

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 2026 6:30 PM Central

Prairieview Elementary School
699 Plainfield Road
Downers Grove, IL 60516

Steve Dlugo: Absent
Megan DuPass: Present
Brian Liedtke: Present
Adam Sage: Present
Darren Spiegel: Present
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 6:32 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 Amy Vano, MaryClaire Tupper, Zoey Julkowski, Emma Julkowski, Grace Julkowski, Kahlen Fortier, Landon Wade, Lincoln James, Brandon Fortier, Jenna Fortier, Jeff Julkowski, Antoine Wade, Pamela Madison, Jesselyn Kelly, Carrie Fitzgerald, Katie Matthews, Dr. Kim Liles, Dr. Sean Rhoads, Tom Tiede, Keith Roberts, and Rusty Novotny. Online attendees included Kari Gemmell, Lori Bryant, Jessica Sage, Sheri Sulima, and Jennifer Peterson.

IV. Scheduled Time to Address the Board

There were no scheduled speakers for the July 9, 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 Rock Salt Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Darien

V.D.2. Approve the DuPage County ROE Agreement for Alternative Learning (ALOP)

V.D.3. Approve the Hire of Abigail Williams, 3rd Grade Teacher, Prairieview

V.D.4. Approve the Hire of Teodora Tineva, Paraprofessional, Prairieview

V.D.5. Approve the Hire of Angela Baum, Paraprofessional, Lakeview

V.D.6. Approve the Retirement of S. Zurales, effective June 30, 2026

V.D.7. Approve the Resignation of J. Peterson, District Nurse, SY 2026-2027

VI. Approve Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Doug Wiley and seconded by Adam Sage, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Absent, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Darren

Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. Communication

VII.A. Lakeview Track Team

The Board recognized Coach Vano, Coach Tupper, Zoey Julkowski, Emma Julkowski, Grace Julkowski, Kahlan Fortier, Landon Wade, Lincoln James and the entire Lakeview Track team. Final results of the State Championships were: 1st Place in the 400m Dash was Zoey Julkowski - 58.79 setting a new Class 3A State Record, 1st Place in the 4x200 Relay was Zoey Julkowski, Emma Julkowski, Grace Julkowski, and Vivian Mills - 1:48.00 setting a new Class 3A State Record, 1st Place in the 4x400 Relay was Zoey Julkowski, Emma Julkowski, Grace Julkowski, and Kahlan Fortier - 4:09.89 setting a new Class 3A State Record, 4th Place - 200m Dash Emma Julkowski, 6th Place - 4x100 Relay Jaden Gruzewski, Lincoln James, Michael Muzquiz, and Landon Wade.

VII.B. Facility Enhancements for 2027 - Jesselyn Kelly, WOLD

Jessalyn Kelly from WOLD provided an update on district facility and grounds improvements occurring this summer, already planned for next summer, and possibilities for summers ahead. Included were concrete, asphalt, and curb improvements to parking lots and grounds, enabling for safe transportation. Also included was a potential small addition on Lakeview Junior High, in a spot identified previously as needing work via the Life Safety study. The small addition would create space for instructional programming and classrooms. Finances required for all facility work during the 2025-2028 school years were acquired in 2024, thus no additional financing is needed for the potential \$6 million 6500 square foot addition outside the old entrance to Lakeview Junior High. The Board will make a decision on the addition in the months to come.

VII.C. Student Testing Data and School Improvement Update - Directors and Principals

Dr. Liles, Principal Fitzgerald, and Assistant Superintendent Matthews presented student test score data from the past year. Prior to the presentation Dr. Wise shared that student success is measured in many ways (as seen earlier in the meeting by our State Champion students), only one of which is test scores. He also commented that national and state assessments are often snapshots of a moment in time, which may or may not accurately reflect a student's understanding of the content. With that said, the Admin Team noted the District saw significant gains on most assessments, and thanked teachers and administrators for their hard work in personalizing education and working toward student mastery. Dr. Liles and Assistant Superintendent Matthews provided highlights.

VII.D. FOIA Requests

There were a total of 6 FOIA requests that the District complied with.

VIII. Superintendent Report

VIII.A. District Dashboard

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

VIII.B. Steering Committee Update

Board President Liedtke and Board Member DuPass provided an update from the District Steering Committee. It was noted the District was implementing a reimbursement system for coaches-sponsors whose seasons are extended due to student IESA participation, as well as new clubs at Lakeview including a Makers Technology Club, Culinary Club, and Speech Team.

VIII.C. Common Interest and Joint Defense Agreement

The Common Interest and Joint Defense Agreement was created in response to the U.S. Department of Justice, "DOJ", inquiry. It is entered with intent to preserve attorney-client privilege, the work product doctrine, and the common interest doctrine, and to set forth procedures and restrictions governing the exchange and handling of information shared.

VIII.D. Education Elements Review Update/Engage to Learn

Preliminary results from the Education Elements Learning Environment were shared in general, the audit revealed that the District is on the right track with their system, and due to the commitment of the Board and its employees, gains in student achievement are occurring. The consultants pointed out suggestions to improve our environments including a greater focus on clarity and communication, better alignment of the elements in the learning process, and more time for development to mirror the expectations of the new environment.

VIII.E. Student Services Review Update

Preliminary results from the TJ Consults Student Services Environment were shared. The audit showed that the District is on the right track with their system. The consultants pointed out suggestions to improve our environments including a greater focus on a stronger Tier One environment. The final internal report will provide more specific praise or opportunities for growth.

VIII.F. SASSED Resolution

The Resolution ratified proposed amendments to the SASSED Articles of Joint Agreement. The purposed amendment became effective upon its ratification by two-thirds of member districts.

VIII.G. Strategic Plan Update

VIII.H. BOE August Meeting Date Change to Wednesday, August 5 and adding a Strategic Plan Date of Thursday, August 13

The August Board of Education meeting date was changed and a Strategic Plan date was added. The Committee would be meeting to work on the Mission, Vision, and Goals of the District for 2027 and beyond.

VIII.I. Looking Ahead to August Board Meeting

The Board received a preview of the August 5 meeting, which will include the FY 27 Tentative Budget, Start of the School Year presentation, and Strategic Planning agenda.

VIII.J. Superintendent Evaluation

IX. Public Comment

X. Action items

X.A. Motion to Approve the Common Interest and Joint Defense Agreement

Motion to approve the Common Interest and Joint Defense Agreement. This motion, made by Adam Sage and seconded by Megan DuPass, Passed.

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

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X.B. Motion to Approve the Resolution Ratifying Proposed Amendments to the SASSED Joint Articles of Agreement

Motion to approve the Resolution Ratifying Proposed Amendments to the SASSED Joint Articles of Agreement. This motion, made by Darren Spiegel and seconded by Adam Sage, Passed.

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

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X.C. Motion to Approve the BOE August Meeting Date Change to August 5, and the Addition of the August 13 Strategic Plan Date

Motion to approve the BOE August meeting date change to August 5, and the addition of the August 13 Strategic Plan date. This motion, made by Tiffany Watson and seconded by Megan DuPass, Passed.

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

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X.D. Motion to Enter Executive Session

Motion to Enter Executive Session. This motion, made by Doug Wiley and seconded by Adam Sage, Passed.

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

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XI. Executive Session - Enter Executive Session to discuss student discipline, the appointment, employment, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity, and/or litigation 5ILCS120/2(c)(1) or collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning safety schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5ILCS120/2(c)(3).

XI.A. Motion to Re-enter Open Session

Motion to re-enter Open Session. This motion, made by Darren Spiegel and seconded by Doug Wiley, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Absent, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Darren

Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Darren Spiegel and seconded by Adam Sage, Passed.

Steve Dlugo: Absent, Megan DuPass: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Adam Sage: Yea, Darren

Spiegel: Yea, Tiffany Watson: Yea, Doug Wiley: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The July 9, 2026 Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Gannon, recording secretary

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education