Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
June 12, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on June 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller: Absent: Ellis and Jamerson.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Jenny Seddon, Andrew Morgan, Greg Mason, Jeanelle Smith, Valarie Wilhoite, Julie Stephen, Colleen Kolasa, Samantha Rubalcava and Dr. Joyce Nelson.

Public Comment

President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comments

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Communications

Acknowledgement of the Retirement of District Employees. Dr. Zotto acknowledged Yolanda Weaver for being a valued member of Calumet City School District 155 for 24 years. He thanked her for her service and explained to her that her gift from the district had to be reordered and she will be notified to pick it up when we receive it.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of May 2025 in the amount of $670,148.59. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Member Jamerson joined the meeting at 6:06 pm.

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 05/21/2025 (Voucher #1294) in the amount of $296,623.45, Pre-List dated 06/02/2025 (Voucher #1350) in the amount of $12,653.94, Pre-List dated 06/12/2025 (Voucher #1363) in the amount of $1,249,693.55. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman and Long; Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve the Resolution Authorizing Permanent Interfund Transfer for Capital Projects Purposes. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the 2025-2026 CLIC Insurance Program and Premium Cost. Ayes; Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin; Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Quote from Seconds Matter Safety-Evolve Express Systems. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Powerschool Enrollment Registration Agreement. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Powerschool School Messenger Agreement. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve and Ratify the Direct Placement Agreement with Clarifi Staffing Solutions LLC. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

None

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total: **984**

Administrative Overview of Student/Parent Handbook

Presentation of changes given by Tara Lawrence, which included the following (pg. 2-update of the new Board Members, pg. 26-change from telephone to electronic devices, pg. 28-under the uniform policy; take out hoods and jackets, pg. 29-take out jewelry/accessories, change back cover add Jacqueline Renko as ELL Coordinator, Helena Fields as Case Manager and Docilla Pollard as Dean at WJH) . Dr. Zotto, explained the change in the uniform policy to the Board.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Student/Parent Handbook for School Year 2025-2026. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Administrative Presentation - School Improvement Plan

All building Principals presented to the Board their individual School Improvement Plans, which are due June 30, 2025.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the School Improvement Plans. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Retirement Date Change for Judy Caban. Ayes; Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the FY26 Employment and Pay Rate of $42.77 per hour for Judy Caban. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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 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; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Patricia McBride	WJH Secretary transferred to Adm. Asst. to Dept. of Student Services	DSS
Grace Larson	English Second Language Teacher	WIS

Contract		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment-Agency**
Janet Jaimes	Bilingual Para	WIS - Blazerworks
Jarita Robinson	4th Grade Teacher	WIS - Blazerworks
Jamecia Lankin	5th Grade Teacher	WIS - Blazerworks
Jennifer Ayala	Paraprofessional	WW - Blazerworks

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Dante Hansen	4th Grade Teacher	6/4/2025	WIS
Kathy Martin	Part-Time Case Manager	5/21/2025	DSS
Selina Moffett	Pre-K Teacher	6/4/2025	WW
Jacqueline Renko	ESL Coordinator	6/30/2025	D.O.

Reassignment			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Adam Orze	From Intermediate Cross Cat Teacher to Resource Teacher	8/18/2025	WJH
Dineen Banks	From 1-1 aide to Prek-EC aide	8/18/2025	WW

Policy

None

SCOPE

Member Franklin shared with the Board that the Budget Bill passed on June 1, 2025. In addition there is money for evidence base standing and an increase in special education and orphanage spending.

FOIA

Date of Request	05/30/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Current staff contact directory for your district. Specifically, I am seeking a list of all school and district-level administrators, including: ● Name ● Title/Position ● Work Email Address ● Work Location (School Name or Central Office)
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 05/30/2025

Date of Request	06/02/2025
Summary of Records Requested	PDF copy or email response showing the contractual rates for each vendor the district has contracted for social work, psychologist, and behavior analyst (BCBA) services. Please include the rate information for the following time periods: ● 2023-2024 school year ● 2024 ESY ● 2024-2025 school year
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 06/02/2025

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that there is no teacher of the month, due to school being out. She stated that she attended TF North's 2025 graduation and there were 79 graduates from District #155. She also added that 6 of the top 10 graduates were from District #155.

Valarie Wilhoite thanked the Board for a good CBA.

Unfinished Business

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement - Teacher Tuition Reimbursement. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Agreement - Teacher Tuition Reimbursement Eligibility. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding - Holidays for Paraprofessionals. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

New Business - None

Discussion for the Good of the School District

Happy June and Juneteenth

Adjournment

Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Time: 6:50 pm

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Board President	**Board Secretary**