

APRIL 11, 2022 - REGULAR MEETING



The Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the commons. The following members were present Jessica Seffrood, Dee Paulson, Jason Herbst, Kerry Holland and Jason Figi - ABSENT-Alicia Sigafus Also present was administration of William Chambers, Cory Milz, also present was Jim Baumgartner.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Seffrood to consent to agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Board of Education Report- Paulson- wants to Thank the community and the Black Hawk Pride Group for all the support in passing the referendum.

We will have a meeting on April 26, 2022 to meet with Baird for financing of the building project.

Administration Report:

Chambers-

I have attached a report from Lori Wick on some of the items that she has worked with Ms. Nehs in her role as a FFA mentor. I appreciate Lori's work and efforts to assist Jess. I believe that Jess has started off her career at Black Hawk in a very positive manner. I believe the willingness of the Board to support a mentor in this role is an essential part of the continued success of the program.

I have attached a flier from WASB for a PD opportunity called "Governing for Excellence" if you would like to attend, please let me know and I will get you registered.

I was very happy to see the referendum results. Thank you to the community for passing the referendum. Thank you to the Support Our Students Committee did to get the community to review the needs and the value of the school. Thank you to the staff for their patience they demonstrated through this over two year process. Thank you to Dan and Deb for donating money for advertisements. I believe we need to be very cognizant of the 46% of the community that voted no, respect their perspectives, and hopefully change many of their perspectives as we move through this process.

This will be a 2+ year process that has started already. The work will not be less for many of us for the next couple of years. There will be strain on all involved in the school system while this process proceeds. Patience and creativity will be essential to get through the process as positively as possible.

Kevin Mullen called me late Thursday to discuss the financing and wants to get it started ASAP. Today is too soon to be ready to move forward. He would like the Board to consider a special meeting for this purpose. It is in Mr. Figi's control to call special meetings. In talking with Kevin, we would ask for a special meeting April 25 .

The initial planning meeting with HSR is scheduled for April 22 at 10 AM. I will be meeting with Jeff Jacobson this week to gain some insight into the process, the potential pitfalls and recommendations on how to maneuver through the process in a very successful manner.

I have included Mr. Saterlee's resignation for your review. I thank Jon for his service to the district.

I sent out an email about a date to negotiate and have not heard back, please let me know some dates and times that may work.

I believe that it is likely that Mr. Milz will cover this as well, but it was amazing to see Aladdin presented by our students. I am very happy to see an event offered again for the students to participate in.

I received an email from our new special education teacher. He wanted to know our interest in sponsoring Esports. I will be meeting with him in a near future to discuss what this may look like. I will likely have this on the agenda for the May meeting.

I have attached the election results for your review in this section.

Milz-

1. I want to say congratulations to the middle school and high school students for their fine performances in Aladdin. Thank you to Mr. Eric Amweg and Ms. Kim Haynes for all their time and hard work they put into producing and directing the musical performance.
2. Thank you to Ms. Tara Kammes for putting together the student Art Show display. Great to see academic works displayed for public viewing.
3. Congratulations to Makayla Kammes and Delaney Collins for earning gold medals and perfect scores at the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association's State Speech Festival.
4. March Employee of the Month was Tara Kammes
5. Summer school course book is being finalized and will begin being dispersed to students for June summer school in the upcoming days.
6. April 7 Statewide Tornado Drill was implemented at 1:45 p .m., with no issues presented.
7. 8th graders traveled to Dubuque to watch a theatrical performance of *The Giver* , a novel written by Lois Lowry. The students finished reading and discussing the novel, and were chaperoned by Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Bredeson.
8. On April 8, a group of students asked administration permission to participate in a national activity, entitled National Day of Silence. The purpose of this activity was to promote the social and emotional needs of students who at times, feel ostracized by peers and unwelcome. This was a passive and peaceful demonstration that did not interfere our academic lessons, nor did any disruptions present themselves during the school day.
9. Our 3rd grade through 10th grade students have completed the state of WI standardized assessments; the ACT Aspire and the Forward exams. Thank you to Mrs. Cathy McCauley for all of her hard work, as well as the classroom teachers who administered the tests to the students.
10. Our 4th and 5th grade classes will be participating in their Butter Braids sales incentive this week. 4th grade is traveling to the Lindo theatre on April 13 and the 5th grade is going to Leisure Lanes on April 14.
11. Mrs. McCauley is organizing a spring book fair for students, called the Bogo Book Fair. It will begin on April 22.
12. School building gymnasium will be used on April 29 and April 30 for the Black Hawk Boys Basketball alumni tournament, organized by Mr. Troy Wellnitz.

Motion by Herbst and seconded by Seffrood to accept the retirement of Kelly Place and Thanks for the years of service. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Herbst to accept the resignation of Angie Butler as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Herbst to hire Cora Holland as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Seffrood to approve Christine Stewart as special education aide for the remainder of 2021-22 school year. Motion carried on a roll call vote. It was noted that this would not continue into next year.

Motion by Herbst and seconded by Paulson to approve the hiring of Mike Flanagan as assistant Girls Basketball Coach for 2022-23 school year. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Herbst to hire Brian Hagen as the assistant Boys Basketball Coach for 2022-23. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Herbst and seconded by Paulson to approve the teachers contracts for 2022-23. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Seffrood to approve support staff contracts for 2022-23. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Herbst to approve the Bookkeeper Contract for 2022-23. Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Seffrood to approve Principal Contract for the 2022-23 year. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Herbst to approve District Administrator contract for 2022-23. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Herbst and seconded by Paulson to approve the FFA Students to travel for the National Land Judging contest. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Herbst and seconded by Paulson to approve the purchase of playground equipment at a cost not to exceed \$40,000 for the Elementary. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Herbst to give staff \$150 gift cards for Staff Appreciation Day. (This will use Esser Funds) Motion carried on a roll call vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve the Donation of a Bench by the Class of 2022 in Memory of Drew Holland. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Seffrood to approve the having the Senior/Junior Prom at Rustic Barn and Gardens in Davis IL on May 6, 2023. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Herbst to approve having full-time 4K. Mr. Chambers noted that this is not funded and will cost about \$35,000 additional per year. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Paulson to approve posting the open board position and all interested candidates have until April 26, 2022 at 4:00 pm to submit a letter to the Board Clerk. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Herbst and seconded by Figi to go into executive session at 8:20pm. President announced the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c and f, Wisconsin State Statutes. Motion carried on a roll call vote. YES- Seffrood, Herbst, Paulson, Holland, Figi NO-None- ABSENT-Sigafus - Also Present in executive session Jim Baumgartner and Willy Chambers.

The Board returned to open session at 8:37 pm

Motion by Herbst and seconded by Figi to approve no staff changes or layoffs for 2022-23 school year. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Herbst and seconded by Figi to adjourn at 8:38pm Motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk