

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – FY26 Budget Adoption – September 24, 2025

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves the FY26 budget adoption, 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:

In accordance with 35 ILCS 200/18-50, 105 ILCS 5/2-3.27 et seq, 105 ISCS 5/17-1, 105 ILCS 5/17-1.2. and Dixon Public Schools #170 Board Policy #2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board and #4:10 Fiscal and Business Management, the Board of Education is required to approve the FY 26 budget by September 30, 2025.

A public hearing for the FY 26 Budget was established for September 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Office of the Superintendent, 1335 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon, IL 61021 at the August 20, 2025 Board of Education meeting. A Notice of the Public Hearing appeared in the local newspaper and the proposed budget has been on file for the required 30 days.

The budget serves as a financial plan which is designed to accomplish the District's goals as well as providing required financial and programmatic information for state, local and federal governmental bodies. Approval of the budget provides the district with the ability to expend funds and gives the district taxing authority. Upon adoption of the FY26 budget, the official document of the budget must be...

- Sent and filed with the Regional Office of Education #47.
- Sent and filed with the Illinois State Board of Education.
- Sent and filed with the county clerk's office of Lee and Ogle counties.
- Posted to the district website at: www.dps170.org

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- The community must be notified that the budget has been posted to the website.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of DPS administration for the Board to approve the adoption of the FY 26 Dixon Public School #170 District Budget.

All board members will then need to sign multiple copies of the district budget which will be shared with the Lee and Ogle County Clerks and filed electronically with the Illinois State Board of Education.

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