Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
May 15, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Ellis and Jamerson: Absent: Franklin and Miller.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Officer Barbara Jude, Julie Stephen, Jacqueline Renko, Samantha Rubalcava, Colleen Kolasa, Valerie Wilhoite, Rebecca Taylor and Selina Moffett.

Public Comment

President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

Colleen Kolasa told the Board that the Pre-K chicks had hatched. She explained that they had 24 eggs and 9 baby chicks. They are all named after a color, except for one named Jerry. She thanked Ms. Lawrence for checking on the chicks and a special thanks to Brandon Kubon for making the chicks an auto humidifier.

President Coleman closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

No communications were read.

Administrative Presentation

Samantha Rubalcava and Jacqueline Renko present to the Board on behalf of Dr. Joyce Nelson the data and accomplishments for the Department of Student Services. (Handouts were sent to the Board with their packets). Ms. Rubalcava and Ms. Renko also presented certificates and gifts to the participants that were present from the EL Program.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Ellis and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of April 2025 in the amount of $676,006.60. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, 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 04/14/2025 (Voucher #1260) in the amount of $48,510.69, Pre-List dated 04/29/2025 (Voucher #1270) in the amount of $285,075.43, Pre-List dated 05/15/2025 (Voucher #1284) in the amount of $852,904.09. Ayes; Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman and Long; Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with Fresh Winds Transportation for the 2025-2026 School Year. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with R We There Yet Transportation for FY26. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman; Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Instructional/Technology Support Agreement. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Rate Sheet for Delta-T Group. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Ellis. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Contract for Speech Language Pathology Services with Speech Plus. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Ellis and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Hapara Software Monitoring Quote. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Regional Safe Schools School Program Agreement with ISC4. Ayes; Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Short-term Program Agreement with ISC4. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Credit Recovery Program Agreement with ISC4. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, second by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP) Agreement with ISC4. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreements between ISC4 and Wentworth Jr. High, Wentworth Intermediate and Wilson Elementary Schools for Instructional Coaching. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Ellis. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Annual Adoption of Attendance Boundaries and Transportation Guidelines for FY26. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Ellis and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Annual Adoption of the Vehicular Hazard Approval Resolution for FY26. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson and Colemen. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Resolution to Prepare the Tentative Budget for FY26. Ayes; Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to Approve the ECHO Lease Agreement. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total: **995**

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to Approve the 1-year leave for Eileen Sheedy for the 2025-2026 school year. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a motion to approve the resignation of the listed staff; and to execute the employment contracts for the 24-25 and 25-26 school years for the identified staff at the salary indicated or steps and lanes provided in the applicable bargaining agreement pending receipt of the required documents which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Toshirah Hobson	Building Secretary	WW

Contract		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment-Agency**
Philanise White	STEAM	WJH - Blazerworks
Nike Ford	RN	WJH- Blazerworks

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Jennifer Fabian	Admin. Asst. to Student Services	6/4/2025	DSS

Reassignment			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Erika Dennis	From 2nd Grade to 6th Grade ELA	8/18/2025	WJH

Retirements			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Clare Magalski	Kindergarten Teacher	June 2028	WW
Jeannine Pazanin	1st Grade Teacher	June 2028	WW

Policy

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Waive the First Reading and Move to the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 2:120, Board Member Development. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Ellis. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

SCOPE

Dr. Zotto reported a brief update on the current legislative session and the next SCOPE which will be held on Monday, 5/19/2025.

FOIA

Date of Request	04/11/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Purchase orders from January 1, 2020 to the present day, including: ● Purchase order number or equivalent ● Purchase date ● Vendor ID or equivalent ● Vendor name ● Line item details ● Line item quantity

	• Line item unit price • Line item total price
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 4/15/2025

Date of Request	04/16/2025
Summary of Records Requested	• Purchasing records from 12/17/2024 to current • Purchase order number. If purchase orders are not used a comparable substitute is acceptable, i.e., invoice, encumbrance, or check number • Purchase date • Line item details (Detailed description of the purchase) • Line item quantity • Line item price • Vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and their email address
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 4/17/2025

Date of Request	05/07/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Purchasing records from 01/01/2022 to current • Vendor Number or Vendor ID • Vendor Name • Identifier for each purchase, such as purchase order • number(PO#) or, alternatively, an invoice or check number • Purchase Date • Line item details or description of each purchase • Line item quantity • Line Item price

Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 05/07/2025

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that the teachers of the month were Selina Moffett and Priscilla Pacheco, both from Wilson School for the great job they did with the after school program for the families of all students (Fall Fest, Winter Wonderland and April Globe Party).

No comment from Paraprofessional Union.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business - None

Discussion for the Good of the School District

Dr. Zotto stated that Graduation will be held Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the TF North High School gym. He asked the Board Members to please let him know if they plan to attend. He also talked about the Back2School Bash which is held in honor of Julie Hassel. 9/3/2025 and 9/10/2025 are prospective dates to hold the event.

Dr. Zotto also talked about the Safety/Security at Wentworth Junior High. He stated that he and President Coleman visited Lincoln SD #156 and had a chance to observe their weapon detection security system and he would like to explore options for our district. When one is decided upon, he would recommend that we have two (not so much wear and tear on just one).

Adam Jordan stated that at the June board meeting, the administration will recommend a resolution that will establish Fund 60 (Capital Projects). This aligns with the recommendations of both legal counsel and the district's municipal bond advisor. The resolution will also direct the district's treasurer to transfer funds to Fund 60 from Fund 20 for expenditures related to large capital projects such as the upcoming WJH bathroom renovations.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the board enter executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) & 2(c)(2) 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, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(2). Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Ellis and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 6:37 pm

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

Time: 7:07 pm

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve the 2025-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Union. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement-Coaching Salary Schedule. Ayes; Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve the 2025-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the District and the Paraprofessional and School Related Personnel Union. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Ellis, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Dean Single-Year Employment Agreement for Docilla Pollard. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Case Manager Single-Year Employment Agreement for Helena Fields. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Interim Dean Single-Year Employment Agreement for Micheal Williams. Ayes; Ellis, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adjournment

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

Time: 7:10 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**