

To: Board of Education

From: Margo Empen, Superintendent

Subject: Action Item – Approve the Resolution Selecting WOLD Architecture for Engineering Services – March 18, 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 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.

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.

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.