

**Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
August 11, 2022**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by Pro Tem President Miller on August 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Oberman, Long, Rising, Miller. Absent; Stern, Davis, Franklin (arrived later in the meeting, 6:32 pm).

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Alicia Thiel, Justin Valle, Mary Valle, Courtney Albert, Jennifer Seddon, Alyssa Mostyn, Jessica Orr, Kimberly Daniels, Andrew Morgan, James Safarik, Julie Stephan, Jeanelle Smith and Valerie Wilhoite.

Pro Tem

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to appoint Lamarr Miller as President Pro Tem. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0

Public Comment

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

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

Let the record show that Board Member Franklin arrived at 6:32 pm.

Communications

Thank you letter from Julie Stephan for the floral arrangement sent for her family member's service.

Administrator Presentation

Tara Lawrence, Assistant Superintendent introduced the administrative team that will be giving presentations on District instructional goals (3-year goals), student data and expectations for the upcoming school year.

Alyssa Mostyn, Principal, Woodrow Wilson, presented Wilson's reading goal data and work on core curriculum.

A board member asked Ms. Mostyn a question regarding why teachers were creating their own assessments. Ms. Mostyn advised that teachers use information from the curriculum to either create an assessment or use the curriculum assessments for data.

Jenny Seddon, Principal, Wentworth Intermediate, presented the SEL program, bully prevention, positive affirmations and expectations.

A board member asked Ms. Seddon if CHAMPS was a PBIS program. He also asked if she was aware that there are grants or money available for CHAMPS. Ms. Seddon advised that it is a PBIS program.

Andrew Morgan, Principal, Wentworth Junior High, presented math goals, focusing on lesson planning and providing resources to the students.

A board member asked Mr. Morgan two clarifying questions regarding whether the administration was teaching math and if the district employs math instructional coaches. Mr. Morgan advised that administration is not teaching math. Ms. Lawrence advised that the district does not have a math coach.

Denise McField, Student Services Director, presented that EL and Special Ed continue to utilize resources. EL students will have packets to work with at home and keep at home.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

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

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

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

Presentation of the tentative budget

Adam Jordan discussed and presented the tentative budget. Topics discussed were; fund balances, projected revenues and expenditures by fund, and the upcoming delay in the second installment of the Cook county property tax receipts.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the FY23 tentative budget. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Rising, a motion to approve the FY23 Agreement with Together Chicago. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to approve the Sunbelt Client Services Agreement. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with SCISC-2023: Student Choices ALOP. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with SCISC-2023: Student Advocate ALOP. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto discussed updates on capital improvements throughout the district. He will keep the Board updated in weekly updates. Fall and next summer projects consist of roofs, asphalt, HVAC systems, replacing lockers at Wentworth Junior High, carpet, tuckpointing, fence at district office. Dr. Zotto summarized the current summer's projects consisting of sealcoating, pavilion, new park at Wilson, gym floor.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the employment of Donna Hansen as 4th Grade Teacher at Wentworth Intermediate. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Short Term Substitute Training

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve the Short Term Substitute Training Agreement. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Enrollment Total

Dr. Zotto stated that enrollment is estimated at 750 students.

Policy

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to approve the second reading and adopt the policies listed under item 7, d, i on the meeting agenda. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

SCOPE

Dr. Zotto discussed that 1000 covid tests were ordered for constant monitoring.

FOIA

Dr. Zotto read the three FOIA reports.

Date of Request	July 1, 2022
Summary of Records Requested	Name and email address of any certified staff (teachers, administrators, nurses, counselors, etc.) who have announced their retirement for any date or year in the future. Please also include the year they plan to retire.
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on July 5, 2022

Date of Request	July 14, 2022
Summary of Records Requested	<p>purchasing records from 4/11/2022 to current.</p> <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 number 2. Purchase date 3. Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase) 4. Line item quantity 5. Line item price 6. Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on July 14, 2022

Date of Request	August 4, 2022
Summary of Records Requested	<p>The following information for all employees at Calumet City SD155</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -First Name -Middle Name -Last Name -Title/Job Code -Email Address -Location/Location Code
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on August 8, 2022

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan, President-Teachers Union and Valarie Wilhoite, President-Paraprofessionals Union, both report that the teachers and paraprofessionals are ready to return and start the new school year.

Unfinished Business

Moved by Member Rising, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the SY 2022-2023 Back to School Plan. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

IASB Membership and Dues

A board member discussed paying the dues in order to attend the annual conference and possibly creating and joining a new organization next year.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the IASB Membership Dues. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Rising and Miller Nays; Long. Motion carried, 4-1.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to approve the IASB Press Policy Dues. Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Dr. Zotto thanked the School Board and discussed the Model School Conference. Each administrator supplied the Board with summaries of their sessions from the Model School Conference.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion that the Board Enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). Ayes; Oberman, Long, Franklin, Rising and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.
Time: 7:29 pm.

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

Time: 8:33 pm.

Adjournment

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

Time: 8:35 pm

Board President

Board Secretary