

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 170

Dixon, Illinois AMENDED BUDGET HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING June 25, 2025

The Board of Education met in regular session in the Board Room at the Administrative Center on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:01 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:16 p.m. Notification of the meetings together with an agenda and other Board material had been electronically downloaded to the individual Board members on Friday, June 20, 2025 and to the news media on Monday, June 23, 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. Melissa Gates, Secretary; Mr. David Fritts; Mrs. Linda LeBlanc-Parks, Mrs. Kathleen Schaefer; and Mr. Jon Wadsworth

Electronically Present: None

Absent: None

Also present were: Mr. Doug Stansford, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Marc Campbell, Chief School Business Official; Mr. Kevin Schultz, Director of Building and Grounds; Mr. Jared Shaner, Principal of Dixon High School; Mr. Kris Baker, Asst. Principal at Reagan Middle School; Mrs. Kellie Glenn, Principal of Washington School; Mr. Joey Sagel, Principal of Madison School; Mrs. Crystal Thorpe, Principal of Jefferson School; Mrs. Kim Bork, DEA Co-President; Mr. Paul Wilson, Tech; media, staff and community members.

Electronically present: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Stansford and Mrs. Frye led the Board of Education, administrative staff, and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Wegner declared the budget hearing open at 6:01 p.m. Mr. Campbell provided information on the amended FY 25 budget and a budget summary overview. After comments and questions from the Board concerning the amended FY '25 proposed budget, Mrs. Wegner declared the budget hearing closed at 6:16 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to close the budget hearing. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

The regular meeting began at 6:16 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A. Approval of Minutes

B. Approve DPS and CLSEA Treasurer's Report and DPS Monthly Bills

- C. Approve Balance Sheet and Monthly Expense Report
- D. Approve Enrollment numbers & Discipline Report
- E. Staff Development Report
- F. Monthly Website and Social Media Activity

CITIZEN'S AGENDA

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the adoption of the FY'25 amended budget, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the budget spending resolution, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea –Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. Gates, to approve the transportation contract extension with Illinois Central School Bus, LLC, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers to approve the permanent transfer of working cash fund interest, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the change of the January 2026 Board meeting date, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, to approve the first reading of Board policies, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the DEA memorandum of understanding on retirement incentive, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the long-term substitute teacher rate for the 25-26 SY, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea –Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, to approve the DESPA memorandum of understanding on sick leave usage, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Rogers to approve the LCSEA financial/payroll management agreement for the SY 25-26, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. Gates, to approve the LCSEA lease agreement for the SY 25-26, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, to approve the LCSEA memorandum of understanding agreement for SY 25-26, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the resolution for hazardous crossing, as presented. Mr. Campbell explained the process of making a crossing hazardous and stated that he would be happy to research any locations. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, to approve the revised job description for the Secretary to the Activities Director, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea –Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the revised job description for the Guidance Secretary at Dixon High School, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mrs. Gates to cast votes for the Northwest Illinois Association District Administrator and School Board Member, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve a transitional kindergarten program for the 25-26 school year, as presented. Mrs. Glenn was present to layout the plans and answer questions. The Board had an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the 25-26 Washington Elementary School student handbook, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mrs. Schaefer, to approve the 25-26 Jefferson Elementary School student handbook, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer, seconded by Mrs. Gates, to approve the 25-26 Madison School student handbook, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea –Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, to approve the 25-26 Reagan Middle School student handbook, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Fritts, to approve the 25-26 Dixon High School student handbook, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Fritts, to approve the 25-26 Dixon High School athletic handbook, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, to approve the School Improvement Plan for Madison School, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to approve the School Improvement Plan for Jefferson School, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer, seconded by Mrs. Gates, to approve the District Improvement Plan, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea –Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Campbell went over his Business Report. He highlighted the following: touched on some of the articles that he included in his report; bond payments for the year; and the insurance summary.

Mr. Shaner shared information on the future of valedictorian and salutatorian selection at Dixon High School. He shared the rationale and frequently asked questions. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions and make comments.

Mr. Shaner shared information on DHS attendance improvements for the 24-25 school year. He gave kudos to the Community Engagement Committee for taking on the attendance initiative. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions or make comments.

Mr. Shaner announced the Spring BNC all conference athletes for DHS.

Mr. Shaner gave an overview of the Spring sports ticket comparison from previous years and surrounding schools.

Board members who attended other committee meetings had the opportunity to share discussions from those meetings: there were none.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Stansford shared that the 2025 Board Retreat will be held on July 21st from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Nachusa Grasslands Headquarters Barn, located at 8772 Lowden Road, Franklin Grove. Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. Mrs. Wegner shared some of the items that the Board will be going over that day.

We have had one FOIA request since the last Board meeting – CT Mills from Public Info Access LLC requested a District Administrative staff directory. We have complied with this request.

PERSONNEL REPORT (new hires, resignations, retirements, and coaches & others)

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. Gates, to approve the following personnel items. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, and Wegner. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

New Hires

Melissa Gallentine, Lunchroom Attendant at Jefferson School, effective for the 25-26 school year
Jaimee Hinrichs, Paraprofessional at Jefferson School, effective for the 25-26 school year
Adam Johnson, Custodian at Dixon High School, effective June 2, 2025
Kiahana Krause, Special Education Teacher at Washington School, effective for the 25-26 school year
Kelly Nicholson, Office Assistant at Reagan Middle School, effective for the 25-26 school year
Rachael Oswalt, Office Assistant at Reagan Middle School, effective for the 25-26 school year

Change in Status

Candace Buikema, from 2nd Grade Teacher to 3rd Grade Teacher at Jefferson School, effective for the 25-26 school year
Gretchen Bulfer, from Paraprofessional at Jefferson School to Paraprofessional at Madison School, effective for the 25-26 school year

Resignations

Heather Batson, 2nd/3rd Grade Teacher at Dempsey Day School, effective at the end of the 24-25 school year
Hanna Lengquist, Paraprofessional at Jefferson School, effective at the end of the 24-25 school year

Retirements

JoAnn Wegner, Custodian at Dixon High School, effective June 30, 2025
Mark Whisenand, Maintenance for the District, effective Sept. 1, 2025

Dismissals

Salud Newman, Custodian at Reagan Middle School, effective June 25, 2025

New Facilitator

Shana Engelkes, 3rd Grade Facilitator, effective for the 25-26 school year
Annalee Kelly, 5th Grade Math Facilitator, effective for the 25-26 school year
Jessica Martin-Graber, 5th Grade ELA Facilitator, effective for the 25-26 school year
Alicia McPhillips, 4th Grade ELA Facilitator, effective for the 25-26 school year
Hallie Nelson, 4th Grade Math Facilitator, effective for the 25-26 school year

2024-25 Dixon High School Coaches

Cameron Yeater – Assistant Summer Strength – ½ stipend – effective for the 2024-25 school year

2024-25 Athletics/Activities Resignations

Maranda Dallas – Assistant RMS Track Coach – effective immediately

Sara Dunne – DHS Vocal Music Director (Musical) – effective immediately
Ethan Fox – DHS Assistant Boys Soccer Coach – effective immediately
Simon Thorpe – DHS Head Girls Track Coach – effective immediately

2025-26 Dixon High School Coaches

Jared Shaner – Head Football – effective for the 2025-26 school year
Josh Brigl – Head Boys Soccer – effective for the 2025-26 school year
Jamie Brigl – Head Girls Tennis – effective for the 2025-26 school year
Simon Thorpe – Head Boys Cross Country – effective for the 2025-26 school year
Megan Hildreth – Head Girls Cross Country – effective for the 2025-26 school year
Bunyan Cocar – Head Volleyball – effective for the 2025-26 school year
Alicia McPhillips – Head Cheer – effective for the 2025-26 school year
Makenzie Simpson – Head Dance – effective for the 2025-26 school year
Lee Eastman – Head Golf – effective for the 2025-26 school year

A motion was made by Mrs. Schaefer, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adjourn to executive session at 7:38 p.m. for the purpose of of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee; The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, and seconded by Mr. Fritts to return to Open Session at 9:04 p.m. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, Schaefer, LeBlanc-Parks, Rogers, and Wegner. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Fritts, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. All were in favor.

President

Secretary