Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
April 23, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on April 23, 2026 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson: Absent: Ellis.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Wilkins, LoDonna Fleming, Dana Berton, Chris Tanner, Brandi Tanner, Colleen Kolasa, Jeannine Pazanin, Lisa Stuart, Greg Mason, Margaret Novak, Helena Fields, Tammy Saleem, Valarie Wilhoite, Jeanelle Smith, Ann Long, Letizia Martino and Mike Martino.

Public Comment

President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comment

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Administrative Presentation

Dana Berton a teacher a Wentworth Intermediate invited the Board to several events that will be taking place at Wentworth Intermediate during the month of May (Reading Fair-5/7, Spelling Bee-5/7 at 9:15 am, Painting Night-5/12 and the Reading Race Challenge-5/29 at 2:00 pm on the Wentworth Intermediate Field).

Brandi Tanner, a teacher at Wentworth Intermediate recognized and presented Dana Berton with flowers for being recognized by ISBE for “Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year”.

Margaret Novak, a teacher at Wentworth Junior High talked about some of the accomplishments the Student Council at the junior high have made. They started a WJH Newsletter and had a food drive that collected over 400 items. She also invited the Board to the Drama Club’s play “The Real Story of Alice and Wonderland”-5/9 at 5:00 pm.

Communications

None

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, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of March 2026 in the amount of $697,588.43. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

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 03/23/2026 (Voucher #1224) in the amount of $12,676.15, Pre-list dated 04/13/2026 (Voucher #1246) in the amount of $5,294.63, and Pre-list dated 04/23/2026 (Voucher #1247) in the amount of $818,343.34. Ayes; Oberman; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve Purchase and Maintenance Agreement for Copy Machine with Imagetec L.P.. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to Approve the Quote for the Purchasing of Chromebooks with CDW-G. Ayes; Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve the Multi-Year Hosting Agreement with Active Internet Technologies (‘Finalsite”). Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the FY27 Agreement with Omni Therapeutics, Inc. for School Therapy Services. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto told the Board about the summer work schedules and the issue concerning the fence at Woodrow Wilson.

Teachers and Education

Enrollment Total: **989**

Tara Wilkins presented the Consolidated Grant Plan to the Board.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Consolidate Grant Plan as presented. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson; Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Tara Wilkins presented the 2026-2027 Student Parent Handbook changes to the Board.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Student-Parent Handbook. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman 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 and 26-27 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; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman and Long. Nays; None. Motion carried, 6-0.

New Hire		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Sierra McGee	2nd Grade Teacher (2026-2027)	WW

Contract			
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**	**Effective Date**
Lydia Aguire	Science (6)-Kalediscope	WJH	3/30/2026

Reassignment			
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**	**Effective Date**
Reon Gillespie	ELA (6)	WJH	2026-2027
Mandy Graziano	Librarian	WIS	2026-2027
LaShaunda Hammons	5th Grade	WIS	2026-2027
Adam Orze	4th/5th Cross Cat	WIS	2026-2027

Resignations		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Dr. Joyce Nelson	Director of Student Services	DSS

Policy

Dr. Zotto told the Board that he had received a new Policy Press and he will be presenting the first reading to the Board at the May meeting and presenting the 2nd reading for approval at the June meeting.

SCOPE

Member Franklin mentioned to the Board that we are headed toward no cell phone or watches.

FOIA

Date of Request	04/09/2026
Summary of Records Requested	all emails and email attachments sent or received by any district employee, official, or board member that reference or mention “Steve Lefko” within the following date range: 1/1/2023 - the date that this request is processed. This request includes, but is not limited to: ● Internal (intra-district) emails ● Emails between district personnel and third parties ● Attachments to any responsive emails
Status of Response	The district did not have any responsive records and responded as such via email on 4/14/2026

Date of Request	04/13/2026
Summary of Records Requested	requests the following information regarding the Landscaping At Wentworth Jr. High School, Wentworth Intermediate School, And Wilson Elementary School - Landscaping/Irrigation 1. Please provide the bid tabulations and engineer’s estimates 2. Please advise who was awarded the project, the project award date, and the projects estimated start and end date 3. Please provide a list of sub-contractors if applicable.
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 4/15/2026

Date of Request	04/13/2026
Summary of Records Requested	1. The name of all law firm(s) currently providing legal services to the district and if changed in the last 8 years give the same info for the previous law firms or firm 2. Any current engagement agreement(s), contract(s), or fee schedule(s) with legal counsel for the last 3 fiscal years 3. The total amount paid to each law firm for legal services for the LAST 3 Fiscal Years
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 4/17/2026

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan stated that there are two teachers of the month Jeannine Pazanin and Lisa Stuart both from Woodrow Wilson.

Valarie Wilhoite did not have anything to report.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Discussion for the Good of the School District

Dr. Zotto read a Resolution Acknowledging Board Member Stanley R. Long.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Resolution Acknowledging Board Member Stanley R. Long. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman and Oberman. Abstain; Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adjournment

Moved by Member Miller and seconded by Member Coleman, a Motion that the Board Adjourn. Ayes; All. Nays; none. Motion carried, 6-0.

Time: 7:00 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**