Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
August 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on August 14, 2025 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin Miller and Ellis: Absent: Jamerson.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Jenny Lowe, Jackie Labahn, Colleen Kolasa, Andrew Morgan, Darci Pollard, Jeanelle Smith, Greg Mason, Dr. Joyce Nelson, Helena Fields, Julie Stephen and Valarie Wilhoite.

Public Comment

President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comments

President Coleman closed the floor to the public for comments.

Communications

No Communications at this time.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Ellis. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of June 2025 in the amount of $1,526,413.00. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of July 2025 in the amount of $169,913.40. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, 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 08/14/2025 (Voucher #1031) in the amount of $504,458.74, Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Ellis, Coleman, Long and Oberman; Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with BNew4Life, LLC. Ayes; Miller, Ellis, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with Ashmore Connection for the SLPA position. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Ellis. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with On The Move Transportation. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Ellis. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Presentation of FY26 Tentative Budget

Adam Jordan presented the FY26 tentative budget to the Board. He gave an overview of the budget's requirements, presented FY25's unaudited figures and discussed the tentative expenditures and revenues for FY26.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Tentative Budget. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve and Ratify the Change Orders for the Summer Projects as listed. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Ellis, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Dr. Zotto explained to the Board the chart that was included in the Board Packets.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total: **293 Registered Students**

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, 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; Franklin, Miller, Ellis, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Maria Colon	Bilingual Aide	WJH
Sol Gonzalez	2nd Grade Teacher	WW
Kearee Lesley	Building Secretary	WJH
Alison Zion	Perm Substitute Teacher	WIS

Contract		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment-Agency**
Cassie Linares	SLPA	WW - Ashmore Connections

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Elina Bustamante	Bilingual Aide	8/5/2025	WW
Priscilla Pacheco	2nd Grade Teacher	7/14/2025	WW
Samantha Rubalcava	Case Manager	6/30/2025	DSS

Policy

First Reading of Policy Press Issues 118 and 119

SCOPE

None

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Date of Request	06/17/2025
Summary of Records Requested	current employee/staff contact information 1. First Name 2. Last Name 3. Position Title

	4. Department 5. Direct Phone Number (if does not exist, list main phone number with extension) 6. Business Cell Phone (if provided by Calumet City School District No. 155) 7. Email Address 8. Office Address (Address, City, State, Zip)
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 06/18/2025

Date of Request	06/18/2025
Summary of Records Requested	A list of all graduates in the past 5 school years with the following fields: • Graduation years • Names • Hometown • Gender
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 06/25/2025

Date of Request	06/24/2025
Summary of Records Requested	all purchasing records from 4/16/2025 to current. 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, 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 06/25/2025

Date of Request	7/29/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Names, titles, and business contact information (email and phone number if available) for current district-level or school-level staff whose responsibilities include any of the following: • Career & Technical Education (CTE) • Director or Coordinator of CTE • Perkins grant administration • Career and College Readiness • Work-Based Learning / Industry Partnerships • Career Pathways or Workforce Development Programs • STEM & CTE coordination
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 08/04/2025

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that the staff is happy to return this year and would like to congratulate the Maintenance team for doing a great job over the summer getting the schools ready for the new year.

Valarie Wilhoite no comment.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Discussion for the Good of the School District

District Cycle Information and Update

Back to School Bash - September 3, 2025, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Dr. Zotto gave Happy Birthday shouts out to (President Coleman, Member Oberman, Member Franklin, Member Ellis, Member Jamerson and LoDonna)

Executive Session

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Coleman, 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, Franklin, Miller and Ellis. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Time: 6:25 pm

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Miller, Ellis, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Time: 6:37 pm

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to Approve a one-Year Administrative Employment Agreement for Araceli Suarez-Salgado, ESL Program Coordinator in the amount of $82,000 for the 2025-2026 School Year. Ayes; Ellis, Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to Approve a one-Year Administrative Employment Agreement for Tammy Saleem, Case Manager in the amount of $86,000 for the 2025-2026 School Year. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Ellis. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Adjournment

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

Time: 6:38 pm

Sharon Coleman
Board President

Board Secretary