



**Agenda IV.B.6**  
**May 22, 2025**

**To:** Board of Education  
Dr. Theresa Battle, superintendent

**From:** Stacey Sovine, executive director of administrative services

**Date:** May 22, 2025

**Re:** Cost Sharing Agreement with Dakota County for Election Hardware, Software and Related Services

**Recommendation:** That the Board of Education approve Cost Sharing Agreement with Dakota County for Election Hardware, Software and Related Services

***Information:***

Dakota County has begun the process of replacing their current voting equipment, which was originally deployed in 2015.

As this equipment becomes increasingly outdated, they are experiencing growing challenges with reliability and efficiency. With evolving election standards and rising voter expectations, upgrading to the next generation of voting equipment is essential to maintain public trust, ensure regulatory compliance, and provide accessible, user-friendly voting experiences for all.

In March of 2025, the County Board authorized the Dakota County Elections department to move forward with replacing the equipment and approved a cost-share structure. Under this proposal, they are asking school districts to contribute 5% of the total cost, with cities and townships covering 30%, and the County assuming the remaining 65%.

In line with past cost-share agreements, they are offering election partners flexibility by proposing a five-year payment structure to begin in 2027, helping ease immediate budgetary impacts.

**191 Five Year Payment Structure:**

Voters: 33,351

Total Amount: \$ 28,757

Annual Payback Amount: \$ 5,751

***Attachment:*** Cost Sharing Agreement