

# DIXON PUBLIC SCHOOLS #170

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Margo Empen, Superintendent  
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Date: March 18, 2026  
To: Board of Education Members  
From: Margo Empen, Superintendent & Marc Campbell, CSBO  
RE: Resolution to Approval WOLD Architecture & Engineering for Electrical Project

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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 the solar project advances, replacement of the electrical service at Madison has become necessary. This work requires an electrical 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.

Board approval is requested due to the time-sensitive nature of the electrical service 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 Madison electrical project, as presented.

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**RESOLUTION No. 2026-3-18**

**SELECTING WOLD ARCHITECTURE FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO SOLAR PROJECT ELECTRICAL SERVICE UPDATES AT MADISON ELEMENTARY**

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 solar energy facility contracts (“Solar Project”); and

WHEREAS, as part of the Solar Project, due to the installation of panels at Madison Elementary, update to the electrical service at the building 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 electrical updates at Madison Elementary; 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 electrical updates at Madison Elementary 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.

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 electrical service updates at Madison Elementary.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2026.

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Board President

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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