

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, May 7, 2025 6:30 PM Central

Prairieview Elementary School
699 Plainfield Road
Downers Grove, IL 60516

Steve Dlugo:	Present
Megan DuPass:	Present
Christopher Esposito:	Present
Brian Liedtke:	Present
Liane Raso:	Present
Adam Sage:	Present
Donna Sobotka:	Present
Darren Spiegel:	Present
Tiffany Watson:	Present
Doug Wiley:	Present

Present: 10.

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 Liane Raso.

II. Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students from Elizabeth Ide.

III. Recognition of Visitors

In-Person visitors included Kim Pace, Kathy Barkaukas, Robin Suva, Jennifer Nawrot, Jessica Sage, Jamie Liedtke, Amy Burrows, Ali Beseth, Sheri Sulima, Kim Swaekauski, Maggie Kane, Brooke Zygmuntowicz, Amy Vano, Heather Tran, Elizabeth Ide students Skylar Coria, James Prince, Shabbir Neemuchwala, Emilia Heniborg, Clark O'Dell, Salwa Saleh, Grant Bjork, Keenan Kohout-Goetschel and their parents, Vince Raso, Joan Cullen, Liz Uribe, Kim Dlugo, Dr. Mark Orszula, Principal Jake Little, Principal Katie Johnson, Dr. Kim Liles, Dr. Sean Rhoads, Director Tom Tiede, Director Keith Roberts and Assistant Vice-Principal Carrie Fitzgerald.

IV. Scheduled Time to Address the Board

There were no scheduled speakers.

V. Elizabeth Ide Student Presentation

The Board enjoyed a student-led presentation from Elizabeth Ide Elementary School. Students provided a step-by-step account of how they created a school garden. The Board was impressed with the student's ownership and accountability of their garden, as well as how professionally the students presented their learning. Many thanks to teacher Heather Tran and Principal Katie Johnson for leading students in learning.

VI. Approve the April 9, 2025 BOE Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 9, 2025 BOE Meeting. This motion, made by Christopher Esposito and seconded by Tiffany Watson, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0

VII. Approve Canvassed Election Results

Motion to approve the April 1, 2025 School Board canvassed election results for Center Cass Dst 66 as presented by Jean Kaczmarek, DuPage County Clerk, and that appear in Board Book. This motion, made by Christopher Esposito and seconded by Brian Liedtke, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0

VIII. Appointment of President Pro Tempore

A Motion to appoint Brian Liedtke as President Pro-Tem was made. This motion, made by Liane Raso and seconded by Christopher Esposito, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0

IX. Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Dr. Wise thanked Board President Liane Raso, Board Secretary Chris Esposito, and Board Member Donna Sobotka for their unconditional service and dedication to the District.

X. Seating of New Board Members

Newly elected Board members Steve Dlugo, Darren Spiegel, Adam Sage, and returning Board member Brian Liedtke recited the School Board Member Oath and were sworn in to the Center Cass Board of Education.

XI. Election of Officers

XI.A. Election of President

President Pro-Tem Liedtke asked for nominations for President of the Board of Education. Adam Sage nominated Brian Liedtke and, as there were no other nominations on the floor, a voice vote was taken. Board member Wiley made the motion and Board member Watson seconded. Brian Liedtke, receiving all the votes, was named President of the Board of Education.

XI.B. Election of Vice-President

President Liedtke nominated Board member Watson for Vice-President. Motion was made by Board member Wiley and seconded by Board member DuPass. As there were no other nominations on the floor, a voice vote was taken, and Tiffany Watson, receiving all the votes, was named Vice-President.

XI.C. Election of Secretary

Board member Dlugo nominated Board member Sage for Secretary. Motion was made by Board member Watson and seconded by Board member DuPass. As there were no other nominations on the floor, a voice vote was taken, and Adam Sage, receiving all the votes, was named Secretary.

XI.D. Election of Treasurer

Board member DuPass nominated Board member Wiley for Treasurer. Motion was made by Board President Liedtke and seconded by Board member DuPass. As there were no other nominations on the floor, a voice vote was taken, and Doug Wiley, receiving all the votes, was named Treasurer.

XII. Consent Agenda

XII.A. District's Monthly Financial Statements

XII.B. Monthly Board Bills Payable

XII.C. New Items

XII.C.1. Approve Employment of Shari Remi, Prairieview Special Education SY 25-26 - FMLA

XII.C.2. Approve Retirement of Frank Lewandowski, District Bus Driver

XII.C.3. Approve Retirement of Domnick Ringo, Prairieview Custodian

XII.C.4. Approve the 2025-2026 Student Handbooks

XII.C.5. Approve the Lakeview Band Trip Proposal, May 15-17, 2026

XII.C.6. Approve Additional Extra-Curricular Duties for SY 25-26

XII.C.7. Approve the Commissioning Services Contract of HVAC equipment to Amsco Engineering for \$56,950.00.

XIII. Approve Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Doug Wiley and seconded by Megan DuPass, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0

XIV. Communication

XIV.A. Team 66 Grant Presentation

TEAM 66 leadership, Kim Pace and Jessica Sage, presented grants. As a result of all the hard work of TEAM 66 and the generosity of parents, community, and employees, they were able to award approximately \$22,000 in grants. The grants will enhance learning experiences through projects such as flexible seating, hands-on science exploration, SEL-integrated art, embroidery, and more. In addition to these grants, TEAM 66 is also helping to fund the

transformation of the Lakeview lobby into a student common area, a project set to be completed by the 2025-2026 school year.

XIV.B. FOIA Requests

There were 5 FOIA's, all included in Board Book.

XIV.C. Summer 2025 - District Administrators

Directors reported on summer work which includes a revamped summer school; new HVAC for Lakeview; new flooring at Lakeview; new HVAC controls for all three schools; new Ide Gym floor; and technology upgrades throughout the District.

XV. Principal Reports

XV.A. Elizabeth Ide Elementary

Principal Johnson reported that First Graders participated in the "Earthworks" in-school field trip by High Touch High Tech, engaging in hands-on activities about the Earth's natural resources. The students explored topics like soil health, the water cycle, and solar energy through interactive experiments, making the learning both fun and memorable. Also, 1st graders confidently performed, inspired by "Giraffes Can't Dance," showcasing Gerald the giraffe's journey of finding his rhythm and embracing differences. Under Ms. Faye Lindsey's guidance, they developed their musical skills, confidence, teamwork, and creativity, creating memorable moments that allowed them to shine. During Kindness Week, the school community demonstrated generosity by donating items aligned with themed spirit days to support the West Suburban Community Pantry in Woodridge. Principal Johnson thanked all who contributed; and expressed that their kindness was making a meaningful difference for local families in need.

XV.B. Prairieview Elementary

April and May are busy months with various assessments, including the Spring MAP, Aimsweb, Panorama, and Illinois Assessment of Readiness, which students have approached with focus and enthusiasm, supported by fun spirit days and events like a Publishing Party. Additionally, students participated in Arbor Day celebrations, releasing butterflies, and our annual Panther Progress event, highlighted by student-led activities, food trucks, a book fair, and community support, showcasing the strength of our learning community. In April, the SEL/Sunshine Committee celebrated Poetry Month with daily staff-read poetry, highlighting the creativity and humor of our educators, while students received prizes from the Team 66 Super Raffle, including a Principal and Assistant Principal for a Day. Prairieview also honored staff with Paraprofessional and Administrative Assistant Days, and introduced "Positive Office Referrals" to recognize students demonstrating kindness, growth, and our core learner characteristics. This month, the Student Leadership Team organized an Earth Day Clean-up with nearly 70 students and volunteer parents, demonstrating their initiative to improve the school and environment. Additionally, Director Paula Kennedy from the ROE visited to provide positive feedback on the school's respectful climate, strong community, and effective use of strength-based language by staff and students.

XV.C. Lakeview Junior High

As the school year draws to a close, students are preparing for upcoming celebrations, with recent recognition at the Illinois Principals Association Breakfast honoring their student achievements. Meanwhile, students continue engaging in creative projects, such as color

theory work and a "30 Days Lost in Space" engineering activity using Arduino technology. Spring sports and activities are in full swing, with students excelling both on the field and in the classroom. Additionally, a student won a Team 66 raffle and was thrilled to be driven to school on a fire truck, and many students will soon celebrate their raffle winnings at Lakeview, along with the year's final Celebration Breakfast where Asst. Principal Fitzgerald welcomed families and recognized students' outstanding accomplishments. The musical *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* was a great success, with students performing for families and friends, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Mrs. Rickert, Mr. Ohlsen, and Mrs. Forsman. Additionally, Lakeview's lobby remains a lively hub for students, with ongoing updates such as new graphics and seating to enhance the space for collaboration and learning.

XVI. Director Reports

XVI.A. Director of Student Services

We are finishing spring benchmarking, which evaluates student growth, informs instruction, and guides support planning as the school year concludes. Teachers will review this data with administrators, celebrate progress, and share results with families to support ongoing student success. Center Cass School District 66 is launching a Targeted Summer School Program in Summer 2025, focusing on reading, math, and social-emotional learning to support approximately 130 students. The program, held at Elizabeth Ide Elementary with transportation available, features small-group instruction over eight days in June and August to help close learning gaps, build confidence, and prepare students for the upcoming school year. Our Special Education teachers and Case Managers are leading small-group building tours to help students with special needs transition smoothly between schools, reducing anxiety and building familiarity. Additionally, IEP and 504 Plan transition meetings are being finalized with parents to ensure all necessary supports are in place, thanks to the dedicated collaboration of our Case Managers and principals.

XVI.B. Director of Learning

In April, Dr. Liles attended at Prairieview, a publishing party, where students showcased their autobiographies that combined personal stories and pictures. Each student received a published, bound copy of their work, and it was inspiring to hear their unique stories and see the meaningful images they chose. Spring assessment season is ongoing, with students in grades 3-8 completing the Illinois Assessment of Readiness and Science Assessment, with results expected in Fall 2025. The spring window for NWEA MAP assessments is also open for grades K-2 and some students in grades 3-8. The Principals and Dr. Liles look forward to presenting the spring data to the Board of Education in July. During the final SIP Days, staff will finalize their preparations for launching Competency-Based Education (CBE) and engage in vertical articulation across grade transitions. On April 29, the District hosted the first parent information session on CBE, with additional sessions scheduled for August and a follow-up later in the year to further involve families.

XVI.C. Director of Technology

As the school year comes to a close, the technology department prepares for summer projects. They are focusing on several key initiatives to support students and staff. They are working on streamlining Skyward Online Registration for the 2025-26 school year to improve the process and data accuracy. Additionally, they have begun the five-year staff device replacement cycle, starting at Lakeview, updating computers, replacing aging document cameras, and installing

new Apple TVs across the district to enhance classroom technology. A significant upgrade includes implementing a new district-wide Cisco WebEx VoIP phone system, offering improved connectivity and emergency integration. They are also repairing approximately 1,200 student Chromebooks and installing five new security cameras at Lakeview and IDE to boost campus safety.

XVI.D. Director of Transportation/Buildings and Grounds

Director Tiede reported that transportation is currently at the busiest time of the year, with 56 buses conducting various grade-level and sports field trips through May, thanks to our dedicated bus drivers. Planning is also underway for summer bus coverage for camps, targeted summer programs, and special education outplaced students, while training continues on a new bus routing software that will improve efficiency and connect with Skyward.

Additionally, we will soon recognize long-time bus driver Frank Lewandowski, who is retiring after 15 years of dedicated service, and we thank him for his contributions to the district and community. Spring has been a busy time for building usage, with numerous events like open houses and concerts showcasing our schools, and staff working hard to prepare and break down for these activities. Final plans are underway for summer HVAC upgrades, primarily at Lakeview, which will include new units and improved climate control, with updates expected to be completed by June. Additionally, we will recognize long-time custodian Domnick Ringo's retirement after 16 years of dedicated service, and we thank him for his many contributions to the district.

XVII. Superintendent Report

XVII.A. District Dashboard

District Dashboard is included in Board Book and has not changed since last month.

XVII.B. BOE Meeting Dates 2025-2026

The Board approved their meeting schedule for the year which maintains Wednesday meetings once a month with regular meeting start times at 6:30pm.

XVII.C. Sub-Committees May 2025-May 2027

Dr. Wise also selected the Sub-Committees for the new term.

XVII.D. Steering Committee Update

Board President Liedtke shared a Steering Committee update which included information on a new bell schedule and new extra-curricular positions added. Board Member DuPass shared how much she appreciated the additional options being added for students.

XVII.E. Amended Budget FY 25

Dr. Wise explained that the Amended Budget contains the revenue received from Debt Certificates and Health Life Safety Bonds to conduct facility work, which resulted in a \$16 million dollar surplus this year. He noted that the next three budgets would show budgeted expenses \$3-6 million higher than budgeted revenues, as the revenue was received in this

year's budget. He further added that the money to complete the work is in the fund balance (savings).

XVII.F. NYC Intergovernmental Agreement

At the direction of the previous Board, Dr. Wise met with NYC representatives to craft a more equitable Intergovernmental agreement. He thanked NYC for investing approximately \$30,000 to prepare our fields for competition this year.

XVII.G. Woodridge Village Meeting

Dr. Wise updated the Board on potential TIFs in the area. He shared that nothing has been decided by the City of Darien or the Village of Woodridge, but both TIF's could have an economic impact on the school district. He appreciated how the Mayors and/or City Managers have provided updates on what was being considered. He and other Board members expressed the importance of being good partners and embracing growth. Dr. Wise explained that in blighted areas, TIFs on industrial or commercial areas can be a win-win for the community and school district, however, TIFs on potential residential properties can be detrimental to school districts.

XVII.H. Board Policies - Final Reading 7:190, 7:200, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, 7:270, 8:20

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XVII.I. Consolidated District Plan SY 25-26

Dr. Wise explained that the Consolidated District Plan is our Federal Grant that covers Title I, Title II, and Title IV. The federal consolidated grant is approved by the Board each year.

XVII.J. Property Casualty Insurance Renewal

The renewal for Property and Casualty Insurance occurs annually.

XVII.K. 2025 School Board Governance Recognition

Vice President Watson volunteered to lead the 2025 School Board Governance Recognition Application this year.

XVII.L. IASB Workshop - June 18, 4:30 p.m.

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Field Services Representative Patrick Allen will be here on June 18, 2025 to lead the Board through a special workshop on Board Governance. The workshop is designed to be an educational experience but also help the Board to come together and get started right. The workshop will be held prior to the Budget Hearing Meeting.

XVII.M. Lakeview Graduation Thursday, May 22, 7:00 p.m.

The Lakeview Graduation will take place at DGS on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m. BOE members are invited to attend and join them on stage!

XVII.N. Last Day of School SY24-25

Dr. Wise wanted to remind everyone that, due to the one snow day, the last day of school would be Friday, May 30. A normal SIP day dismissal schedule will be followed.

XVII.O. Staff Appreciation

Dr. Wise wanted to take this opportunity to acknowledge the various groups and express his sincere appreciation for all they do.

XVIII. Public Comment

No public comments were submitted during the May 7th Board of Education meeting.

XIX. Action items

XIX.A. Approve the BOE Meeting Dates for 2025-2026

Motion to approve the BOE Meeting Dates SY 2025-2026. This motion, made by Megan DuPass and seconded by Adam Sage, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0

XIX.B. Approve Placing the FY25 Amended Budget on Public Display for 30 Days

Motion to approve placing the FY25 Amended Budget on public display for 30 days. This motion, made by Tiffany Watson and seconded by Doug Wiley, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0

XIX.C. Approve Board Policies 7:190, 7:200, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, 7:270, 8:20

Motion to approve Board Policies 7:190, 7:200, 7:220, 7:230, 7:240, 7:270, and 8:20. This motion, made by Darren Spiegel and seconded by Megan DuPass, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0

XIX.D. Approve the Title Consolidated Plan for SY 2025-2026

[Motion to approve the Title Consolidated Plan for SY 25-26. This motion, made by Megan DuPass and seconded by Tiffany Watson, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea
Yea: 10, Nay: 0

XIX.E. Approve the Property Casual Insurance Renewal

Motion to approve the Property Casualty Insurance Renewal. This motion, made by Doug Wiley and seconded by Darren Spiegel, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson:

Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0

XX. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Tiffany Watson and seconded by Megan DuPass, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane

Raso: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea,

Doug Wiley: Yea

Yea: 10, Nay: 0

The May 7, 2025 Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Gannon, recording secretary

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education