



**DUPAGE/WEST COOK BOARD**  
**MINUTES – September 14, 2023**  
**LOCATION: SASSED Administrative Center**  
**2900 Ogden Avenue**  
**Lisle, IL 60532**

Dr. Ellie Ambuehl, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. During roll call, the following members answered present:

AERO – Dr. William Roseland	LASEC – Kevin Wolf
CASE – Dr. Mary Furbush	District 99/Cook – Elizabeth Dejewski
LADSE – Dr. Ellie Ambuehl	Districts 86 & 181 – Dr. Kari Smith
NDSEC – Dr. Todd Putnam	
SASED – Dr. Matt Rich	

The following members were absent:

District 97 – Dr. Eboney Lofton  
District 200/Cook – Andrea Neuman  
District 200/DuPage – Erica Ekstrom  
District 201/Cook – Timothy Truesdale  
District 203 – Lisa Xagas  
District 204 – Christina Sepiol

The following Parent Rep was present:

Parent Rep. – Rachel Heneghan DHH

The following non-voting members were absent:

District 80 – Peter Masters  
District 81 – Dr. Tiffany Leiva  
District 89 – Suzanne Bement  
District 90,91,98,100 – Margaret Turner  
District 123 – Sheleah Blisset  
District 401 – Stephanie Daly

Also, present:

Matthew Layton - Coordinator, DuPage/West Cook  
Chris Miller - Recording Secretary

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions.

*Dr. Matt Rich moved, and his motion was seconded by Elizabeth Dejewski to approve the agenda.*  
**VOICE VOTE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF THE MAY BOARD MINUTES**

*Dr. Putnam moved, and his motion was seconded by Kevin Wolf to approve and accept the May 11, 2023 meeting minutes and closed session minutes.*  
**VOICE VOTE** **MOTION CARRIED**

**INTRODUCTIONS/GUESTS**

Dr. Ellie Ambuehl started the around the table introductions. New to the Board and in attendance: Dr. William Roseland, AERO Executive Director, Dr. Todd Putnam, NDSEC Executive Director, Dr. Matt Rich, SD34 representing SASSED, Dr. Kari Smith SD86 representing SD86 & SD181.

**Guests:**

- Tara Corral – SASSED DHH Program Administrator
- Amy Gebre – SASSED Vision Program Administrator
- Carrie Morfoot – LADSE DHH Program Administrator
- Natalie Heinrich – CASE Low Incidence Coordinator
- Jim Nelson – SASSED Interim Executive Director

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS (for one-year term for 2023-2024)**

The current Secretary, Dr. Ellie Ambuehl, requested nominations from the floor.

**Chairperson: Dr. Ellie Ambuehl**

*Dr. Mary Furbush nominated, and her nomination was seconded by Dr. William Roseland that Dr. Ellie Ambuehl be appointed Chairperson for the 2023-2024 term and declared to close Nominations.*

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Dr. Ambuehl accepted.

**Vice Chairperson: Dr. Mary Furbush**

*Dr. Ellie Ambuehl nominated, and her nomination was seconded by Dr. William Roseland that Dr. Mary Furbush serve as Vice Chairperson for the 2023-2024 term and declared to close Nominations.*

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Dr. Furbush accepted.

**Secretary: Mr. Kevin Wolf**

*Dr. Ellie Ambuehl nominated, and her nomination was seconded by Dr. William Roseland that Mr. Kevin Wolf serve as Secretary for the 2023-2024 term and declared to close nominations.*

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Wolf accepted.

**RECOMMENDED PARENT REPRESENTATIVE for 2023-2024**

Dr. Ellie Ambuehl recommended Rachel Heneghan (DHH Parent) as this year’s Parent Board Rep.

*Dr. Matt Rich moved, and his motion was seconded by Mr. Kevin Wolf to accept the Parent recommendation.*

**VOICE VOTE**

**MOTION CARRIED**

## **REAFFIRM THE ESTABLISHED/APPROVED QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR 2023-2024**

The following remaining quarterly meeting dates, time, and location, which were approved at the May Board meeting were reaffirmed.

**DATES:** November 9, 2023  
February 8, 2024  
May 9, 2024

**TIME:** 10:00 am

**PLACE:** SASSED Administrative Center  
2900 Ogden Avenue  
Lisle, IL 60532

## **COORDINATOR'S REPORT**

**2023 SASSED Extended School Year (ESY) – Deaf/Hard of Hearing Early Childhood - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade & Vision Early Childhood - Transition.**

**Goals – Improving ESY Student Attendance and participation in learning environments; Improving and maintaining IEP Goals in:**

**Math, English Language Arts, Social/Emotional Learning, Communication, Technology and Independence in Daily Living**

A total of 76 students were enrolled in the Low Incidence ESY program. 37 students were enrolled in the DHH Program, and 39 students were enrolled in the Vision Program.

The Average Daily Attendance was 79.8% for VI prek-12, 82.2% for Vision Transition and 74.8% for DHH. 63.3% of all students Progressed the IEP Goals.

O&M Services worked on improving or maintaining goals related to: Independent Travel, Community Skills, Solicitation of Information, Money Handling.

Audiology Services set up our students and staff for success: Supplying Assistive listening devices for students, providing training for staff, problem-solving equipment issues with families and private audiologists.

Last day festivities included Field Day, Dance Party, and Popsicles.

**Recommendations – Goals and minutes for all ESY students delineated in the IEP; Standardize how students qualify; Recruit Staff earlier, consider incentives.**

**ESY 2024 - will be 15 days in length; 4 hours of instruction per day; Monday through Thursday only; Dates: July 1 – July 25, 2024; No school on July 4<sup>th</sup>; Location – TBD.**

**2023 LADSE Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program Extended School Year (ESY) – High School through Transition.**

ESY was June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 29<sup>th</sup> (11 days), from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm (44 total hours). 23 students were enrolled with an 80% average daily attendance. ESY 2023 focus: Time, Adjectives, SEL.

**Math** – The math objective = By the end of ESY 2023, the student will increase knowledge in their time skills by improving their score on a Classroom Based Assessment of at least 1%. 81% of students met their goal; 4% of students did not meet their goal; and 14% were unable to test due to attendance. The Objective chosen was based on DHH Team discussion indicating that this was an area of deficit among students.

**ELA** – The ELA objective = By the end of ESY 2023 the students will increase their adjective usage by increasing their score on a Classroom Based Assessment by at least 1%. 86% of students met their goal; 0% of students did not meet their goal; and 14% were unable to test due to attendance. Objective chosen based on DHH Team discussion indicating that this was an area of deficit amongst students.

**Recommendations** – Continue receiving feedback from testing and teachers to determine goals set for ESY. Explore additional community connections to bring a wide range of experience to our DHH students. Larger transportation available for larger field trip experience.

**ESY 2024** - ESY is tentatively scheduled for June 3rd – June 27<sup>th</sup>, Monday thru Thursday. No school on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Enrollment for Low-Incidence Programs – 3-year comparison chart**

**Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program**

School	# of Students September 3, 2021	# of Students September 3, 2022	# of Students September 8, 2023
North School	30	23	34
ECC Center – D45	N/A	N/A	5
Westmont JH	15	8	8
LADSE – HS	39	45	42
<b>Total DHH Enrollment</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>89</b>

**Visually Impaired Program**

School	# of Students September 3, 2021	# of Students September 3, 2022	# of Students September 8, 2023
Salt Creek Elementary	5	5	4
Swartz Elementary	11	7	9
Albright MS	11	9	8
Addison Trail HS	21	22	17
<b>Total VI Enrollment</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>38</b>

**Transition Program**

School	# of Students September 3, 2021	# of Students September 3, 2022	# of Students September 8, 2023
SASED Transition (VI)	18	15	13
LADSE Transition Center	22	14	17
<b>Total Transition</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**Student Enrollment by District/Coop** – Enrollment was distributed to each attending Board Member and via email for Board Members not in attendance.

**RCDTS Codes** – The Board received the RCDTS codes for the DuPage West Cook & SASED programs for 2023-2024. These codes will assist/help the districts when SASED sends the coursework & assessment information to the districts to upload into their SIS systems.

**Financial Report**

Matthew Layton, DWC Coordinator discussed the closing of the DWC account and distribution of funds. This had been previously voted on and approved.

**2023-2024 BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

The new Board Members were sent a Welcome Packet, which contained:

- Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
- SASED Diagnostics Services Overview
- Hinsdale South HS DHH Program Overview
- List of DWC Board members and their contact information

All Board members were given an updated list of the Board and Alternate members along with a list of term limits.

**OTHER DISCUSSION**

Jim Nelson announced the search for the new Executive Director of SASED beginning in October.

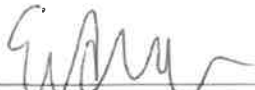
**ADJOURNMENT**

*Dr. Matt Rich moved, and his motion was seconded by Dr. Mary Furbush to adjourn the meeting.*

***VOICE VOTE***

***MOTION CARRIED***

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.



**Dr. Ellie Ambuehl, Chairperson**



**Mr. Kevin Wolf, Secretary**