Board of Education
School District No. 155
Calumet City, Illinois
Regular Meeting
June 25, 2026

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Calumet City School District No. 155 was called to order by President Coleman on June 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm. On the Roll, the following members were physically present and answered present; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller: Absent: Ellis and Jamerson.

Also present were: Dr. Joseph Zotto, Adam Jordan, Tara Wilkins, LoDonna Fleming, Barbara Jude, Greg Mason, Jeanelle Smith, Jennifer Lowe, Jaclynn Labahn, Colleen Kolasa, Valerie Wilhoite, Becky Taylor, Amy Bebe Josph, Benigna Palacios and La'Krizzia Henry.

Public Comment

President Coleman opened the floor to the public for comments.

No Public Comment

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Administrative Presentation

Dr. Joe Zotto honored two District #155 retirees Valerie Wilhoite and Tom Hansen (absent). Wilson Staff (Greg Mason, Jeanelle Smith and La'Krizzia Henry present Ms. Wilhoite with flowers and a plaque.

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 and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Reports

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the gross payroll figure for the month of May 2026 in the amount of $705,864.06. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, and Coleman. 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 5/22/2026 (Voucher # 1282) in the amount of $356,168.61. Pre-list dated 6/10/2026 (Voucher #1351) in the amount of $5,327.67. Pre-list dated 6/11/2026 (Voucher #1350) in the amount of $1,005,193.52. Pre-list dated 6/25/2026 (Voucher #1368) in the amount of $890,793.01. Ayes; Oberman; Franklin, Miller, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the 2026-2027 CLIC Insurance Program and Premium Costs for Workers Compensation, Property/Casualty, Fiduciary Liability and Law Enforcement. Ayes; Franklin, Miller, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the 2026/27 - 2028/29 Master Service Agreement with Net56 Technology Services. Ayes; Miller, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin; Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Long, a Motion to Approve the Contract for Transportation Services for School Years 2026/2027, 2027/2028, and 2028/2029 with First Student, Inc. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin; Abstain; Miller. Nays; Motion carried, 4-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve theLicense and Subscription Sales Quotes with PowerSchool for September 2026-September 2027. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Buildings and Grounds

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Summer School Classroom Lease with Burnham School District 154.5. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin and Miller. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Moved by Member Franklin, seconded by Member Oberman, a Motion to Approve the Classroom Lease Agreement with ECHO Joint agreement. Ayes; Long, Oberman, Franklin, Miller and Coleman. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Teachers and Education

School Improvement Plan Presentations- Principals

Jennifer Lowe presented the SIP's for Wentworth Intermediate, Greg Mason Present for Wilson Elementary and Andrew Morgan presented for Wentworth Junior High.

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the School Improvement Plans for Wentworth Jr. High, Wentworth Intermediate School and Woodrow Wilson School. Ayes, Oberman, Franklin, Miller, Coleman and Long. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

Enrollment Total: **991**

Moved by Member Long, seconded by Member Miller a Motion to approve the resignations and retirements 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; Franklin, Miller, Coleman, Long and Oberman. Nays; None. Motion carried, 5-0.

New Hires		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment**
Trina Pongco	4th Grade Teacher	WIS
Leah Thomas	Paraprofessional	Wilson

Contract		
Name	**Position**	**Assignment-Agency**
Roberto Maldonado	Cross Cat Teacher	Wilson - Blazer Works
Gina Prokop	Social Worker	WIS - Blazer Works

Resignation			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Sharron Morgan	1st Grade Teacher	07/30/2026	Wilson

Retirement			
Name	**Position**	**Effective Date**	**Assignment**
Valerie Wilhoite	Paraprofessional	06/30/2026	Wilson

Policy

Moved by Member Coleman, seconded by Member Miller, a Motion to Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of Policy as Listed. Ayes; Miller, Coleman, Long, Oberman and Franklin. Nays; none. Motion carried, 5-0.

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 stated that it has been kinda quiet, but the dues letters went out today and money should be received next week.

FOIA

Adam mentions there have been data breaches and problems with cyber security.

Date of Request	05/13/2026
Summary of Records Requested	most recent Asbestos Inspection Reports, Radon Testing Reports, and Water Testing Reports for all district properties: - Admin Building (540 Superior Ave.) - Wentworth Junior High (560 Superior Ave.)

	- Wentworth Intermediate (530 Superior Ave.) - Woodrow Wilson Elementary (560 Wentworth Ave.)
Status of Response	The district sent the responsive records via email on 5/19/2026

Date of Request	05/21/2026
Summary of Records Requested	the following information for district employees: • First and last names • Job titles/positions • Work email addresses • Primary campus or department
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 05/27/2026

Date of Request	05/27/2026
Summary of Records Requested	All products from School Asset Manager, Collaborative Student Transportation, Prismatic Services Inc, Lead Public Schools, buildEd, and Transpar Group ● Contracts, service agreements, or order forms ● Purchase orders tied to the listed vendors ● RFP or solicitation documents ● Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements
Status of Response	The district did not have any responsive records and responded as such via email on 05/28/2026

Date of Request	06/03/2026
Summary of Records Requested	We are interested in records from 2022 to now that document the financial terms of any engagement with the vendors listed above. Where available, this may include per-unit pricing, subscription or licensing fees, and any implementation or onboarding costs. This request covers records such as: ● Contracts, service agreements, order forms ● Purchase orders relating to the listed vendors ● RFP or solicitation documents ● Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements ●
Status of Response	The district did not have any responsive records and responded as such via email on 06/05/2026

Date of Request	06/08/2026
Summary of Records Requested	All products from: Apptegy, Finalsite, ParentSquare, SchoolMessenger, and Blackboard Inc We are seeking records from 2022 to now that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including (if available), per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and/or implementation fees. We are looking for the following types of records: ● Contracts, service agreements, order forms ● Purchase orders relating to the above vendors ● RFP or solicitation documents ● Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on 06/11/2026

Date of Request	June 15, 2026
Summary of Records Requested	All products from: CDW Government, Xerox, and MGT Impact Solutions (MGT Consulting), as well as College and Career Readiness from Lead Public Schools We are seeking records from 2022 to now that reflect the pricing structure of any such engagement, including (if available), per-unit costs, subscription or licensing terms, and/or implementation fees. The types of records we are interested in include: ● Contracts, service agreements, and order forms ● Purchase orders associated with the above vendors ● RFP or solicitation documents ● Task orders issued under cooperative purchasing agreements
Status of Response	Responsive records were sent via email on June 22, 2026

Date of Request	June 18, 2026
Summary of Records Requested	All products from: ESS/ESI, Kokua Education, Scoot Education, Zed Educate, and BuildEd We are interested in records from 2022 to now that document the financial terms of any engagement with the vendors listed above. Where available, this may include per-unit pricing, subscription or licensing fees, and any implementation or onboarding costs. This request covers records such as: ● Contracts, service agreements, order forms ● Purchase orders relating to the listed vendors ● RFP or solicitation documents ● Task orders issued against cooperative purchasing agreements

Status of Response	The district does not have any responsive records and responded as such via email on June 22, 2026

Date of Request	June 19, 2026
Summary of Records Requested	any and all purchasing records from 3/19/2026 to current. The request is limited to readily available records without physically copying, scanning or printing paper documents. Any editable electronic document is acceptable. The specific information requested from your record keeping system is: 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 were sent via email on June 22, 2026

Teachers and Paraprofessional Unions

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Discussion for the Good of the School District

Dr. Zotto mentioned the construction is going well.

Executive Session

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

Entered Executive Session at 7:21 pm

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

Returned to regular business at 7:28 pm

Moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Franklin, a Motion to Approve the 1-year Administrative Agreement for Assistant Principal April Sanchez. Ayes; Coleman, Long, Oberman, Franklin, and Miller. 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: 7:29 pm

Board President **Board Secretary**