Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
September 18, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on September 18, 2025 at 6:35 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson: Absent: Long, Oberman and Ellis.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Julie Stephan, Greg Mason, Dana Berton, Brandi Tanner, Colleen Kolasa, Barbara Jude, Jeanelle Smith and Valeria Wilhoite.

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Appoint Yvette Franklin as the Pro-temp Board Secretary for today's board meeting. Ayes; Coleman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; non. Motion carried, 4-0.

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

Dr. Zotto stated to the Board that a Donation was received from some retired teachers.

Administration Presentation

The Administration presentation was presented by Principal Greg Mason and Assistant Principal Jeanelle Smith from Woodrow Wilson Elementary. They informed the Board to check the monthly report for the summary. They also told the Board that they post a weekly communication to the district's website explaining what is happening at Wilson and explained the different after school programs that they offer.

Consent Agenda

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the consent agenda items as listed in the Meeting Agenda. Ayes; Coleman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of August 2025 in the amount of $517,304.16. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, 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 08/12/2025 (Voucher #1032) in the amount of $25,310.35, Pre-list dated 8/26/2025 (Voucher #1042) in the amount of $461,571.21 and Pre-list dated 09/18/2025 (Voucher #1064) in the amount of $558,170.32. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman; Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with Royal Scholar Transport. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve the FY26 Budget. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Franklin and Miller; Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Coleman, a Motion to Approve the Agreements with Everest Snow Management, Inc. (560 Wentworth Avenue & 530, 540 and 560 Superior Avenue). Ayes; Coleman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total: **895**

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Coleman, 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, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Amelia Riley	Hallway/Cafeteria Supervisor	WW

Contract		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment-Agency**
Kaitlyn Salas	SLP	DSS - Ashmore Connections

Policy

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Press Issues 118 and 119. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

SCOPE

Dr. Zottos stated that the next meeting will be held September 22, 2025, with a veto session.

FOIA

Date of Request	08/20/2025
Summary of Records Requested	listing of all Calumet City SD 155 1. All current employees' names, 2. All current employees' job titles, 3. The employment start dates of all current employees.
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 08/21/2025

Date of Request	09/06/2025
Summary of Records Requested	all purchase orders issued between March 1, 2025, and the present.
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 09/08/2025

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephen stated that the teacher of the month was Jeannine Pazanin, she said she was a great teacher and goes above and beyond for her students.

Valarie Wilhoite said everyone is settling in.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Discussion for the Good of the School District

Dr. Zotto told the Board that the Back 2 School event was great, the turnout was lower than in the past, maybe due to the change of the date (weather related). He said we are looking next year to make it more school specific. He acknowledged the teacher with a great start up for the school year, saying it was better than in the past and he appreciated their hard work.

Adjournment

Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Time: 6:49 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**