

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 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: Present  
Tiffany Watson: Present  
Doug Wiley: Present  
Present: 7.

I. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:31 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. Carrie Fitzgerald, Dr. Kim Liles, Director Tom Tiede, Co-Interim Principal Laura Gilmartin, Principal Jake Little, Director Keith Roberts, and Katie Murphy with her family. Online attendees included Dr. Sean Rhoads, Sheri Sulima, Jennifer Nawrot, Jessica Sage, Jessica Rost, Karen Roach, and Elizabeth Uribe.

IV. Scheduled Time to Address the Board

There were no scheduled speakers for the April 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

V.D.1. Approve the Hire of Michael Strozak, Classroom Teacher, Prairieview

V.D.2. Approve the Hire of Katelyn Murphy, Kindergarten Teacher, Elizabeth Ide

V.D.3. Approve the Hire of Ryan Kazda, Band Director, Prairieview

V.D.4. Approve the Hire of Michelle Lugo, BACC Aide, Prairieview

V.D.5. Approve the Non Renewal of Holly Janotta, Kindergarten Maternity Leave

V.D.6. Approve the CCEA Certification & Licensure List

V.D.7. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with District 99 to Share Data.

V.D.8. Approve the Just A Dash Food Service Renewal Agreement

V.D.9. Approve the SASSED SY 26-27 Lease

#### VI. Approve Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Steve Dlugo and seconded by Tiffany Watson, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### VII. Communication

##### VII.A. FOIA Requests

There were 4 FOIA requests, all that the District and Board complied with.

#### VIII. Principal Reports

##### VIII.A. Elizabeth Ide Elementary

Elizabeth Ide Co-Interim Principals reported on their interim data day highlighted by commitment to student learning, with teams analyzing progress, celebrating growth, and collaboratively identifying areas needing support. These sessions foster reflection and strategic planning, thanks to the support from the Board and Dr. Wise, ensuring instruction remains responsive and focused on student success. Participating in a school concert helps students build confidence, express themselves, and foster a sense of community, creating lasting memories for families and students alike. Their 2nd grade concert, inspired by *The Day the Crayons Quit*, showcased students' understanding of inclusion and teamwork, thanks to the dedicated efforts of music teacher Faye Lindsey, who created a supportive and inspiring environment. During the March SIP Day, teachers began using Class Composer to reflect on student placements for next year, aiming to create balanced and supportive classroom communities through a data-informed, collaborative process. As Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week approaches, they continue to celebrate and thank their dedicated staff for the incredible impact on the school community.

##### VIII.B. Prairieview Elementary

In March, Prairieview staff worked diligently to prepare students for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness through extra instruction, platform familiarization, and practice tests, ensuring that students can showcase their learning. Additionally, building leaders are focusing on improving and standardizing feedback systems to enhance communication of student progress to both students and parents. On March 27th, Prairieview celebrated the dedicated paraprofessional team with a breakfast, recognizing their vital role in supporting students and the school community. Additionally, the Lakeview Leadership team helped 5th-grade students practice locker combinations, easing their transition to middle school. Prairieview students are excited to start enjoying the new gaga pit, thanks to Team 66's donation and the collaboration between Mrs. Cushing and Mr. K on rules and gameplay guidelines. Additionally, the custodial team has maintained our grounds and indoor spaces beautifully, ensuring a safe, clean environment for students to play and learn.

##### VIII.C. Lakeview Junior High

Lakeview proclaimed that the recent Student Showcase was a wonderful success, with families gathering to celebrate and view students' work and achievements, fostering meaningful conversations about their progress. The event highlighted the strong partnership between home and school, showcasing students' pride in their learning and growth. This spring, students are actively participating in a variety of clubs and extracurricular activities, fostering connections, exploring interests, and developing new skills beyond the classroom. Lakeview also highlighted and celebrated student involvement through quarterly assemblies, showcasing their accomplishments and encouraging continued engagement within the Lakeview community. In March, students participated in a Wellness Bracket as part of our ongoing efforts to promote a positive learning environment and support emotional well-being. We are dedicated to expanding students' coping strategies, fostering a school culture where they feel supported, engaged, and prepared to learn.

## IX. Director Reports

### IX.A. Director of Student Services

Dr. Rhoads explained at the end of each grading period, teams review and update students' IEP goals using multiple data sources to ensure instruction is tailored to their needs and progress. This process promotes transparent communication with families, supports ongoing progress monitoring, and helps ensure students receive the appropriate supports to achieve their grade-level expectations. In March, the district conducted a preschool screening to identify students for the blended Preschool for All (PFA) program, resulting in 8 qualifying students and 3 tuition-based enrollments for the upcoming year. Planning includes to have four PFA sessions and one Early Childhood special education program, with additional screening planned to finalize enrollment projections for 2026-27. Paraprofessionals are enhancing their skills through a book study on the importance of intentional language, with staff discussing strategies to improve student learning and behavior during a March 13 School Improvement Day. This focus on consistent, supportive communication aims to strengthen classroom environments and promote students' academic and social-emotional growth.

### IX.B. Director of Learning

Dr. Liles stated that despite the approaching end of the school year, the District Literacy Committee and Social Studies Cycle of Review Committee continue their work, with the literacy team focusing on aligning writing expectations across K-8. Meanwhile, the Social Studies Committee is reviewing state-mandated units and working toward establishing clear Learner and "I Can" statements for grades K-5 to ensure consistency in student learning. On April 9th, the Gifted Identification Team reviewed nominated students and assessment results to determine their advanced educational needs, with families and students informed of outcomes and support plans afterward. Additionally, all second-grade families were notified before spring break about changes to Third Grade Advanced Math for the 2026-2027 school year. Teachers remain highly committed to implementing Competency-Based Education (CBE), utilizing School Improvement Days for collaborative work and proactively planning summer efforts to advance this work. Their dedication, willingness to take thoughtful risks, and perseverance continually impress, all in support of student learning.

### IX.C. Director of Technology

Director Roberts highlighted on a targeted effort to refine AI adoption, noting that while power users are highly engaged, overall district integration remains at a preliminary 4.1%.

Operational progress is marked by the successful completion of a network audit and the delivery and setup of new Konica Minolta copiers, ensuring infrastructure stays aligned with long-term performance goals. Additionally, the department has streamlined the registration processes and expanded staff access to new grading standards to prepare for the upcoming summer transition.

#### IX.D. Director of Transportation/Buildings and Grounds

Spring Break offered a much-needed rest for drivers and equipment as they prepare for the busy final eight weeks of the school year, which will include numerous spring field trips and a busy sports season at Lakeview. On the administrative side, Dr. Rhoads is finalizing summer school enrollments and ESY placements to plan routes and staffing for outplaced students. Additionally, preparations are underway for Kindergarten orientations to welcome new students and families. Director Tiede's report also included a proposal to approve a new service/snowplow pickup truck, which will enhance transportation and snow removal capabilities for the district. Spring Break allowed for continued improvements in Lakeview's Gym 1, including installing new video walls, speakers, wiring, and preparing for upgraded stage lighting, along with fresh paint and deep cleaning. Upcoming plans include completing A/V system integration, adding new flags and banners, and finalizing flooring, lighting, ceiling paint, and other touches before the 2026-27 school year, with thanks to custodial crews for their hard work.

### X. Superintendent Report

#### X.A. District Dashboard

The District Dashboard is available online on the District website. There are no changes to report for the month.

#### X.B. Goal One Update

Board member Megan DuPass and Board President Brian Liedtke shared updates from their last Goal 1 meeting. In summary, Administration and Subcommittee members agreed that the District is headed in the right direction in terms of student learning for current schooling, future schooling, and life readiness. It needed to improve communication with parents who don't understand the learning system; continue the development of teachers; work toward more consistency in terms of the feedback that goes home; continue to challenge students to higher levels of learning; and dialogue with students about their learning so we understand better in what ways our outcomes-based system is helping them, and which ways they feel changes could be made to make the learning more valuable.

#### X.C. SY 26-27 Fee Schedule

Dr. Wise presented the updated fee schedule. He shared that he appreciated the conversation which the Board had over the last six months about an appropriate fee schedule (especially in the area of transportation) that is equitable, comparable to other Districts, and addresses areas in which the District needs revenue to operate at a high level. While the Board was not in full agreement, in the end, a small increase of \$25 dollars was added to the schedule to help offset costs associated with student experiences that require transportation. The only other change was the \$25 fee for clubs at Lakeview, which the majority of students paid, as most kids are in at least one club, was moved to a required fee instead of an option.

#### X.D. 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Dates

The 2026-2027 Board of Education meetings have been rescheduled to Thursdays to accommodate Strategic Planning meetings, which will be held on Wednesday evenings.

#### X.E. Draft Student Handbook and Activities Code Book for SY 26-27

Dr. Wise provided the Board with an update on handbook development. Final approval will be in May.

#### X.F. Truck Replacement

Dr. Wise proposed the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado for \$64,356.00 from Currie Motors through the Schools of Illinois Purchasing Cooperative. Director Tiede and his team plow the schools, instead of contracting out the service, which allows the District real-time plowing and decision-making in school cancellation situations. The truck is multi-purpose, and can be used for other maintenance projects on the LV-PV campus and at IDE.

#### X.G. SASSED Update

Dr. Wise shared a few updates regarding SASSED; enrollment, services, and partnership.

### XI. Public Comment

### XII. Action items

#### XII.A. Motion to Approve the SY 26-27 Fee Schedule

Motion to approve the SY 26-27 Fee Schedule. This motion, made by Darren Spiegel and seconded by Tiffany Watson, Passed.

Megan DuPass: Nay, Doug Wiley: Nay, Steve Dlugo: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea  
Yea: 5, Nay: 2

#### XII.B. Motion to Approve the 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Dates

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Dates. This motion, made by Doug Wiley and seconded by Darren Spiegel, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

#### XII.C. Motion to Approve the purchase of 2026 Chevy Silverado for \$64,356.00 from Currie Motors via the Schools of Illinois Purchasing Cooperative.

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Silverado for \$64,356.00 from Currie Motors via the Schools of Illinois Purchasing Cooperative. This motion, made by Megan DuPass and seconded by Steve Dlugo, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

### XIII. Adjournment

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

Steve Dlugo: Yea, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Darren Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The April 8, 2026 Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Gannon, recording secretary

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education