



SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE

Facilities Planning Committee Meeting

February 26, 2025

SASED Administrative Center

2900 Ogden

Lisle, IL 60532

8:00 AM

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approve the Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2025**
4. **Space Utilization Study - Findings and Options**
5. **Draft Cost Analysis of Space Options**
6. **Sub-Committee Membership**
7. **Adjournment**



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January 23, 2025 - 1:00 PM
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MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Kim Dryier, SASED's Executive Director, called the meeting to order at 1:13 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

1. Roll call was taken with the following responding:

Present:	District	Representative
	West Chicago Elementary School District 33	Ms. Kristina Davis
	DuPage County School District 45	Dr. Brian Graber
	Maercker School District 60	Dr. Sean Nugent
	Cass School District 63	Mr. Mark Cross
	DuPage High School District 88	Dr. Jean Barbanente
	Community High School District 99	Dr. Hank Thiele

Absent: None

Also in attendance:

Dr. Kim Dryier, Executive Director, SASED
Ms. Rachel Wisniewski, CSBO, SASED
Dr. Elizabeth VanderWoude, Asst. Dir. Programs and Services, SASED
Ms. Julie Grohn, Asst. Dir. of Human Resources, SASED
Mr. Dan Lawler, Technology Coordinator, SASED
Ms. Senga Lowe, Board Recording Secretary, SASED

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approve Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from the November 19, 2024 meeting, as presented. This motion was made by Member Graber and seconded by Member Nugent.

Upon voice vote of all ayes from 6 districts present, motion passed.

4. Update on Space Utilization Study

Dr. Dryier introduced VP from ARCON Associates, who then presented the committee with information regarding the space utilization study. He highlighted a few items that were related to the focus group meetings which occurred on December 16th and 20th. He informed the committee that they are still analyzing the data received, but in the meantime, they will be meeting once more with a few members of the focus groups to help finalize the design principles, and look at common themes, as to where a plan would then be developed. The SASED community should remain realistic about the timeframe of this process.

Facility funding options - PMA will be attending the Facilities Planning Committee meetings, as well as the Finance Committee meetings, to review and discuss funding options.

Cost analysis - Dr. Dryier reviewed the analysis and breakdown with the committee. SASSED is in the process of submitting an application for the S-Fund reimbursement, which is a reimbursement through ISBE for day schools/residential facilities. These funds could help offset some of the costs.

During a meeting with district special education administrators, they asked if SASSED would consider expanding our enrollment in programs to allow for out of district students, specifically in the programs that support students with autism and emotional/behavioral needs. This should be a Board of Directors discussion to ensure that there is cohesiveness in the direction of SASSED. In the future, this would allow for the opportunity to collaborate with the ROE and outside facilities and programs throughout DuPage County. SASSED will continue to research and gather data on the number of outplacements per district to see if the possible need for expansion exists.

The suggestion was made that SASSED may want to consider creating a committee comprised of board members, SPED directors, business/finance directors, etc, to look at programs more in-depth.

5. Lease Extension on 2900 Ogden Discussion

Dr. Dryier informed the committee that she would be having a discussion with the building owner of 2900 Ogden to discuss extending the current lease, which expires in October 2026. She would like to see the lease extended to August 2027 to allow us more time to complete a plan.

Next steps:

1. Board approval to create an ad-hoc committee to further look at program needs and expansion.
2. Conversation with 2900 Ogden building owner regarding possible lease extension to August 2027.
3. PMA to look at grant options and requirements and discuss with the committee in February.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 1:58 pm. This motion was made by Member Thiele and seconded by Member Barbanente.

Upon voice vote of all ayes from 6 districts present, motion passed.

Minutes Approved by:

Committee Representative

Date