



SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE

**Governing Board Meeting
January 28, 2026
SASED Administrative Center
2900 Ogden
Lisle, IL 60532
6:30 PM
AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Public Comment**
4. **Discussion Without Action**
 - a. Provide Mid-Term Update on the SASED Strategic Plan
 - b. Provide Program Updates
5. **Action**
 - a. Approve the Minutes from the Governing Board meeting held on August 6, 2025
 - b. Approve the FY27 Budget Schedule
6. **Adjournment**

**Budget Public Hearing/SASED Governing Board Meeting
August 6, 2025 - 6:30 PM
SASED Administration Center
2900 Ogden Avenue, Lisle, IL 60532**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Mr. Ray Kielminski, Vice-Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

Roll call was taken with the following responding:

Present: District

Keeneyville School District 20
Benjamin School District 25
Winfield School District 34
DuPage County School District 45
Salt Creek School District 48
Downers Grove School District 58
Cass School District 63
Woodridge School District 68
DuPage High School District 88
Community High School District 94
Westmont Community Unit School District 201
Lisle Community Unit School District 202

Representative

Ms. Natalie Kucharski
Mr. Vincent Engstrom
Ms. Heather Armstrong
Mr. Al Legutki
Mr. Ray Kielminski
Ms. Emily Hanus (arrived 6:34)
Ms. Katie Marinelli
Ms. Lorie Barber
Ms. Donna Craft-Cain
Ms. Lynn Casey-Maher
Ms. Leah Conover
Mr. Greg Nagler

Absent: West Chicago Elementary School District 33
Maercker School District 60
Center Cass School District 66
Community High School District 99
Community Consolidated School District 180
Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205

Present: 12 Districts

Absent: 6 Districts

Also in attendance:

Dr. Kim Dryier, Executive Director, SASED
Ms. Rachel Wisniewski, Asst Dir of Business/CSBO, SASED
Dr. Elizabeth Vander Woude, Asst Dir of Programs and Services, SASED
Mr. Dan Lawler, Technology Coordinator, SASED
Ms. Senga Lowe, Board Recording Secretary, SASED

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Comment - No public present.

4. **Recess for Public Hearing** - Notice of the Budget Public Hearing was published in the Daily Herald on July 7, 2025.

A motion was made to recess from the Governing Board meeting into the budget public hearing at 6:33 pm. This motion was made by Member Craft-Cain and seconded by Member Armstrong. Upon voice vote of all ayes from all eleven members present, motion carried.

5. **Public Hearing Public Comment** - No public present.

6. **Adjourn Public Hearing**

A motion was made to adjourn the budget public hearing at 6:36 pm. This motion was made by Member Nagler and seconded by Member Engstrom. Upon voice vote of all ayes from all twelve members present, motion carried.

7. **Reconvene the August 6, 2025 Governing Board Meeting**

A motion was made to reconvene into the August 6, 2025 Governing Board Meeting at 6:37 pm. This motion was made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Craft-Cain.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kucharski SD20, Engstrom SD25, Armstrong SD34, Legutki SD45, Kielminski SD48, Hanus SD58, Marinelli SD63, Barber SD68, Craft-Cain SD88, Casey-Maher SD94, Conover SD201, Nagler SD202.

Nays: None

Ayes: 12 Districts

Nays: None

Absent: 6 Districts

Upon roll call vote, motion passed.

8. **Discussion/Information**

- a. SASED SY25-26 Opening Activities

1. Dr. Dryier provided a summary of Opening Day 25-26, as well as highlights for Southeast, and the training for AIM and Ukeru. Dr. Dryier provided a summary of the IEP facilitation training which will be shared with member districts as well. She gave an overview of the new PAES lab in Transition and the recruitment focus with colleges and universities. Ray Kielminski will be attending Opening Day at NIU Naperville in representation of the Governing Board.

- b. Extended School Year (ESY) Summary

1. Dr. Dryier and Dr. Vander Woude provided a summary of ESY.

9. **Action Items**

- a. Approved the Minutes from the May 28, 2025 Governing Board Meeting with revisions.

A motion was made to approve the May 28, 2025 Minutes with stated revisions (Lynn Casey-Maher was not present for SD94, Tammie Murphy was present for SD94). This motion was made by Member Nagler and seconded by Member Armstrong.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kucharski SD20, Engstrom SD25, Armstrong SD34, Legutki SD45, Kielminski SD48, Hanus SD58, Marinelli SD63, Barber SD68, Craft-Cain SD88, Conover SD201, Nagler SD202.

Nays: None

Abstain: Casey-Maher SD94

Ayes: 11 Districts

Nays: None

Abstain: 1 District

Absent: 6 Districts

Upon roll call vote, motion passed.

b. Adopted the Resolution to Approve the SASSED FY26 Budget

A motion was made to adopt the resolution to approve the SASSED SY26 Budget as presented. WHEREAS the Governing Board of the School Association for Special Education in DuPage County, County of DuPage in the State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to the final action, thereon; AND WHEREAS a public hearing was held as to such budget on the 6th day of August, 2025, notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto, as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with; NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Governing Board of this Cooperative as follows: Section 1: That the fiscal year of this Cooperative be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to begin on July 1, 2025 and end on June 30, 2026. Section 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of amounts available in each fund, separately, and expenditures from each be, and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this Cooperative for said fiscal year. This motion was made by Member Kielminski and seconded by Member Barber.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Kucharski SD20, Engstrom SD25, Armstrong SD34, Legutki SD45, Kielminski SD48, Hanus SD58, Marinelli SD63, Barber SD68, Craft-Cain SD88, Casey-Maher SD94, Conover SD201, Nagler SD202.
Nays: None

Ayes: 12 Districts **Nays:** None **Absent:** 6 Districts
Upon roll call vote, motion passed.

10. Adjournment

*A motion was made to adjourn at 7:01 pm. This motion was made by member Legutki and seconded by member Casey-Maher.
Upon voice vote of all ayes from all twelve members present, motion carried.*

Minutes Approved by:

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Chairperson	Date	Secretary	Date



SASED FY27 BUDGET SCHEDULE

Budget Process & Timeline	Time Frame
Present FY27 Budget Schedule to Board of Directors	January 21, 2026
Present FY27 Budget Schedule to Governing Board	January 28, 2026
Schedule SASED program budget meetings beginning the first week of February. Program budgets and tuition rates are developed. The Technology budget for SASED's administration, programs and services is developed. The Menu of Service (purchase services) are developed and sent to Districts (Supts and District Reps) on February 20th.	February 2026
Staffing patterns and student enrollment projections for FY27 are finalized. Menu of Services are returned by SASED member districts by March 20th. Tentative program budgets and tuition rates are finalized.	March 2026
Per CBA, license staff submit their requests for consumables (supplies and materials, etc.) to Program Administrators for review	March 31, 2026
A Finance Committee meeting is scheduled to review draft budget progress and obtain additional direction on the completion of the draft budget	April 8, 2026
Present draft FY27 budget and obtain additional direction on the completion of the budget	April 22, 2026
A final FY27 budget is completed and presented to the Finance Committee	May 6, 2026
The final FY27 budget is presented to the Board of Directors for approval	May 20, 2026
After Governing Board approval of budget, must be placed on public display for 30 days	May 27, 2026
The Governing Board conducts public hearing concurrently with regularly scheduled board meeting to adopt the FY27 Budget	July - August 2026