00. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve and accept bid package 2, window replacement, from Replacement Window Systems, Inc., for Wilson School windows in the amount of \$85,035.00. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve and accept bid package 3, abatement, from M&O Environmental Company for Wilson School windows in the amount of \$9,925.00. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to reject all bids received for exterior classroom pavilions project due to budget considerations. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

## **Teachers and Education**

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion that the Board employ Amaranta Flores-Gualtieri as a Music Teacher at Wilson Elementary for the 2021-2022 School Year, pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and place her on the appropriate Lane and Step of the 2021-2022 Salary Schedule. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board employ Eileen Sheedy as a 6th Grade Science Teacher at Wentworth Jr. High for the 2021-2022 School Year, pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and place her on the appropriate Lane and Step of the 2021-2022 Salary Schedule. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board employ Kesia Taylor as a School Psychologist for the 2021-2022 School Year, pending receipt of the required documents which include the Illinois State Background Investigation Report and place her on the appropriate Lane and Step of the 2021-2022 Salary Schedule. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Tara Lawrence presented the consolidated grant plan and changes to the FY22 student handbook to the Board.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the FY22 student handbook. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the FY22 consolidated grant plan. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Member Rising read the enrollment total of 1,020 students.

### **Policy**

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Stern, a Motion to approve the second reading and adopt the policies as listed in the meeting agenda (listed below):

7:345-AP	Administrative Procedure - Student Covered Information Reporting Form
7:345-AP-E3	Exhibit - Parent Notification Letter for Student Data Breach

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

### **SCOPE**

Dr. Zotto presented a SCOPE update.

### **FOIA Report**

Dr. Zotto presented the FOIA report:

Date of Request	April 15, 2021
Summary of Records Requested	<i>Bid Results/Tabulations or Award for:</i>  HVAC Improvements at Woodrow Wilson School, Wentworth Intermediate School, and Wentworth Jr. High School (Cook County)
Status of Response	Requested information was sent via email on April 15, 2021

### **Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions**

Ms. Wilhoite shared a student celebration story.

Ms. Stephan acknowledged the teacher of the month, Mr. Caballero.

### **New Business**

Dr. Zotto gave an update on ESSER II and ESSER III funds. He provided an overview of the spending plan of how the funds are intended to be used. Dr. Zotto discussed the projects tied to ESSER II and ESSER II and requested input from the Board.

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

Dr. Zotto discussed Triple I sign up for the Board members, vaccine information, and a potential cost savings in refinancing the district's debt. There was a discussion regarding the return to school for the 21-22 SY and it was advised that a recommendation would likely be made at the June meeting to take a roll call vote on how to open next year.

President Davis presented the Board committee appointments.

### **Executive Session**

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

Time: 7:13 pm.

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

Time: 7:35 pm.

### **Employment Agreement**

Moved by Member Stern, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve 2021-2022 Employment Agreement for Assistant Principal Safiyah Malvin, with an annual salary of \$65,000.00. Ayes; Davis, Stern, Oberman, Long, and Rising. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

### **Adjournment**

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

Time: 7:37 pm.

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**Board President**

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**Board Secretary**