

To: Board of Education
From: Margo Empen, Superintendent
Subject: Action Item – Approve the Budget Spending Resolution – June 24, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves the budget spending resolution, as presented.

Moved by _____; Seconded by _____

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

Recommendation:

Illinois School Code does not require a budget be adopted by the Board of Education until the end of September, which is the end of the first quarter of each fiscal year. Although there is no statutory requirement for the authorization of spending prior to that date, it is imminent that spending will be required in that three-month period. School districts may adopt a best practices solution by adopting a resolution allowing the superintendent or designee to manage contracts, expend funds owed and make necessary purchases in advance of the formal budget adoption. Dixon Unit School District #170 did adopt such a resolution prior to the beginning of the last fiscal year.

The attached resolution gives that spending authorization to the superintendent or designee and eliminates any uncertainty as to whether any required spending is permitted by the Board of Education. This will not be any change in payment or purchasing practices other than ensuring that there is proper authorization.

It is the recommendation of District Administration that the attached resolution be approved at the June 24, 2026 Board of Education meeting