Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
January 15, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on January 15, 2026 at 6:24 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Jamerson: Absent: Long, Miller and Ellis.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Lawrence, LoDonna Fleming, Barbara Jude, Colleen Kolasa, Julie Stephan and Andrew Morgan.

Public Comment

President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

Wilson appreciated President Coleman for visiting their building to observe the Winter decorations.

President Coleman closed the floor to the public for comments.

Administrative Presentation

Andrew Morgan the Principal at Wentworth Junior High presented his presentation on the Garden Tower, he explained how the tower works and gave the Board a handout on how it works.

Communications

No Communications

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, Oberman, Franklin, and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of December 2025 in the amount of $704,449.11. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, 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 12/12/2025 (Voucher #1139) in the amount of $9,492.20, Pre-list dated 12/23/2025 (Voucher #1150) in the amount of $9,823.73, Pre-list dated 01/02/2026 (Voucher #1163) in the amount of $297,786.04 and Pre-list dated 1/15/2026 (Voucher #1164) in the amount of $346,091.21. Ayes; Franklin, Jamerson, Coleman, and Oberman; Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto advised the Board that the School Maintenance Project Grant must now be submitted under priority category D (permanent improvement projects) instead of under category B (health/life safety project) because the necessary codes from ISBE's HLS system are not available yet for the HLS items that are being used for the SMPG. The items submitted are still from the HLS item list and that will not change, only the category in which they are submitted.

Dr. Zotto also stated that the bid will be going out in February and March.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total: **966**

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin a Motion to approve the resignations and reassignment 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, Oberman, Franklin and Jamerson. Nays; None. Motion carried, 4-0.

Resignations			
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**	**Effective Date**
Jackson, Amber	7th/8th Grade Cross-Cat	WJH	12/29/2025
Hawthorne, Jerena	Library Aide	WIS	1/5/2026

Reassignment			
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**	**Effective Date**
Natasha Walker-Robinson	7th/8th Grade Cross Cat	WJH	1/20/2026

Policy

First Reading of Policy Press Issue 120

2:20-E, Waiver and Modification Request Resource Guide
2:150, Committees
2:150-AP, Superintendent Committees
2:250-E2, Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
2:270, Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color and National Origin Prohibited
2:270-AP, Prevention and Response for Complaints of Discrimination and Harassment Based on Race, Color and National Origin
3:60-E, Event Reporting and Notice Requirements for Building Principals Concerning School Safety and Security
4:10, Fiscal and Business Management
4:30, Revenue and Investments
4:60-AP2, Third Party Non-Instructional Contracts
4:460-AP2, E, Checklist for Third Party Non-Instructional Emergency Contracts
4:70-AP, Resource Conservation
4:80, Accounting and Audits
4:110-AP3, School Bus Safety Rules

4:140, Waiver of Student Fees
4:140-AP, Fines, Fees and Charges-Waiver of Student Fees
4:170-AP1, Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan
4:170-AP2, E3, Letter to Parents/Guardians About Disruptive Social Media Apps; Dangers
4:175-AP1, Criminal Offender Notification Laws; Screening
4:190, Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
4:190-AP1, Targeted School violence Prevention Program
4:190-AP2, Threat Assessment Team (TAT)
5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
5:10-AP, Workplace Accommodations for Nursing Mothers
5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:100, Staff Development Program
5:120-AP2, Employee Conduct Standards
5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
5:220, Substitute Teachers
5:220-AP, Substitute Teachers

5:280, Duties and Qualifications
5:300, Schedules and Employment Year
6:20. School Year Calendar and Day
6:40, Curriculum Development
6:60, Curriculum Content
6:60-AP1, Comprehensive Health Education Program
6:60-AP1, E1, Examine and Statutory Opt-outs
6:60-AP2, Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education Program (National Sex Education Standards (NSES))
6:60-AP3, Developmentally Appropriate Consent Education
6:130, Program for the Gifted
6:135-AP, Accelerated Placement Program Procedures
6:160, English Learners
6:220, Bring Your Own Technology (NYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct
6:260, Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs
6:260-AP, Responding to Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs
6:315, High School Credit for Students in Grades 7 or 8

7:70, Attendance and Truancy
7:140, Search and Seizure
7:150, Agency and LawEnforcement Request
7:150-AP, Managing Agency and Law Enforcement Request
7:150-AP, E, Record of Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
7:180, Prevention of Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment
7:190, Student Behavior
7:190-E3, Memorandum of Understanding
7:190-AP3, Guidelines for Reciprocal Reporting of Offenses Committed by Students
7:190-AP6, Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations
7:190-AP7, Student Discipline Guidelines
7:255-AP1, Supporting Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence
7:290, Suicide and Depression Awarness and Prevention
7:290-AP, Resource Guide for Implementation os Suicide and Depression Awarness and Prevention Program
7:310, Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
7:340, Student Records

7:340-AP1, School Student Records
7:340-AP1, E1, Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records
8:30, Visitors and Conduct on School Property
8:30-AP, Definition of Child Sex Offender
8:95-AP, Parental Involvement

SCOPE

Legislation is back in session with a lot of bills being filed for K-12 schools.

FOIA

Date of Request	12/08/2025
Summary of Records Requested	● Documents identifying the individuals (administrators, Title IX coordinators, or other personnel) responsible for investigating misconduct allegations directed at students from January 1, 2020 to present; ● Verified, unverified, substantiated, and/or unsubstantiated sexual abuse allegations against district employees, volunteers, or contractors from January 1, 2020 to present, including initial reports, investigative summaries, and final determinations; ● Substantiated and unsubstantiated sexual assault allegations involving students or minors on district property or at district-sponsored events from January 1, 2020 to present; ● Internal investigation reports related to sexual misconduct, sexual abuse, or sexual assault claims, whether reported or not from January 1, 2020 to present;
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 12/19/2025

Date of Request	12/08/2025
Summary of Records Requested	● Pre-litigation settlements related to abuse, misconduct, discrimination, or harassment claims from January 1, 2020 to present; ● Settlement agreements resulting from litigation, including confidential settlements and releases of liability from January 1, 2020 to present; ● Demand letters, mediation summaries, or settlement negotiations from January 1, 2020 to present; ● Reports, spreadsheets, databases, or summaries showing uniform grievances and investigations conducted for the district by outside law firms, including the number of investigations, nature of allegations, and outcomes from January 1, 2020 to present; ● Claim files maintained by the district for incidents, including incident reports, witness statements, and investigative notes from January 1, 2020 to present; ● Documents related to Workers Compensation claims filed by district employees from January 1, 2020 to present.
Status of Response	Response letter was provided via email on 12/19/2025. The district did respond to a portion of the request as being unduly burdensome.

Date of Request	12/21/2025
Summary of Records Requested	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 12/29/2025

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan stated the Teacher of the Month was Maddie Drewno a 3rd Grade teacher at Wentworth Intermediate.

No comment from the Paraprofessional Union

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve an Out-oState Field Trip for Wilson Elementary School students to the Munster Center for Performing Arts. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the MOU with Family Christian Health Center providing Health Services on the Mobile Van. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Board Member' Sharon Coleman and Tanishia Jamerson's Attendance at the NSBA Conference Development in San Antonio, TX. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Discussion for the Good of the School District

None

Adjournment

Moved by Member Franklin and seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 4-0.

Time: 6:35 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**