

**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 6, 2025 6:30 PM Central

Prairieview Elementary School  
699 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 6:30 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 Dr. Kim Liles, Dr. Sean Rhoads, Director Tiede, Director Roberts and Assistant Principal Carrie Fitzgerald. Online attendees included Kristin Platt, Hyuna Cho, Jessica Rost, Palak Darji, Sheri Sulima, Jessica Sage, Jake Little, and Liz Uribe.

**IV. Scheduled Time to Address the Board**

There were no scheduled speakers.

**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 Support Staff Compensation Plan Adjustment in Transportation Schedule**

**V.D.3. Approve the Hire of Anna Martynitis as Paraprofessional, Prairieview**

**V.D.4. Approve the Hire of Palak Darji as Paraprofessional, Prairieview**

**VI. Approve Consent Agenda**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Darren Spiegel and seconded by Adam Sage, 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. Strategic Plan Presentation - Dr. Wise, Dr. Liles, and Dr. Rhoads

Dr. Rhoads, Dr. Liles, and Dr. Wise shared progress to date on the Strategic Plan. The District took major steps forward in each of the 22 indicators inside the three main goal areas. The Administration praised staff and students for their efforts, which resulted in significant gains. However, Administration commented that much growth is still needed to accomplish the District's goals.

### VII.B. Summer Updates - Director Tiede and Director Roberts

Director Tiede and Director Roberts provided operational, systematic, and structural enhancements to the District's learning environment, in particular Building, Grounds, Transportation, and Technology. Both provided examples of how the District is becoming more efficient and effective through using referendum dollars intentionally to upgrade infrastructure and equipment through a systematic approach, to reduce costs while improving the environment for students.

### VII.C. FOIA Request

There was one FOIA request, which the District complied with.

## VIII. Principal Reports

### VIII.A. Elizabeth Ide Elementary

### VIII.B. Prairieview Elementary

Principal Little shared that this summer, teachers and staff dedicated time to professional development, refining assessments, and preparing for the transition to Competency-Based Education, while also pursuing graduate courses to enhance their skills. The focus on adult learning aims to positively impact student engagement and success, with leadership actively participating in system improvements like the MTSS framework. He went on to say that despite the absence of students, staff and parents, including Team 66, have engaged in careful planning and initiatives like the Pantherpalooza fun run and other activities to enhance the school experience. Their collaborative efforts are driven by a shared mission to grow all students, fostering an exciting and inclusive year of growth and development. The support staff, custodial team, technology department, and administrative assistants all worked tirelessly this summer to prepare the school for the upcoming year, from cleaning and setup to maintaining student connections through programs like BACC. Their dedication and hard work are essential to ensuring a successful and smooth start to the new school year.

### VIII.C. Lakeview Junior High

This year, the focus is on enhancing Competency-Based Education by providing purposeful feedback and designing meaningful assessments to foster student ownership and growth. Additionally, Dr. Liles will collaborate with the community on two extra days to deepen understanding of CBE and strengthen the partnership between home and school. This year, Lakeview is proud to expand their theme of **"You Belong Here"** by adding a powerful new motto: **"Your Best Starts Now."** This addition promotes a strong growth mindset and reinforces the idea that no matter where students or staff are on their journey, it's never too late to put their best foot forward. We believe in the continuous pursuit of growth—both academically and emotionally—and this motto reflects the commitment to fostering resilience, effort, and a supportive school culture. Lakeview is undergoing exciting improvements, including a new temperature-controlled building, flooring, and reorganized spaces to create a more welcoming and efficient learning environment. These enhancements, made possible by the dedicated custodial staff, help prepare for a successful and collaborative school year.

## IX. Director Reports

### IX.A. Director of Student Services

The district is considering transitioning from the 5Essentials survey to Panorama Education's surveys to create a more unified and efficient data collection process for students, staff, and families, as all other district surveys are now managed through Panorama. These surveys are aligned with ISBE standards and would meet the required categories, with minor adjustments to fully comply, such as adding topics for family surveys. Panorama will handle the technical setup, alignment, and data submission, supporting a streamlined approach to gathering and acting on stakeholder feedback. The next steps include revising existing surveys and a scheduled meeting on August 7 to discuss implementation details, pending approval from the State. Planning meetings for the 2025-26 school year, including IEP, PPS, Multilingual, Preschool for All, and CoLab, have been scheduled, with student caseloads for special services established and balanced among staff. Specialized transportation routes for outplaced students are being finalized, though capacity limits currently restrict expanding in-district transportation. Additionally, the district will hold its annual Emergency Crisis Response Planning Meeting on August 14 to review and update safety plans with local first responders.

### IX.B. Director of Learning

As we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, the district celebrates the full implementation of Inspire Science in grades K-5, thanks to the dedication of our teaching teams. Looking ahead, a K-5 Social Studies Cycle of Review will be convened in January 2026 to ensure curriculum alignment with mandated topics, while the District Literacy Committee will focus on writing instruction across all grades. The 2025-2026 Assessment Calendar will be reviewed in August and presented to the Board in September, with ongoing student progress monitored through NWEA MAP assessments for grades 2-8, incorporating new norms. Additionally, the district is shifting to AIMSWeb+ for grades K-3 to support early literacy, while phasing out AMIRA for grades 4-5 by 2026-2027. This summer, staff dedicated over 530 hours to key initiatives like curriculum development focused on Competency-Based Education and participation in leadership meetings to support continuous improvement. Their collective effort reflects a strong commitment to strengthening CCSD66 as a community dedicated to teaching and learning.

#### IX.C. Director of Technology

Over the past month, the technology department has achieved significant progress in preparing for the new school year, including the successful implementation of the new Cisco Webex phone system, which is now fully operational and undergoing final testing. We completed the setup and organization of all student devices, ensuring readiness for student return, and upgraded the Lakeview LRC's audio and video systems to enhance instruction. Additionally, Apple TVs were installed in every instructional space across the district, providing teachers with wireless mirroring capabilities that support interactive, flexible teaching and student collaboration. These improvements will enable more engaging and dynamic learning experiences. The efforts of our summer tech team were instrumental in making all of these advancements possible, and their dedication has been vital to ensuring a smooth start to the year.

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

This summer, the transportation team successfully managed multiple routes, including SASSED ESY, targeted summer school, and BACC field trips, thanks to dedicated drivers. We received three new buses and are preparing for the upcoming year, with ongoing routing adjustments to ensure families receive schedules before school starts. Dr. Rhoads and I are also working to finalize special education bus assignments in-house to minimize outsourcing, and Director Tiede looks forward to continuing to provide safe, reliable transportation for CCSD66 families. Construction work across all three buildings is nearing completion, with major systems installed and in the startup phase, including final touches like flooring, cleaning, and furniture relocation. Thanks to the strong partnership with WOLD architects, HELM construction, and our dedicated custodians, the project has progressed impressively in a short time. We look forward to welcoming the community to see the upgraded facilities and share the progress made at Lakeview.

### X. Superintendent Report

#### X.A. District Dashboard

The District Dashboard will be revised, but has not changed since last month.

#### X.B. Tentative FY 2026 Budget

Dr. Wise presented the FY 26 Tentative Budget. The District's FY 26 budget balances with the exception of the renovation projects to be done over the summer. He noted that the District borrowed \$18,000,000 in bonds/debt certificates to conduct the work outlined in the referendum, address new work which has surfaced since 2021 when the HLS survey was conducted, and address space concerns. The \$18,000,000 is recorded when it comes in as revenue, then, in subsequent years, whatever is not used becomes fund balance. Thus, even though the District is projecting \$23.1 million in revenue and \$27.7 million in expense, the \$6.6 million deficit is only a budgeted deficit, as the money to finish the projects resides in the fund balance. The unbalanced budget will happen again for the next four years while the District finishes work shared with the community.

He was pleased to announce that not only has the District been able to improve the many and varied facets of the learning environment, it has also been able to improve its financial standing. At the end of the FY 26 budget, Dr. Wise projects, the District will have approximately \$3,000,000 in Fund Balance within its operating funds. He noted that while the

state expects school districts to have 3-6 months' cash on hand in each operating fund, which would be closer to \$12,000,000 for District 66, having one-fourth of what the state expects collected in such a short amount of time is commendable.

#### X.C. Administrative Sub Committee Goal Three Update

Board Members Sage and Wiley provided a Goal 3 update from an Administrative Sub-Committee meeting they recently attended with Dr. Wise, Director Tiede, and Director Roberts. Aside from the items already shared in the meeting, they shared District progress in areas such as a New Superintendent Evaluation system, new AI plan, redesigning PV-LV lots/traffic patterns, and Summer 2026/2027 facility projects. Board members Sage and Wiley thanked the Directors for their hard work in enhancing the learning environment.

#### X.D. Start of the School Year Activities

There's a lot happening in the lead-up to the start of school. Additionally, Dr. Wise invited Board members to join and extend a warm welcome to faculty and staff on Tuesday, August 19.

#### X.E. Student Growth Evaluation Tool

Dr. Wise provided the Board with a legislative update that changed the requirement to have student test scores be 30% of teacher and principal evaluations. Dr. Wise, the PERA Committee, and the Growth and Evaluation committee agree with the State. By eliminating the focus of 30% being on test scores, the District can take that 30% and re-purpose it to the indicators that truly make good teachers and principals. There were no Board concerns.

#### X.F. Draft AI Plan

Many thanks to Dr. Liles for taking the lead on the draft AI plan. Resources used came from ISTE, DOE, and area Districts. This plan will forever be evolving, but it is off to a good start.

#### X.G. Fund Balances Report

Included in the FY26 Tentative Budget.

### XI. Public Comment

No public comments were made during the August 6, 2025, Board of Education meeting.

### XII. Action items

#### XII.A. Motion to Approve Placing the FY26 Tentative Budget on Public Display for 30 Days

Motion to approve placing the FY26 Tentative Budget on public display for 30 days. This motion, made by Doug Wiley 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

#### XII.B. Motion to Enter Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session. 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. 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)

XIII.A. Motion to Re-enter Open Session

Motion to Re-enter Open Session. This motion, made by Tiffany Watson 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

XIV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Darren Spiegel 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

The August 6, 2025 Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The Executive Session adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Gannon, recording secretary

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education