Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
December 11, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on December 11, 2025 at 6:00 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Jamerson: Absent: Miller and Ellis.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Barbara Jude, Dana Berton, Brandi Tanner, Colleen Kolasa, Veronica Lozano and Valerie Wilhoite.

Public Comment

President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comment

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Communications

Dr. Zotto stated to the Board that we received a thank you letter from Judy Caban for her retirement gift, the Digby family for the flowers sent in honor of Shannon Digby and the Lawrence family for the flowers sent in honor of Kevin Stovall.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of October 2025 in the amount of $714,154.22. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of November 2025 in the amount of $714,946.58. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Jamerson, Coleman and Long. 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 10/23/2025 (Voucher #1101) in the amount of $23,867.46, Pre-list dated 11/06/2025 (Voucher #1114) in the amount of $27,408.74, Pre-list dated 11/21/2025 (Voucher #1124) in the amount of $383,990.22 and Pre-list dated 12/11/2025 (Voucher #1137) in the amount of $929,950.98. Ayes; Franklin, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman; Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit

Kyle Kasperek presented the fiscal year 2025 financial audit. He advised that the district received an unmodified opinion, which means there are no material misstatements in the financial statements and they are presented fairly in all material aspects. Kyle acknowledged the hard work of the district and thanked them for their assistance with the audit.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to Approve and Ratify the Agreement with NRG Business Marketing, LLC. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin; Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Preventative Maintenance Agreement with Precision Control Systems.. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with Meridian IT for the Telephone System Upgrade. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Amendment to the Agreement with Omni Therapeutics, Inc. for PT and PTA Services. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Presentation of the 10-Year Health Safety Plan and Summer 2026 Projects

Jim Maciejewski from JMA Architects presented the 10-Year Health Life Safety Plan and advised the board on the required process. Following that, he discussed the proposed Summer 2026 projects to be bid or have quotes solicited. These projects include the following: landscape improvements across the district, flooring improvements at Wilson Elementary and Wentworth Intermediate, tuckpointing improvements at WJH, and HLS improvements such as door replacements, miscellaneous mechanical, electrical and plumbing items across the district.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the 10-Year Safety Plan. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Jamerson, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, second by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve Summer Work and Release of Bids or Solicitation of Quotes for the Following Projects: Wentworth Jr. High Gymnasium Tuckpointing, Flooring Improvements for Wentworth Intermediate and Wilson Schools, District-Wide Landscaping Improvements, Wentworth Jr. High Main Entrance Doors and Health Life Safety Projects as Discussed.Ayes; Franklin, Jamerson, Coleman,Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Action Items Pertaining to Adoption of the 2025 Property Tax Levy for District 155

Adam Jordan advised the board that no changes had been made from the proposed tax levy presented at the October meeting. Also, pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/17-1.3, Mr. Jordan read the unaudited fund balances from November, 2025, that are listed below:

10	20	30	40	50/51	60	70	80
$13,941,581	$4,230,367	$0	$472,561	$309,369	$632,308	$67,201	$0

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the 2025 Tax Levy Resolution. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Resolution to Instruct the County Clerk How to Apportion 2025 Tax Levy Extension Reduction . Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Certification of Innapplicability of Truth In Taxation Law. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total: **968**

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin a Motion to approve the hiring of the listed staff per the effective dates indicated; and to execute the employment contracts for 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 and Jamerson. Nays; None. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Angel, Lourdes	Bilingual Aide	WIS
Lopez, Monica	Part-Time Cleaner	B & G

Contracts		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
James, Felicia	Physical Therapist Assistant	Omni

Policy

None

SCOPE

None

FOIA

Date of Request	10/16/2025
Summary of Records Requested	1. Current Contract(s) for Food Services, including value and expiration dates and any renewals 2. Current Contract(s) for Custodial Services, including value and expiration dates and any renewals 3. Staffing numbers for Food Service 4. Staffing numbers for Custodial Service 5. If these employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, a copy of the CBA.
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 10/21/2025

Date of Request	11/24/2025
Summary of Records Requested	Listing of all active employees: Full Name Title/Position Work Email Address Work Location (School Name or Central Office)

Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 11/25/2025

Name of Requestor	Max Binnington, Stop Secrecy
Date of Request	11/19/2025
Summary of Records Requested	• Any contracts and/or RFPs related to risk-management and/or liability insurance.
Status of Response	The district responded via email on 12/3/25 with a letter indicating that the district will withhold the current agreement as it is subject to copyright protection pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(a).

Date of Request	11/19/2025
Summary of Records Requested	1. Training materials regarding the investigation and handling of substantiated and/or unsubstantiated abuse and/or misconduct claims in effect from January 1, 2020 to present. 2. Training materials, presentations, and/or other documents regarding FOIA prepared and/or presented by the law firm of Robbins Schwartz and/or Franczek and/or any law firm from January 1, 2020 to present. 3. Evaluation materials used by the district or its personnel to assess potential claims related to sexual misconduct claims in effect from January 1, 2020 to present. 4. Policies or protocols for conducting investigations into abuse and misconduct allegations in the district in effect from January 1, 2020 to present
Status of Response	The district responded via email on 12/3/25 with responsive records as well as a letter indicating that the district will withhold material that is subject to copyright protection pursuant to FOIA Section 7(1)(a) as well materials that are subject to the attorney-client privilege and are confidential information. Other portions of the request were responded to noting that they are unduly burdensome

Date of Request	11/18/2025
Summary of Records Requested	1. Contracts, retainer agreements, fee agreements, or engagement letters between the district and the law firm of Robbins Schwartz and/or Franczek and/or any law firm from January 1, 2020 to present. 2. Invoices, bills, proformas, or payment records from Robbins Schwartz and/or Franczek and/or any law firm to the district or behalf of the district from January 1, 2020 to present. 3. Correspondence between the district and Robbins Schwartz and/or Franczek and/or any law firm regarding any matter not protected by attorney client privilege including but not limited to litigation, pre-litigation advice, or claim management from January 1, 2020 to present. 4. Contracts, retainer agreements, fee agreements, or engagement letters between the district and any law firm from January 1, 2020 to present. 5. Civil litigation case files, complaints, answers, motions, and pleadings in which the district was a party from January 1, 2020 to present. 6. Litigation guidelines and protocols from January 1, 2020 to present.
Status of Response	The district responded via email on 12/3/25 with responsive records as well as a letter indicating that other portions of the request are unduly burdensome.

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Dana Berton stated that there were 3 teachers of the month, Lisa Stuart, Reon Gillespie and Marcus Arthurs

Valarie Wilhoite did not have anything to report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Discussion for the Good of the School District

The School Report Card presentation was presented by Tara Lawrence.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Coleman and seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Time: 7:11 pm

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Board President	**Board Secretary**