

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 170

Dixon, Illinois SPECIAL BOARD MEETING May 6, 2025

The Board of Education met in a special session in the Board Room at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, and was called to order at 3:30 p.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 on Thursday, May 1, 2025, and to the news media on Friday, May 2, 2025.

The meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Dixon Public Schools YouTube channel the day after the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Physically Present: Mrs. Linda Wegner, President; Mr. Brandon Rogers, Vice President; Mrs. Linda LeBlanc-Parks, Secretary; Mr. David Fritts, Mrs. Melissa Gates, and Mr. Jon Wadsworth

Electronically Present: None

Absent: Mrs. Kathleen Schaefer

Also present were: Mrs. Margo Empen, Superintendent; Mr. Doug Stansford, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Marc Campbell, Chief School Business Official; Mr. Kevin Schultz, Director of Building and Grounds; Mrs. Erin Grubic, Recording Secretary; staff and media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Grubic led the Board of Education, administrative staff, and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEMS

Mrs. Linda Wegner, Board President, announced that the Abstract of Votes cast at the April 1, 2025 consolidated election for the school board member election of four members for full terms from 2025-2029 has been received from the Lee County Clerk and Recorder, Nancy Petersen, of the Lee County Courthouse, Dixon, Illinois. The results were: Brandon Rogers – 1246; Linda Wegner – 1316; Jon Wadsworth – 1275; and Linda LeBlanc-Parks – 1303.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Fritts, to authorize the results of the school board member election held on April 1, 2025 as reported by the Lee County Clerk. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to proclaim that Linda LeBlanc-Parks, Brandon Rogers, Jon Wadsworth, and Linda Wegner are elected as members of the Dixon Public School District #170 Board of Education. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mrs. Gates administered the “Oath of Office” to newly appointed Board members, Mrs. Linda LeBlanc-Parks, Mr. Brandon Rogers, Mr. Jon Wadsworth, and Mrs. Linda Wegner.

ADJOURN SINE DIE

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers to adjourn sine die. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

APPOINT PRESIDENT PRO-TEM AND SECRETARY PRO-TEM

Mrs. Empen explained that until new offices are appointed and voted upon, the Board needs to appoint a President Pro-tem and Secretary Pro-tem to continue the meeting.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to appoint Mrs. Empen as President Pro-Tem. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Fritts, to appoint Mrs. Grubic as Secretary Pro-Tem. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mrs. Empen, President Pro-tem, stated that nominations were now in order for the office of Board President.

Mr. Rogers nominated Linda Wegner as President. Mrs. Empen asked if there were any other nominations for President. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Empen stated that the nominations for President were closed.

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks that Mrs. Wegner be declared elected as Board President. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

Mrs. Wegner, Board President, stated that nominations were now in order for the office of Vice-President.

Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks nominated Brandon Rogers as Vice-President. Mrs. Wegner asked if there were any other nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Wadsworth nominated himself as Vice-President.

There being no further nominations, Mrs. Wegner stated that the nominations for Vice-President were now closed.

The motion made by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, seconded by Mrs. Wegner for the nomination of Mr. Rogers as Vice President was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Voting nay – Gates, Wadsworth, and Fritts. Motion defeated.

The motion made by Mr. Wadsworth, seconded by Mrs. Gates for the nomination of Mr. Wadsworth as Vice President was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Wadsworth, Fritts, and Gates. Voting nay – LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Motion defeated.

The motion made by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, seconded by Mrs. Wegner for the nomination of Mr. Rogers as Vice President was submitted to a second roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Rogers, LeBlanc-Parks, and Wegner. Voting nay – Wadsworth, Fritts, and Gates. Motion defeated.

The motion made by Mr. Wadsworth, seconded by Mrs. Gates for the nomination of Mr. Wadsworth as Vice President was submitted to a second roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Wadsworth, Fritts, and Gates. Voting nay – LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Motion defeated.

At this time, since neither candidate wished to concede their nomination, the meeting was paused at 3:55pm for Mrs. Empen to discuss voting options with the District’s legal counsel. The meeting resumed at 4:01pm. Mrs. Empen stated the options available to the Board were to try to contact Mrs. Schaefer to receive her vote by phone, or to table the vote until the May 21st Board meeting when all seven Board members will be present. The Board agreed to attempt to contact Mrs. Schaefer, however, she was unable to be reached by phone.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. Gates to table the election of the Vice-President position to be voted on at the May 21st Board meeting. Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay – none. Motion unanimously approved.

Mrs. Wegner, Board President, stated that nominations were now in order for the office of Secretary.

Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks nominated Melissa Gates as Secretary. Mrs. Wegner asked if there were any other nominations for Secretary. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Wegner stated that the nominations for Secretary were closed.

The motion made by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, seconded by Mr. Wadsworth for the nomination of Mrs. Gates as Secretary was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay -- none. Motion unanimously approved. Mrs. Wegner declared that Mrs. Gates was elected as Board Secretary.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Fritts to confirm the time and place for the Board of Education regular meeting dates scheduled for the 2025-2026 school year as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers to adjourn the meeting at 4:13 p.m. All were in favor.

President

Secretary