

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 170
Dixon, Illinois
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 6, 2025

The Board of Education met in special session in the Board Room at the Administrative Center on Thursday, November 6, 2025, and was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Linda Wegner, President. Notification of the meetings together with an agenda and other Board material had been electronically downloaded to the individual Board members and to the news media on Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

The meeting was recorded and the link to the video was placed on our website after the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Physically Present: Mrs. Linda Wegner, President; Mr. Brandon Rogers, Vice President; Mrs. Melissa Gates, Secretary; Mr. David Fritts; Mrs. Kathleen Schaefer; Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks; 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 Building and Grounds; Mrs. Kellie Glenn, Principal of Washington School; Mr. Joey Sagel, Principal of Madison School; Mrs. Crystal Thorpe, Principal of Jefferson School; Mr. Bob Wendt, Tech; media, staff and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Wegner acknowledged that the Board received correspondence from the following community and staff members regarding comments or concerns on the Superintendent Search process: Dr. Sarah Willey, Mrs. Candace Lind, Mrs. Meg Penaflor, Ms. Leslie Haenitsch, Ms. Brigitte Becker, Mrs. Jennifer Page, Mr. Brandon Woodward, Mrs. Alecia Weigle, Mrs. Eva Pitzer, Mr. Mark Morris, Mr. Kevin Schultz, Mrs. Tracy Kitzman, Mr. Jared Shaner, Mrs. Dianne Frye, Mrs. Kathleen Heitzler, Mr. Jesse Arjes, Ms. Linda Crone, and an anonymous correspondence from Jane Doe.

CITIZEN'S AGENDA

The following staff and community members made statements regarding the Superintendent search process: Ms. Brigitte Becker, Mrs. Candace Lind, Mrs. Addie Pace, Mrs. Julia Thornton, Mr. Brandon Woodward, and Mr. Dolph Ricks.

Mr. Wadsworth thanked the staff and community for coming to the meeting and thanked those individuals who have been involved in the Superintendent search process.

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, to adjourn to executive session at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.

This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Schaefer, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, and seconded by Mr. Rogers, to return to Open Session at 7:56 p.m. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Schaefer, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adjourn the special meeting at 7:57 p.m. All were in favor.

President

Secretary