

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve the Resolution Selecting WOLD Architecture for Engineering Services – May 13, 2026

PROPOSED MOTION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

That the Board approves the resolution selecting WOLD Architecture for engineering services, 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:

In accordance with Dixon Public Schools Board of Education Policy 2:20 Powers and Duties of the Board of Education; Indemnification the Board has the duty of entering into contracts in accordance with applicable federal and State law and Section 8 of the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act (50 ILCS 510/8) permits a school district to waive requirement of using a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process and proceed to simply select an architecture/engineering firm where the cost of the contemplated engineering work is expected to be less than \$40,000, the Board is asked to consider the attached resolution.

The District previously conducted a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process for architectural and engineering services, resulting in the selection of Bray Architecture. Bray has since supported several District projects, including the CTE renovation, the 10-HLS survey, and the Dempsey renovation. While their third-party engineering partner is technically capable, past experience revealed challenges related to timely communication and project completion.

As we are beginning the planning stages of the football field renovation, an opportunity to install a large video display panel has become available. To move forward with this project, structural engineering and electrical engineering analysis needs to occur for the west wall of DHS overlooking the football field. This work requires an electrical engineer and a structural engineer to provide specifications, design, and permitting. WOLD Architects & Engineers, a finalist in the District’s earlier RFQ process, is well positioned to support this effort. Engaging WOLD offers an opportunity to utilize their in-house engineering team, which administration believes will provide more efficient communication and responsiveness. WOLD proved themselves in this area on the electrical project at Madison.

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Board approval is requested due to the time-sensitive nature of the display panel installation and the need to proceed promptly with engineering services.

It is the recommendation of District Administration to approve the Resolution selecting Wold Architecture & Engineering for the DHS display panel on the west exterior wall of DHS project, as presented.

RESOLUTION No. 2026-5-13

SELECTING WOLD ARCHITECTURE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DISPLAY PANEL PROJECT ON THE WEST EXTERIOR WALL OF DIXON HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Dixon Community Unit School District No. 170, Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois, (“Board of Education”) previously reviewed approved entry into a football stadium renovation project including installation of a digital display panel (“Display Panel Project”); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Display Panel Project, due to the football stadium renovation at Dixon High School, structural and electrical engineering services to the west wall of Dixon High School will be necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Education desires to retain WOLD Architecture to provide necessary engineering services that will be required to complete the display panel project at Dixon High School; and.

WHEREAS, Section 8 of the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act (50 ILCS 510/8) permits a school district to waive requirement of using a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process and proceed to simply select an architecture/engineering firm where the cost of the contemplated engineering work is expected to be less than \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, the work contemplated to be performed by WOLD Architecture addressing the display panel project at Dixon High School is expected to be less than \$40,000 and the Board of Education desires to waive use of the formal RFQ process; and.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Dixon Community Unit School District No. 170, of Lee and Ogle Counties, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The preambles to this Resolution are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Section 1 as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Section 8 of the Local Government Professional Services Selection Act, the RFQ process is waived.

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SECTION 3. The Board authorizes the Superintendent to proceed to negotiate a contract and retain WOLD Architecture to perform such engineering and architecture services as are needed to assist with the display panel project at Dixon High School.

SECTION 4: The President and Secretary of the Board of Education are authorized to sign all such documents as necessary to formalize a contract for services with WOLD Architecture within the scope outlined above.

Passed by the Board of Education this 13th day of May, 2026.

Board President

ATTEST:

Secretary