

DIXON PUBLIC SCHOOLS #170

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Margo Empen, Superintendent
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Date: December 18, 2024
To: Margo Empen, Superintendent
From: Marc Campbell, Chief School Business Official
RE: Public Hearing Concerning Intent to Sell \$4.5 million Working Cash Bonds

In accordance with Board of Education Policy 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification and Policy 4:40 Incurring Debt, the issuance of bonds is a function of the Board. Over the past few months, the Board has been notified and discussed the potential of issuing \$4.5 million in working cash bonds and in November 2024, the Board approved a Resolution of Intent to issue such bonds.

The timetable of the process is outlined below.

October 2024:	Board of Education presentation from Speer Financial and Stifel Financial
November 2024:	Board of Education will approve a Resolution of Intent to Issue WC Bonds
December 2024:	Board of Education will hold a BINA Public Hearing
January 2024:	Board of Education will approve Final Bond Pricing and Issuance Resolution

The bond funds are proposed for the following purpose.

- One to One Technology
- Major construction projects
- Curriculum updates and initiatives
- Social Emotional Support initiatives

It is also important to note that working cash funds can only be spent at the discretion and approval of the Board. In the months and years to come District Administration will provide the Board with District financial needs for spending these funds. The Board will then need to take-action approving a Resolution to Transfer Working Cash funds to the appropriate spending area.

At the conclusion of the hearing, there is no action taken by the Board. This is an opportunity for public comment.

Dixon Public Schools, in cooperation with the community, will provide students with a comprehensive educational program that produces well-educated, self-sufficient, and involved citizens.

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of School District Number 170, Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois, held at the Dixon Public School Administrative Center, 1335 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon, Illinois, in said School District at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on the 18th day of December, 2024.

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The meeting was called to order by the President, and upon the roll being called, Linda Wegner, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location:

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: _____

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: _____

At 6:00 o'clock P.M., the President announced that the next agenda item for the Board of Education was a public hearing (the "*Hearing*") to receive public comments on the proposal to sell \$4,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds (the "*Bonds*") for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District and explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect thereto.

The President opened the discussion and explained that the reasons for the proposed issuance of the Bonds were as follows: for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District.

Whereupon the President asked for additional comments from the members of the Board of Education. Additional comments were made by the following:

(If no additional comments were made,
please so indicate with the word "none.")

Written testimony concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds was read into the record by the Secretary and is attached hereto as *Exhibit I*.

(If no written testimony was received,
please so indicate with the word "none.")

Whereupon the President asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the proposed issuance of the Bonds. Statements were made by the following:

(If no additional statements were made,
please so indicate with the word "none.")

The President then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed issuance of the Bonds.

Member _____ moved and Member _____ seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the President directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: _____

The following members voted NAY: _____

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned.

Other business not pertinent to the conduct of the Hearing was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF LEE)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of School District Number 170, Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois (the "Board"), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 18th day of December, 2024, insofar as the same relates to a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell \$4,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board at said meeting were conducted openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Acts and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the conduct of said meeting.

I do further certify that notice of said public hearing was posted at least 48 hours before said public hearing at the principal office of the Board, that at least one copy of said notice was continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding said public hearing and that attached hereto as *Exhibit B* is a true, correct and complete copy of said notice as so posted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 18th day of December, 2024.

Secretary, Board of Education

EXHIBIT B

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE INTENT OF
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By order of the President of the Board of Education of School District Number 170, Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois.

DATED the 20th day of November, 2024.

Linda Leblanc-Parks
Secretary, Board of Education, School District
Number 170, Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois

[TO BE POSTED AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION]

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