

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item, Establish the Budget Hearing for the FY 26 Amended Budget – May 13, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board establishes the budget hearing for the FY 26 amended budget, as presented.

Moved by \_\_\_\_\_; Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

YEA	NAY	YEA	NAY
_____ David Fritts	_____	_____ Kathleen Schaefer	_____
_____ Melissa Gates	_____	_____ Jon Wadsworth	_____
_____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	_____	_____ Linda Wegner	_____
_____ Brandon Rogers	_____		

**Background:**

In accordance with 35 ILCS 200/18-50, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.27 et seq, 105 ISCS 5/17-1, 105 ILCS 5/17-1.2. and Dixon Public Schools #170 Board Policy #2:20 *Powers and Duties of the School Board* and #4:10 *Fiscal and Business Management*, the Board of Education is required to approve the FY 26 budget by September 30, 2025. Under the law, the Board is required to establish a budget hearing date, hold a required public hearing and offer opportunity for public comment, and authorizes the Board to amend the budget through the same process at a later time.

The budget serves as a financial plan which is designed to accomplish the District’s goals as well as providing required financial and programmatic information for state, local and federal governmental bodies. Approval of the budget provides the district with the ability to expend funds and gives the district taxing authority. On May 13, 2026, the Board is asked to establish a public budget hearing for 6:00 p.m. on June 24, 2026, preceding the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board.

Please note the following in accordance with 35 ILCS 200/18-50, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.27 et seq, 105 ISCS 5/17-1, 105 ILCS 5/17-1.2.

- The Proposed Amended Budget for FY26 will be placed on display in the unit office of DPS #170 on May 14, 2026. This is the date following the Board of Education meeting in which the proposed amended budget has been presented to the Board of Education and a public hearing was established.
- The proposed amended budget will be on display for more than 30 days from May 14, 2026 to June 24, 2026.
- A public notice of the hearing and the display of the budget will be placed in the local newspaper, which is attached to this memorandum.
- At the required Budget Hearing an opportunity for public comment will be offered. At the conclusion of the public hearing the Board of Education will enter into the regularly

scheduled Board of Education meeting. During this meeting the Board of Education will be asked to take official action on the approval of the FY26 amended budget.

***Recommendation:***

- It is the recommendation of administration that the Board of Education of Dixon Public Schools #170 establish a Public Hearing for June 24, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., preceding the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.

***Additional information:***

Upon adoption of the FY26 amended budget, the official document of the budget must be...

- Sent and filed with the Regional Office of Education #47.
- Sent and filed with the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Sent and filed with the county clerk's office of Lee and Ogle counties.
- Posted to the district website at: [www.dps170.org](http://www.dps170.org)
- The community must be notified that the budget has been posted to the website.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Education of Dixon Unit School District #170, Lee and Ogle Counties, State of Illinois, that a tentative amended budget for said school district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Office of the Superintendent, 1335 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon, Illinois, during regular business hours. Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:00 p.m., on the 24th day of June, 2026 at the Board of Education meeting at the same location.

Melissa Gates, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Dixon Unit School District #170  
May 14, 2026