

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT NO. 170

Dixon, Illinois
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
March 18, 2026

The Board of Education met in regular session in the Board Room at the Administrative Center on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, and was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Notification of the meeting together with an agenda and other Board material had been electronically downloaded to the individual Board members on Friday, March 13, 2026, and to the news media on Monday, March 16, 2026.

The meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Dixon Public Schools YouTube channel the day after the meeting.

ROLL CALL

Physically Present: Mrs. Linda Wegner, President; Mr. Brandon Rogers, Vice President; Mrs. Melissa Gates, Secretary; Mr. David Fritts; Mrs. Linda LeBlanc-Parks; Mrs. Kathleen Schaefer, and Mr. Jon Wadsworth

Electronically Present: None

Absent: None

Also present were: Mrs. Margo Empen, Superintendent; Mr. Doug Stansford, Assistant Superintendent; Mr. Marc Campbell, Chief School Business Official; Mr. Kevin Schultz, Director of Building and Grounds; Mr. James Manley, Director of Technology; Mr. Jared Shaner, Principal of Dixon High School; Mr. Roger Fegan, Athletic Director at Dixon High School; Mr. Matt Magnafici, Principal at Reagan Middle School; Mrs. Kylie Downie, Assistant Principal at Reagan Middle School; Mr. Joey Sagel, Principal of Madison School; Mrs. Crystal Thorpe, Principal of Jefferson School; Mrs. Kelli Full, Assistant Principal at Jefferson School; Mrs. Kellie Glenn, Principal of Washington School; Mrs. Janine Huffman, Principal of Dempsey Day School; Mr. Paul Wilson, Tech; media, staff, and community members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

X led the Board of Education, administrative staff, and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by X, seconded by X, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Wadsworth, and Rogers. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

- A. Approval of Minutes
- B. Approve DPS and LCSEA Treasurer's Report and DPS Monthly Bills
- C. Approve Balance Sheet and Monthly Expense Report
- D. Discipline Report
- E. Staff Development Report
- F. Monthly Website and Social Media Activity
- G. Building Reports

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Magnafici and Mrs. Downie announced the March Students of the Month as Zain Monroe and Stephen Lybarger. Both students were acknowledged for their leadership, character, academic excellence, and involvement in activities at Reagan Middle School. Both students provided a video for the Board to view.

Mr. Shaner announced that X was selected as the Dixon Public Schools Foundation Student of the Month for February. She received this award based on her excellence in academics, character, and involvement in activities at Dixon High School. Kate submitted a video for the Board to view.

Mrs. Bork announced the March teachers of the month –

CITIZEN’S AGENDA

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by X, seconded by X, to approve the bid for blacktop replacement at Washington School, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Rogers. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. Gates, to approve the Health Life Safety amendment for the DHS roof replacement, as presented. The Board was able to ask questions. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – LeBlanc-Parks, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, and Rogers. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Fritts, seconded by Mrs. Gates, to approve the Health Life Safety amendment for stage curtains at Madison and DHS, as presented. The Board was able to ask questions and make comments. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, and Rogers. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mrs. Gates, seconded by Mrs. LeBlanc-Parks, to approve the resolution authorizing funds to be paid to the Dixon Park District for repairs and maintenance of the Emma Hubbs tennis courts, as presented. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Wadsworth, and Rogers. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Campbell went over his Business Report. He highlighted the following:

Board members who attended other committee meetings had the opportunity to share discussions from those meetings:

Mr. Rogers shared an update from the Curriculum Committee that met on

Mrs. Gates shared an update from the Special Education Committee that met on

Mrs. Gates also shared an update from DESPA PRC that met on

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

There have been X FOIA requests since the last Board meeting: We have complied with all requests.

PERSONNEL REPORT (new hires, resignations, retirements, and coaches & others)

A motion was made by X, seconded by X, to approve the following personnel items. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results; Voting yea –Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Wadsworth, Fritts, and Rogers. Voting nay—none. Motion unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by X, seconded by X, to adjourn to executive session at X p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity; Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; Student disciplinary cases; Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed session.

This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea- LeBlanc-Parks, Wadsworth, Fritts, Gates, and Rogers. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by X, and seconded by X, to return to Open Session at X p.m. This motion was submitted to a roll call vote with the following results: Voting yea – Fritts, Gates, LeBlanc-Parks, Wadsworth, and Rogers. Voting nay--none. Motion unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by X, seconded by X, to adjourn the meeting at X p.m. All were in favor.

President

Secretary