Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on May 21, 2026 at 6:32 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson: Absent: Long and Ellis.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, LoDonna Fleming, Adam Jordan, Tara Wilkins, Justin Valle, Barbara Jude, Collen Kolasa, Valerie Wilhoite, Darren Stern, Julie Stephen, and Araceli Salgado.

Public Comment

President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

A parent expressed her concerns about the residency affidavit. She stated that she pays property taxes and she has to present an affidavit every year for her children because her home is in her mothers name, but all the utilities are in her name.

Another parent expressed her concerns about the traffic during arrival and dismissal from Wentworth Intermediate.

No other comments.

President Coleman closed the floor to the public for comments.

Administrative Presentation

Araceli Salgado the ESL Coordinator presented 12 students from the EL Program with a certificate of completion and a $25 gift certificate from the Board.Two of the students were from the 2024-2025 school year and ten were from the current year.

Communications

A thank you card from the family of Linda Kammert for the floral arrangement and a thank you card from the Wentworth Intermediate Honor students for providing a bus for their field trip to watch the Windy City Thunderbolts.

Consent Agenda

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

Reports

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of April 2026 in the amount of $680,781.70. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

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 04/29/2026 (Voucher #1257) in the amount of $21,821.53 and Pre-list dated 05/21/2026 (Voucher #1272) in the amount of $649,462.81. Ayes; Oberman; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Annual Adoption of Attendance Boundaries and Transportation Guidelines for FY27. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Annual Adoption of the Vehicular Hazard Approval Resolution for FY27. Ayes; Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve the Resolution to Prepare the Tentative Budget for FY27. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Two-Year Agreement with John Kasperek Co. for Auditing Services. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with Menard Consulting Inc. for Actuarial Services. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Service Agreement with AnthroMed Education. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Rate Sheet for FY27 with Delta-T. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Rate sheet for FY27 with Kaleidoscope. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Jamerson, Coleman and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Agreement with Fresh Winds Transportation. Ayes; Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Dr. Zotto talked about the full jobs by the construction companies this summer and the plan to put down extra plastic during the construction work.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Applications for the Ten-Year Safety Survey Reports for (WW, WIS and WJH). Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Teachers and Education

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the Renewal and Resolution of the eLearning Plan. Ayes; Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, and Miller; Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with South Cook Intermediate Service Center 4 for Instructional Coaches. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Request for an Out-of-State Field Trip for Pre-K Summer School to Hammond, IN. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Colleen said she will put together a presentation at the Pre-K program. She also stated that seven of the twelve students that completed the EL program were in our Pre-K program.

Enrollment Total: **995**

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman a Motion to Approve the retirement of the listed staff per the effective date indicated; and to execute the employment contract for the 26-27 school year for the identified staff at the salary indicated, pending receipt of the required documents, which includes the Illinois State Background Investigation Report.. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; None. Motion carried, 5-0.

Retirement			
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**	**Effective Date**
Sharon Davis	2nd Grade Teacher	Wilson	End of 2027-2028 SY

Policy

Second Reading of Policy Press Issue 121

Number and Title - Press Issue 121
2:140-E- Guidance for Board Member Communications, including Email Use
2:150-AP-Superintendent Committees
2:200-Types of School Board Meetings
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2:220-School Board Meeting Procedure
2:250-Access to District Public Records
2:250-AP1-Access to and Copying of District Public Records
2:250-AP2-Protocols for Record Preservation and Development of Retention Schedules
2:250-E2-Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
4:140-E4-Resolution to Increase Driver Education Fees
4:165-Awarness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
4:170-AP6, E2-Notification to Staff and Parents/Guardians of CPR and AED Video
5:30-Hiring Process and Criteria
5:30-AP1-Interview Questions
5:30-AP2-Investigations
5:30-AP2, E1-Notice of Preliminary Hiring Decision Based on Conviction Record
5:30-AP2, E2-Notice of Final Hiring Decision Based on Conviction Record
5:50-Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
5:90-AP1-Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center
5:250-Leaves of Absence
5:330-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
6:20-AP-Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plan(s)
6:50-School Wellness
6:65-Student Social and Emotional Development
6:100-Using Animals in the Educational Program
6:100-AP-Dissection of Animals
6:100-E1-Guidelines and Application for Using Animals in School Facilities for Educational Purposes
6:145-Migrant Students
6:170- Title I Programs
6:170-AP1-Checklist for Development, Implementation and Maintenance of Parent and Family Engagement Compacts for Title I Programs

6:170-AP1,E1-District-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan
6:170-AP2, E2-School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Plan
6:170-AP2-Notice to Parents Required by Elementary and Secondary Education, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance, and Protection of Pupil Rights Laws
6:180-Extended Instructional Programs
6:235-AP1, E1-Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks
6:235-AP1, E2-Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks
6:235-AP2-Web Publishing Guidelines
6:235-E3-Online Privacy Statement
7:20-Harrassment of Students Prohibited
7:50-School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:100-Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:185-Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
7:190-E2-Student Handbook Checklist
7:220-Bus Conduct
7:230-Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
7:240-Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
7:260-Exemption from Physical Education
7:280-Communicable and Chronic Infectious Diseases
7:285-AP-Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
7:300-Extracurricular Athletics
7:300-E2-Certificate of Physical Fitness for Participation in Athletics
7:305-AP-School Student Records
7:340-AP1, E1-Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records
7:340-AP1, E3-Letter to Parents and Eligible Students Concerning Military Recruiters and Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory information
7:340-AP!, E4-Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Military Recruiter Access to Students and Student Information
8:90-Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

SCOPE

Dr. Zotto discussed during the Annual meeting the Executive team passed the budget, but they are not happy with the government and representatives. And issues with unemployment.

FOIA

Date of Request	04/17/2026
Summary of Records Requested	We seek the following records for the time period of January 1, 2026 through the present: 1. **Policies and Guidance** ○ Any and all policies, procedures, guidelines, or administrative directives concerning religious accommodations for students, including but not limited to accommodations related to Ramadan observance. 2. **Ramadan-Specific Records** ○ Any and all records, including memoranda, guidance documents, or internal communications, specifically addressing accommodations for students observing Ramadan. 3. **Prayer Accommodations During School Hours** ○ Any and all records reflecting policies, practices, or guidance regarding student prayer during the school day, including but not limited to: ■ Use of designated spaces for prayer; ■ Permission to leave class for religious observance; ■ Staff instructions or administrative guidance concerning such practices. 4. **Implementation and Communication** ○ Any communications, including emails or memoranda, between district administrators, school staff, or external entities concerning the implementation of accommodations for students observing Ramadan. 5. **Complaints or Requests** ○ Any records reflecting requests for religious accommodations related to Ramadan, and any records reflecting how such requests were handled, including summaries or reports (excluding personally identifiable student information).
Status of Response	The district sent the responsive records to item 1 and informed that there were not any responsive records to items 2-5 via email on 4/23/26,

Date of Request	04/30/2026
Summary of Records Requested	executed contracts, agreements, purchase orders, and related procurement documents for products or services purchased from any of the following vendors or their authorized resellers, for the period January 1, 2021, to the present: All products from: Primex, American Time, and/or Sapling. We are seeking records that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and implementation fees. **Requested Records (if readily accessible):** Please include any of the following that your agency maintains: ● Executed contracts, master service agreements, or order forms ● Purchase orders relating to the requested documents ● RFP or solicitation documents, including vendor responses and evaluation materials ● Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements (e.g., Sourcewell, NASPO, OMNIA, or state contract vehicles)
Status of Response	The district did not have any responsive records and responded as such via email on 5/6/2026

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	● Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements (e.g., Sourcewell, NASPO, OMNIA, or state contract vehicles)
Status of Response	The district did not have any responsive records and responded as such via email on 5/6/2026

Date of Request	05/02/2026
Summary of Records Requested	all executed contracts, agreements, purchase orders, and related procurement documents for products or services purchased from any of the following vendors or their authorized resellers, for the period January 1, 2021, to the present: **All products from:** Blackboard Inc, Finalsite, DMX, Funds for Learning, E-Rate Consulting, N-Able, Raptor Technologies, and/or CSM Consulting We are seeking records that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and implementation fees. **Requested Records (if readily accessible):** Please include any of the following that your agency maintains: ● Executed contracts, master service agreements, or order forms ● Purchase orders relating to the requested documents ● RFP or solicitation documents, including vendor responses and evaluation materials ● Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements (e.g., Sourcewell, NASPO, OMNIA, or state contract vehicles)
Status of Response	Responsive records sent via email on 5/6/2026

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

Julie Stephan stated that all teachers of the month were entered into a drawing and received a $50 Amazon Gift card; the winners were Lisa Stuart, Clare Magalski and Marcus Arthurs. She also thanked the district for lunch and the t-shirts for Staff Appreciation week.

Valarie Wilhoite stated that she would be stepping down as the PSRP Union President. She also thanked the district for Wilson lunch as the winners for the Spring Decoration contestants.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Discussion for the Good of the School District

Dr. Zotto read a Resolution Acknowledging Former Board Member Katheryn Stern.

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

Dr. Zotto presented Ms. Stern's husband Darren Stern with a signed copy of the Resolution.

Executive Session

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Oberman, 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; Miller, Jamerson, Coleman, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Entered Executive Session at 7:07 pm

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion that the Board return to regular order of business. Ayes; Coleman, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Jamerson. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Returned to regular business at 7:20 pm

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Terminate Patricia McBride as the Administrative Assistant to the Department of Student Services. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Oberman, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the 1-Year Administrative Agreement for the Director of Student Services for Dr. Angela Diggs. Ayes; Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Jamerson and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Adjournment

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

Time: 7:21 pm

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Board President **Board Secretary**