

**SASED Governing Board Meeting
May 27, 2026 - 6:30 PM
SASED Administration Center
2900 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Ray Kielminski, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

Roll call was taken with the following responding:

Present: District

Keeneyville School District 20
Benjamin School District 25
DuPage County School District 45
Salt Creek School District 48
Downers Grove School District 58
Maercker School District 60
Cass School District 63
Center Cass School District 66
Woodridge School District 68
DuPage High School District 88
Community High School District 94
Community High School District 99
Community Consolidated School District 180
Westmont Community Unit School District 201
Lisle Community Unit School District 202
Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205

Representative

Ms. Amanda Coppola
Mr. Vincent Engstrom
Mr. Al Legutki
Mr. Ray Kielminski
Ms. Emily Hanus
Mr. Robert Schaefer
Ms. Katie Marinelli
Mr. Doug Wiley
Ms. Lorie Barber
Ms. Donna Craft Cain
Ms. Lynn Casey-Maher
Mr. Christopher Espinoza
Ms. Carol Fawcett
Ms. Leah Conover
Mr. Greg Nagler
Ms. Beth Hosler

Absent: West Chicago Elementary School District 33
Winfield School District 34

Present: 16 Districts

Absent: 2 Districts

Also in attendance:

Dr. Kim Dryier, Executive Director, SASED
Ms. Rachel Wisniewski, Asst Dir of Business/CSBO, SASED
Dr. Elizabeth Vander Woude, Asst Dir of Programs and Services, SASED
Mr. Matt Flynn, Asst Dir of Human Resources, SASED
Mr. John Langton, Facilities Specialist, SASED
Ms. Senga Lowe, Board Recording Secretary, SASED
Dr. Jean Barbanente, Dupage HSD 88, SASED Board of Directors Chairperson
Dr. Kevin Russell, Downers Grove Grade SD 58, SASED Board of Directors

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment - No public comment.

4. Welcome New Board Members - Dr. Dryier recognized all new Board members.

5. Recognition of Dr. Elizabeth VanderWoude, as DuPage County's Administrator of the Year

Dr. Dryier recognized Dr. Elizabeth Vander Woude.

6. Approved the Meeting Minutes from the January 28, 2026 Governing Board Meeting

A motion was made to approve the January 28, 2026 Minutes as presented. This motion was made by Member Craft Cain and seconded by Member Nagler.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Coppola SD20, Engstrom SD25, Legutki SD45, Kielminski SD48, Hanus SD58, Schaefer SD60, Marinelli SD63, Wiley SD66, Barber SD68, Craft Cain SD88, Espinoza SD99, Conover SD201, Nagler SD202, Hosler SD205

Abstain: Casey-Maher SD 94, Fawcett SD 180

Nays: None

Ayes: 14 Districts

Abstain: 2 Districts

Nays: None

Absent: 2 Districts

Upon roll call vote, motion passed.

7. Acknowledged the District Resolutions to Appoint a New Representative and Alternate Representative to the SASSED Governing Board

8. Adjourned Sine-Die

A motion was made for the Governing Board, May 27, 2026 meeting to adjourn sine-die at 6:38 pm. This motion was made by Member Barber and seconded by Member Conover. Upon voice vote of all ayes from 16 districts present, motion passed.

9. Opened into a new Governing Board Meeting at 6:39 pm. Roll call was taken with the following responding:

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Benjamin School District 25
DuPage County School District 45
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Ms. Carol Fawcett
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Mr. Greg Nagler
Ms. Beth Hosler

Absent: West Chicago Elementary School District 33
Winfield School District 34

Present: 16 Districts

Absent: 2 Districts

10. Appointment of Dr. Kim Dryier as Chairperson Pro-Tempore

A motion was made to appoint Dr. Kim Dryier as Chairperson Pro-Tempore in order to facilitate the board officer elections. This motion was made by Member Kielminski and seconded by Member Hanus. Upon voice vote of all ayes from 16 districts present, motion passed.

11. Election of Board Officers

- a. Elect Chairperson
Mr. Ray Kielminski nominated himself for the office of Chairperson. Mr. Ray Kielminski being the only candidate nominated for the office of Chairperson, the chair pro-tem hereby declared Mr. Ray Kielminski elected by acclamation.
- b. Elect Vice-Chairperson
Mr. Ray Kielminski nominated Ms. Donna Craft Cain for the office of Vice-Chairperson. Ms. Donna Craft Cain being the only candidate nominated for the office of Vice-Chairperson, the chair pro-tem hereby declared Ms. Donna Craft Cain elected by acclamation.
- c. Elect Secretary
Ms. Donna Craft Cain nominated Ms. Leah Conover for the office of Secretary. Ms. Leah Conover being the only candidate nominated for the office of Secretary, the chair pro-tem hereby declared Ms. Leah Conover elected by acclamation.

Mr. Ray Kielminski, Chairperson Elect, was seated and presided over the meeting at 6:49 pm.

12. Discussion/Information

- a. SASED Governing Board Orientation - Dr. Kim Dryier presented an overview of SASED to the Board including the role and duties of the Governing Board. Dr. Elizabeth VanderWoude provided an in-depth presentation regarding the programs and services that SASED offers and some highlights of this school year.
- b. Facilities Update - Dr. Kim Dryier presented an overview of the strategic plan alignment with operations and the goal for determining facility planning strategies. She provided a recap of 2025, updates on the progress of the Facility Planning Committee, the Policy Committee, and the Finance Committee. She also provided the updated timeline and tentative cost analysis including projected staffing needs, projected expansion needs, and a review of the current rent expenditures. Dr. Dryier discussed the potential Oak Brook facility and the next steps involved with moving forward. She highlighted the understanding that this new facility would be cost-neutral to member districts and that the cost of the new facility will be funded through debt certificates issued by SASED and the debt would be paid through member district's program tuition. There may be the need for an additional Governing Board meeting in the summer to move forward with the approval of debt certificates. Ms. Lowe will send out a poll to Governing Board members to narrow down a potential date in July.
- c. FY27 Tentative Budget Presentation - Ms. Rachel Wisniewski provided a detailed overview of the FY27 tentative budget based on an enrollment of 349 students and a total FTE of 355.8 staff. The FY27 budget is \$39,113,951.
- d. Workers Compensation Data - Ms. Rachel Wisniewski provided data regarding the workers' compensation claims comparison from FY2025 to FY2026. Claims related to student aggression decreased from 16 claims in FY25 to 7 claims in FY26, representing a 56% reduction. Overall workers' compensation costs decreased by \$106,355 or approximately 46%.
- e. Summer Meeting Dates - Dr. Dryier discussed the need for a potential summer Governing Board meeting to move forward with the approval of debt certificates. Ms. Lowe will send out a poll to Governing Board members to narrow down a potential date in July.

13. Action Items

- a. Reviewed and approved the SASSED Governing Board Meeting Dates, Times, and Location for SY2026-27.

A motion was made to approve the SASSED Governing Board Meeting Dates, Times, and Location for SY26-27 as presented. This motion was made by Member Engstrom and seconded by Member Legutki. Upon voice vote of all ayes from 16 districts present, motion passed.

- b. Approved the FY27 SASSED Budget for Public Display and Set Public Hearing Date for August 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM.

A motion was made to approve the SASSED FY27 Budget for Public Display and Set the Public Hearing Date for August 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM, as presented. This motion was made by Member Nagler and seconded by Member Hosler.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Coppola SD20, Engstrom SD25, Legutki SD45, Kielminski SD48, Hanus SD58, Schaefer SD60, Marinelli SD63, Wiley SD66, Barber SD68, Craft Cain SD88, Casey-Maher SD94, Espinoza SD99, Fawcett SD180, Conover SD201, Nagler SD202, Hosler SD205

Nays: None

Ayes: 16 Districts

Nays: None

Absent: 2 Districts

Upon roll call vote, motion passed.

14. Enter into Closed Session

To convene into closed session to discuss:

- *the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)*

A motion was made to enter into closed session at 8:22 pm. This motion was made by Member Conover and seconded by Member Engstrom. Upon voice vote of all ayes from 16 districts present, motion passed.

15. Reconvene into Open Session

A motion was made to reconvene into open session at 8:34 pm, as stated in the closed session minutes. This motion was made by Member Barber and seconded by Member Nagler. Upon voice vote of all ayes from 16 districts present, motion passed.

16. Approved the Employment Agreement Amendment for SASSED's Executive Director, Dr. Kim Dryier.

A motion was made to approve the amended employment agreement for Dr. Kim Dryier as presented. This motion was made by Member Engstrom and seconded by Member Hosler.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Coppola SD20, Engstrom SD25, Legutki SD45, Kielminski SD48, Hanus SD58, Schaefer SD60, Marinelli SD63, Wiley SD66, Barber SD68, Craft Cain SD88, Casey-Maher SD94, Espinoza SD99, Fawcett SD180, Conover SD201, Nagler SD202, Hosler SD205

Nays: None

Ayes: 16 Districts

Nays: None

Absent: 2 Districts

Upon roll call vote, motion passed.

17. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:36 pm. This motion was made by Member Engstrom and seconded by Member Craft Cain. Upon voice vote of all ayes from all sixteen members present, motion passed.

Minutes Approved by:

Chairperson

Date

Secretary

Date _____