

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 170  
Dixon, Illinois  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
August 7, 2025

The Board of Education met in special session in the Board Room at the Administrative Center on Thursday, August 7, 2025, and was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Linda Wegner, President. Notification of the meeting together with an agenda and other Board material had been electronically downloaded to the individual Board members and sent to the news media on Tuesday, August 5, 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 (in at 6:17 p.m.); Mr. David Fritts; Mrs. Kathleen Schaefer, and Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks

Electronically Present: None

Absent: Mr. Jon Wadsworth

Also present were: Mrs. Margo Empen, Superintendent; Mr. Doug Stansford, Assistant Superintendent; and Dr. Carmen Ayala from IASB

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**CITIZEN'S AGENDA**

None

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

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

**New Hires**

Marcia Comer, Paraprofessional at Reagan Middle School, effective Aug. 11, 2025

Kendall Fassler, Paraprofessional at Washington School, effective Aug. 11, 2025

Carrie Goldie, Paraprofessional at Washington School, effective Aug. 11, 2025

Trisha Henson, Permanent Substitute Teacher for the District, effective Aug. 11, 2025

Caitlin Irvin, Social Worker at Dempsey Day School, effective Aug. 11, 2025

Stephany Nelson, Title I Teacher at Jefferson School, effective Aug. 11, 2025

Elizabeth Spaulding, Special Education Teacher at Jefferson School, effective Aug. 11, 2025

Courtney Zakrzewski, Paraprofessional at Washington School, effective Aug. 11, 2025

**Change in Status**

Heriberto Brito, from Part-Time Custodian to Full-Time Custodian at Dixon High School, effective Aug. 7, 2025

Lonnie Chattic, from Interventionist at Jefferson School to District Itinerant Dyslexia Reading Specialist, effective August 11, 2025

Lindsay Mitchell, from Dean of Students to Assistant Principal at Madison School, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

Amy Scott, from District Itinerant Dyslexia Reading Specialist to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Title I Teacher, effective August 11, 2025

### **Resignations**

Trinity Harshman, Library Paraprofessional at Washington School, effective July 23, 2025

Christine Olson, Paraprofessional at Dempsey Day School, effective July 22, 2025

Leslie Robinson, Paraprofessional at Washington School, effective July 31, 2025

Sarah Schmidt, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Washington School, effective July 7, 2025

Ginger Shaffer, Paraprofessional at Washington School, effective June 25, 2025

### **2024-25 Athletics/Activities Resignations**

Britney Pitzer – Girls Varsity Soccer Coach – effective immediately

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

Dr. Carmen Ayala from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) shared the next steps of the Superintendent job search process. She provided the job search brochure with the Board and explained that IASB has transitioned to a new application system. September 12<sup>th</sup> is the final day to apply for the position. Interviews are scheduled to occur in October. The final decision and approval of a new Superintendent is anticipated at the November or December Board meeting. The Board was able to ask questions and provide comments on the interview process. Dates for interviews were discussed and agreed on by the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mr. Rogers, to adjourn the special meeting at 7:16 p.m. All were in favor.

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President

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Secretary