Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
January 9, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by Vice-President Coleman on January 9, 2025 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Del Real: Absent: Long, Stern and Miller.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Attorney Catherine Locollo, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Jeanelle Smith, Officer Jude, Greg Mason, Elina Bustamante, Dana Berton, Brandi Tanner, Dr. Joyce Nelson, F. Bryant, Julie Stephan, Dr. Redmond and Valerie Wilhoite.

Public Comment

Vice-President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comments

Vice-PresidentColeman closed the floor to the public for comments.

Member Miller joined the meeting at 6:02 pm.

Communications

Thank you letter from the Zielinski Family for the flowers received.

Administrative Presentation

Mr. Greg Mason from Woodrow Wilson Elementary presented Laiya Towers -2nd grader and her parents with 2 Certificates for her competing at the National Level at the 2024 Tampa Florida United Youth Competition with her cheer team The Midwest Hawks and placing 1st place, representing Wilson Elementary and District 155. Ms. Elina Bustamante also honored and acknowledged Laiya for being an excellent student and congratulated her on her accomplishments.

Mr. Mason provided the Board with a PowerPoint handout showing all the accomplishments from Wilson and invited the Board to Wilson's Winter Wonderland that will be held on January 29th & 30th. He also expressed that Wilson students are engaging in Chess and a program with South Shore Arts.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Franklin, second by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the gross payroll figure for the month of December 2024 in the amount of $653,292.81. Ayes; Miller, Del Real, Coleman, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, 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 12/13/2024 (Voucher #1145) in the amount of $176,248.71 and Pre-List dated 12/20/2024 (Voucher #1155) in the amount of $225,498.66 and Pre-List dated 01/09/2025 (Voucher #1168) in the amount of $488,801.94. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Del Real, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

No Report

Teacher and Education

Enrollment Total

Enrollment total is 975 as of 01/09/2025.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a motion to approve the District Discipline Improvement Plan. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Del Real, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Policy

Dr. Zotto stated he is reviewing the last updated policies.

SCOPE

Dr. Zotto stated that the veto session recently ended and the congress would begin its new session later in the month.

FOIA

Name of Requestor	Sheri Reid, SmartProcure
Date of Request	December 26, 2024
Summary of Records Requested	The specific information requested from your record keeping system is: 1. Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable.

	2. Purchase date 3. Line item details 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 December 30, 2024

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that there were 2 teachers of the Month (Matthew Dorgan-6th Grade Social Studies-WJH and Marcus Arthurs-6-8 Grade PE-WJH).

Valerie Wilhoite - No Comment

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Board Member Miller commented that he values transparency and he thanked the voters. He further commented that he would meet privately with anyone should they wish to speak with him. He closed by commenting about similarly looking into other people's professional and personal lives.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Del Real, a motion to Adopt Resolution Censuring Board Member Lamarr Miller for Unprofessional Conduct Detrimental to District 155. Ayes; Oberman, Del Real and Coleman. Nays; Franklin and Miller. Motion carried, 3-2.

Discussion for the good of the School District

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Coleman, a motion to approve the District Leadership Team to attend the ASCD/ISTE Annual Conference. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Del Real. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adjournment

Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 6:15 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**