Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, October 8, 2026 6:30 PM Central

Lakeview Junior High School
701 Plainfield Road
Downers Grove, IL 60516

Steve Dlugo:	Present
Megan DuPass:	Present
Brian Liedtke:	Present
Adam Sage:	Present
Darren Spiegel:	Absent
Tiffany Watson:	Present
Doug Wiley:	Present

Present: 6, Absent: 1.

I. Call Meeting to Order
The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Brian Liedtke.

II. Pledge
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Brian Liedtke.

III. Recognition of Visitors
In-person visitors included Mrs. Katie Matthews, Dr. Sean Rhoads, Dr. Kim Liles, Mrs. Carrie Fitzgerald, and Director Tom Tiede. Online attendees included Keith Roberts, Led Tasso, Elizabeth Uribe, Jessica Sage, Mark Pagel, Kristin Platt, Kristen Hansen Kulovany, Kari Gemmell, and Meghan Aleo.

IV. Scheduled Time to Address the Board
There were no scheduled speakers for the October 8, 2026 Board of Education meeting.

V. Consent Agenda

V.A. Monthly Meeting Minutes

V.B. District's Monthly Financial Statements

V.C. Monthly Board Bills Payable

V.D. New Items

VI. Approve Consent Agenda
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Doug Wiley and seconded by Adam Sage, Passed.
Darren Spiegel: Absent, Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam

Sage: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. Communication

VII.A. FOIA Requests

The District complied with 3 FOIA requests.

VIII. Principal Reports

VIII.A. Elizabeth Ide Elementary

On September 25 SIP Day and during September 29 team collaboration, educators and support staff analyzed beginning-of-year assessment data and strengthened their skills in using it to guide instruction. This work supports consistent, high-quality Tier 1 Structured Literacy—including explicit phonological awareness instruction in K-2—and helps us respond to each student's strengths and learning needs. At Ide, hands-on STEM activities help students build collaboration, problem-solving, communication, and self-directed learning skills. Social work lessons on personal safety and trusted adults further support students' confidence, well-being, and ability to advocate for themselves. Elizabeth Ide is practicing lockdown procedures to ensure students and staff feel prepared and supported during emergencies. On October 7, the Darien Police Department observed a drill and offered feedback to help strengthen safety practices and collaboration with first responders.

VIII.B. Prairieview Elementary

Prairieview grade-level teams, together with interventionists, special education teachers, and administrators, reviewed fall assessment data to identify students' strengths, needs, and areas for growth. These insights will guide focused instruction, additional support or enrichment, and ongoing adjustments to help every student progress. Prairieview will celebrate Halloween on October 30 with a grade-level costume parade and classroom parties featuring games, crafts, and activities. Families are also invited to the annual Team 66 Trunk-or-Treat on October 23 in the Prairieview parking lot. On September 28, students and staff practiced the Hide/Lockdown portion of the Run/Hide/Fight response with the DuPage County Sheriff's Department, receiving feedback to strengthen school procedures. The school also held a severe weather drill on September 18 and planned a fire drill with the Darien-Woodridge Fire Department for early October.

VIII.C. Lakeview Junior High

Lakeview Principal, Dr. Kim Liles stated that eighth-grade ELA students studying *The Outsiders* have been invited to attend Downers Grove South High School's production on October 23. Seeing the novel performed live will connect their classroom learning with an engaging theatrical experience. Team 66's Fall Fest on September 24 welcomed more than 100 students for games, crafts, bingo, and other activities. The event helped students connect with peers and strengthened the school community. Lakeview is using lunch periods to

encourage face-to-face interaction and social connection through activities like a popular Pickleball Tournament. With support from Team 66, the school will continue offering opportunities for students to connect, collaborate, and brighten one another's day.

IX. Director Reports

IX.A. Assistant Superintendent for Student Services

CCSD66's three schools are holding fall Data Days, where grade-level teams and support staff review benchmark, classroom, and progress-monitoring data to identify student strengths and needs. These discussions inform core instruction, targeted interventions, and ongoing progress monitoring within the District's MTSS framework. On September 25, paraprofessionals received professional learning on understanding student behavior and using practical, consistent strategies to support students' needs. CCSD66 also began a long-term effort with SASED specialists to strengthen the Developmental Learning Program across its schools, including clarifying program criteria and improving consistency and inclusion. CCSD66's Goal 2 Strategic Planning Subcommittee is progressing in developing a strategy to support whole learner development. They've identified 4 focus areas: birth to five, learner characteristics & executive functioning, before & after school programming, and community connection. Each area has proposed strategic indicators (actions) with a focus on equity and inclusion.

IX.B. Assistant Superintendent of Learning

The Goal 1 Strategic Planning Subcommittee will meet October 7 to revise student-learning goals and action steps based on feedback, then share updates with the full committee. On September 25, staff across CCSD66 participated in professional learning on digital security and tools, assessment-informed instruction, and school scheduling and conferences. A new K-8 Competency-Based Education coalition is working toward aligned learning priorities, progressions, and staff development. Lakeview will also introduce Skyward missing-assignment alerts for families, supported by a step-by-step parent guide.

IX.C. Director of Technology

The staff tech hub is now available for technology tools and troubleshooting, and the family tech hub has been updated with new resources; families are encouraged to use the GoGuardian Parent app. CCSD66 is strengthening cybersecurity through two-factor authentication, enhanced protections for some staff, and research into additional security and phishing-awareness tools. Screen-time data from Prairieview and Lakeview highlights device use both in and outside school, and GoGuardian lets families set offline time at home. CCSD66 is monitoring student use of Google AI tools and other LLMs, with the highest activity at Lakeview and more limited use at Prairieview. The district continues to restrict unvetted AI platforms while reviewing new tools for alignment with its adopted framework.

IX.D. Director of Transportation/Buildings and Grounds

School buildings are operating smoothly and hosting a wide range of student and community activities throughout the fall. CCSD66 recognized its custodial and grounds staff for keeping facilities safe and clean. Final Lakeview parking-lot construction items are underway, while planning begins for summer 2027 facility projects. CCSD66 is reviewing bus fleet age, reliability, and costs to recommend a plan for the 2027-28 school year, with any new lease decisions needed before December. During National School Bus Safety Week (October 19), the District and TEAM66/PTO will recognize drivers, including a District Driver Appreciation Day on October 23.

X. Superintendent Report

X.A. District Dashboard
The District Dashboard will change next month with the School Report Card coming out at the end of October.

X.B. Steering Committee

Board Member DuPass provided an update from the most recent Steering Committee meeting which included adjustments-additions to extracurricular schedules-stipends; an MOU with CCEA on evaluation which reflects changes in the law; a Wrestling Cooperative with Cass 63; and an upcoming Calendar Advisory Committee meeting.

X.C. Strategic Plan Update
Over 40 stakeholders have been gathering the last three months to work on the District's Mission, Vision, and Purpose statements, as well as the District's goals and Strategic Actions in the areas of Education, Essentials, and Environment. The plan is progressing nicely and hope to present the plan to the Board and Community at the November Board of Education meeting.

X.D. Community Developments

Dr. Wise shared the possibility of a combined 275 new residential permits becoming available next year, which added to the 75 recently permitted, bringing the total to approximately 350 new residential units in a short time. Some of the properties have been approved and permitted; others are in concept or planning. While it is unknown how many students these developments will produce, they will produce students, which will further increase the need for learning space in the District.

X.E. Next Steps in Space Reconfigurations and Additions
The Board is exploring enclosing the open area near Lakeview's bus entrance to create usable indoor space instead of proceeding with the planned vestibule and landscaping. The space could serve multiple purposes, ease demand on shared facilities, and potentially provide

classrooms if enrollment grows. Dr. Wise will ask the architect to prepare drawings for Board review.

X.F. School Maintenance Grant

The School Maintenance Grant Application will be submitted for carpet replacement at Prairiview Elementary. If the project's total cost exceeds $100,000, the State will contribute $50,000 toward the work.

X.G. MOU on Evaluation

A Memorandum of Understanding with CCEA on evaluation, which reflected changes in the law, was realigned, clarifying the number of informal and formal observations.

X.H. Hearing for E-Learning Plan on November 5, 2026 at 6:20 p.m.
Dr. Wise asked the Board to schedule a hearing before its November Board meeting to review a proposed new E-Learning Plan. Although the District has rarely needed more than an occasional snow day, it wants to be prepared for extended weather or building emergencies that prevent in-person learning. Dr. Wise will work with the Emergency Learning Committee to update the existing plan before the hearing.

X.I. Wrestling Cooperative IGA with Cass SD 63

Dr. Wise shared that Cass 63 would like to join Center Cass 66 in a Wrestling Cooperative. This would ensure the viability of the program. The Board was asked to approve an agreement.

X.J. School Board Candidate Night - Monday, October 19 @ 6:00 p.m.
Every two years, the School District hosts an informational night for anyone interested in becoming a Board member. The Board Candidate information night this year will be Monday, October 19, at 6:00 pm in the Prairieview Elementary School Learning Resource Center.

X.K. IASB Fall Meeting - Thursday, October 29 @ 5:30 p.m.
Dr. Wise shared that Board President Liedtke would be attending the IASB DuPage Fall Meeting on Thursday, October 29 as well as receiving recognition.

X.L. Lakeview Homecoming Celebration - Friday, October 23
Lakeview Junior High will host Homecoming on Friday, October 23, 2026. Parents and community members are welcome to line the parade route and cheer on the Marching Spartans!

X.M. Principal Appreciation Day - Friday, October 23rd

Dr. Wise thanked the Building Principals for their hard work and asked that others help recognize them on Friday October 23rd for Principal Appreciation Day.

X.N. Lakeview Graduation - Thursday, May 27, 2027 @ 7:00 p.m.
Lakeview has set Graduation for Thursday, May 27, 2027 @ 7:00 pm at Downers Grove South. Many thanks to DGS for allowing us to use their Auditorium for the event.

X.O. EPIC-AASA Site Visit
Dr. Wise expressed that the District is excited to host 40 visitors the morning of October 15. The visitors, consisting of educational leaders across the country, will be chaperoned by Administrators for an hour in each of the District's three schools. It was an honor to be selected by AASA to "show others" how we operate our school district. Student leaders in each building will help explain how they learn and what they are learning and why they are learning it.

X.P. Those Who Excel Announcement of District Representatives

Congratulations to all the nominees for Those Who Excel, or building representatives, and District nominees. It is quite an honor to be recognized by your peers. The District will be advancing each of the individuals below to the State competition:

Category of Community Volunteer: From Team 66 - Sandy Phillips

Category of Educational Service Personnel - Alberto Mena

Category of Administrator - Tom Tiede

Category of Student Support Personnel - Kari Gemmell

Category of Early Educator - Annie Moritz

Category of Teacher of the Year - Becky Hull

XI. Public Comment
No public comment.

XII. Action items

XII.A. Motion to approve the School Maintenance Grant
Motion to approve the School Maintenance Grant. This motion, made by Adam Sage and seconded by Tiffany Watson, Passed.
Darren Spiegel: Absent, Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam

Sage: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII.B. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding on Evaluation
Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding on Evaluation. This motion, made by Megan DuPass and seconded by Steve Dlugo, Passed.
Darren Spiegel: Absent, Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII.C. Motion to approve the Emergency Learning Hearing on November 5, 2026 at 6:20 p.m.
Motion to approve the Emergency Learning Hearing on November 5, 2026 at 6:20 p.m. This motion, made by Tiffany Watson and seconded by Adam Sage, Passed.
Darren Spiegel: Absent, Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII.D. Motion to approve the Wrestling Cooperative IGA with Cass SD 63
Motion to approve the Wrestling Cooperative with Cass SD 63. This motion, made by Tiffany Watson and seconded by Steve Dlugo, Passed.
Darren Spiegel: Absent, Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Steve Dlugo and seconded by Adam Sage, Passed.
Darren Spiegel: Absent, Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The October 8, 2026 Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maria Gannon, recording secretary

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President, Board of Education	Secretary, Board of Education