

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve Budget Spending Resolution – June 25, 2025

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	_____	_____ Brandon Rogers	_____
_____ Melissa Gates	_____	_____ Jon Wadsworth	_____
_____ Kathleen Schaefer	_____	_____ Linda Wegner	_____
_____ Linda LeBlanc-Parks	_____		

Background: The following information was provided by Mr. Campbell:

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 25, 2025 Board of Education meeting.

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.