

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Establish the FY 26 Budget Hearing – August 20, 2025

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____

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

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 August 20, 2025, the Board is asked to establish a public budget hearing for 6:00 p.m. on September 24, 2025, 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 Budget for FY26 will be placed on display in the unit office of DPS #170 on August 21, 2025. This is the date following the Board of Education meeting in which the

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proposed budget has been presented to the Board of Education and a public hearing was established.

- The proposed budget will be on display for more than 30 days from August 21, 2025 to September 24, 2025.
- 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 budget.

Recommendation:

- It is the recommendation of District Administration that the Board of Education of Dixon Public Schools #170 establish a Public Hearing for September 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., preceding the regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.

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