

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 170
Dixon, Illinois
BOARD RETREAT
MINUTES
July 21, 2025

The Board of Education met for their Board Retreat at Nachusa Grasslands on Monday, July 21, 2025, and was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by President, Linda Wegner. Notification of the meeting together with an agenda and other Board material had been electronically downloaded to the individual Board members and news media on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Linda Wegner, President; Mr. Brandon Rogers, Vice President; Mrs. Melissa Gates, Secretary; Mr. David Fritts; Mrs. Linda LeBlanc-Parks; Mrs. Kathleen Schaefer (left at 12:50 p.m. and returned at 1:55 p.m.); and Mr. Jon Wadsworth

Electronically Present: None

Absent: None

Also present were: Mrs. Margo Empen, Superintendent; Mr. Doug Stansford, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Marc Campbell, Chief School Business Official; Mr. Kevin Schultz, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and Mr. Matt Magnafici, Principal of Reagan Middle School

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Empen led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board reviewed School Board Governance Basics.

Mrs. Empen shared that the focus for IASB for the Fall Northwest Division meeting is Artificial Intelligence (AI), and how it applies to students, curriculum, and policies.

The Board discussed the Board Agreements. No revisions were made.

The Board discussed the Legacy Statements from the 2023 Board Retreat. The Legacy Statements were revised and will be approved at the August Board meeting.

The Board went over the Board meeting evaluation survey results that Board members filled out prior to the meeting. The Board discussed the results and how Board meetings could be improved.

The Board reviewed the District Improvement Plan and District Goals for the 2025-2026 school year. Goals will be reviewed and updated, if necessary, at a February 2026 Board meeting.

Mr. Campbell presented the working document of a 10-year District plan to the Board. The Board was able to discuss priorities and goals based on the plan presented.

The Superintendent search focus group recaps were given to the Board. The Board discussed the posting for the position, and the timeline of the search process.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adjourn the meeting at 2:52 p.m. This motion was submitted to a vote, and all were in favor.

President

Secretary