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DATE: November 18, 2026
TO: Board of Education Members
FROM: Dr. Melydi Huyett, Superintendent & Marc Campbell, Chief School Business Official
RE: Electric Supply Purchase

In accordance with Dixon Public Schools #170 Board Policy 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education, the Board is responsible for entering into contract in accordance with the applicable federal and State law, including using the public bidding procedure when required. In Illinois, school districts generally must competitively bid contracts for supplies, materials, or work that exceed $35,000 (or a lower threshold established by local board policy). However, the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21) provides several specific exemptions that allow districts to purchase goods and services without formal bidding. One common exemption is fuel purchases, including: Natural gas.

NextEra Energy is currently offering a rate of $0.05261 per kWh. For comparison, the District paid $0.0345 per kWh as part of a two-year price lock agreement. The purchase agreement is for one-year after which the solar project should be operational, and other options will be evaluated.

The proposed agreement with NextEra Energy is exempt from the competitive bidding requirements of Section 10-20.21 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.21), which exempts contracts for the purchase of fuel, including natural gas. The administration recommends approval of the contract to lock in a favorable electric supply rate for the District's projected usage as part of the consent agenda.