



Black Hawk School District

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December 2025

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thank you!

The Black Hawk Booster Club extends our sincere appreciation to everyone who has generously supported our fundraising efforts—whether through 50/50 sales, working football concessions, purchasing Super Bowl squares, March Madness tickets, or contributing in countless other ways.

Your time, effort, and financial support make a tremendous difference.

Last Spring, our big improvements were the indoor/outdoor speaker system! This Fall, we added an acoustic microphone and stand, along with this new carpet for the entryway of the gym that proudly showcases our Black Hawk Warrior spirit.

These improvements would not be possible without the dedication of our amazing community and surrounding supporters who continually show up and invest in our students. We are truly grateful for every one of you. Go Warriors!



Warrior Pack is off to a strong start, thanks to the incredible support of our volunteers and donors! Your kindness and generosity help ensure that our students have what they need each week. We're so grateful for you!



Capital vs. Classroom: Why One Referendum Doesn't Cover Both

Many community members have asked why the district is now pursuing an operational referendum just two years after the passage of the \$8.5 million capital improvement referendum in April 2022. These questions are understandable and generally fall into two areas:

- Why proceed with building improvements if operational funding challenges exist?
- Why can't the capital referendum funds be used to assist with operating expenses?

Both questions make sense, and we want to provide clear answers.

Capital Funds Have Legal Restrictions

Funds approved in a capital referendum are legally limited to the scope of the projects described on the ballot—typically construction, renovations, and facility improvements.

Under Wisconsin Statute 120.10(10m), these dollars must be held in a separate fund and cannot be redirected to operational costs, such as:

- Staff salaries
- Utilities
- Classroom materials
- Daily operating expenses

This means that even as operational needs change, capital dollars cannot be repurposed without additional voter approval.

Understanding the Operating Shortfall

The operating budget challenges facing our district did not develop overnight. They are the result of long-term statewide funding trends and rising costs.

Funding Not Keeping Pace

For more than a decade:

- Annual increases to state funding have not consistently kept up with inflation.
- The automatic inflation adjustment was removed from the state school funding formula in 2009.
- Standard cost increases in areas such as transportation, staffing, and supplies have outpaced revenue growth.

COVID-Era Funding Complications

After the COVID-19 shutdown, the state did not increase district revenue limits for one biennium because districts were receiving temporary federal relief funds. However:

- Those federal funds were one-time only, not permanent.
- When they expired, districts statewide experienced significant gaps between rising operating costs and state revenue.

As a result, school districts across Wisconsin—including ours—are now addressing budget realities that have been building for more than ten years.

The Timeline: How We Got Here

The district's capital planning began in December 2019, based on long-standing facility needs.

- The first referendum to replace the 1921 section of the building was presented in April 2021 but did not pass.
- A revised proposal with a smaller scope passed in April 2022.

At the time, the full financial effects of statewide funding decisions and inflation were not yet known. Like many districts, we are now adjusting to the budget picture that has become clearer since then.

Two Different Needs, Two Different Referendums

In Wisconsin, capital and operational referendums serve different purposes:

- Capital referendums improve buildings and infrastructure.
- Operational referendums support the daily work of educating students—people, programs, and services.

Strong facilities require strong funding inside them. When state revenue limits do not keep pace with increasing costs, districts must seek voter approval to maintain quality educational services.

Questions? We're Here to Help.

If you would like more information or wish to discuss this further, please feel free to reach out:

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Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our Fall Book Fair a success! Your enthusiasm and support created an excitement for reading that will be passed on to our students. 📖❤️ We sold approximately \$3,700 worth of books. The profit will be used to give students a coupon to spend at the Spring Book Fair. Together, we're fostering a love for reading and learning.

As always,

Happy Reading from Mrs. McCauley—District Librarian

2025 Black Hawk / Warren Football Team Awards

Most Valuable Offensive Lineman

Cole Dunlavey

Most Valuable Back or Receiver

Jacob Woodruff

Most Valuable Defensive Lineman

Cole Dunlavey

Most Valuable LB or DB

Bryce VanRaalte

Captains

Riley Bourquin

Spencer Hay-Skattum

Bryce VanRaalte

Jacob Woodruff

Most Improved

Brody Argall

Warrior Award renamed Jace Tuescher Lionheart Award

Logan Miller



2025 Six Rivers Football All Conference Awards



1st Team Offense

Running Back

Jacob Woodruff

Black Hawk/Warren

Tight End/H-Back

Bryce VanRaalte

Black Hawk/Warren

Offensive Lineman

Cole Dunlavey

Black Hawk/Warren

Offensive Lineman

Aiden Mosley

Black Hawk/Warren

1st Team Defense

Down Lineman	Aiden Mosley	Black Hawk/Warren
Defensive End	Cole Dunlavey	Black Hawk/Warren
Outside Linebacker	Bryce VanRaalte	Black Hawk/Warren
Outside Linebacker	Jacob Woodruff	Black Hawk/Warren

Defensive Player of the Year	Bryce VanRaalte	Black Hawk/Warren
Defensive Lineman of the Year	Cole Dunlavey	Black Hawk/Warren
Coach of the Year	Desmond Breadon	Black Hawk/Warren
Assistant Coach of the Year	Doug O'Brien	Black Hawk/Warren

2nd Team Offense

Quarterback	Beau Podnar	Black Hawk/Warren
Offensive Lineman	Spencer Hay-Skattum	Black Hawk/Warren

2nd Team Defense

Inside Linebacker	Spencer Hay-Skattum	Black Hawk/Warren
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Honorable Mention Offense

Offensive Lineman	Riley Bourquin	Black Hawk/Warren
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Honorable Mention Defense

Safety	Beau Podnar	Black Hawk/Warren
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Sportsmanship Award

Matthew Hagen	Black Hawk/Warren
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2025 All Region Awards

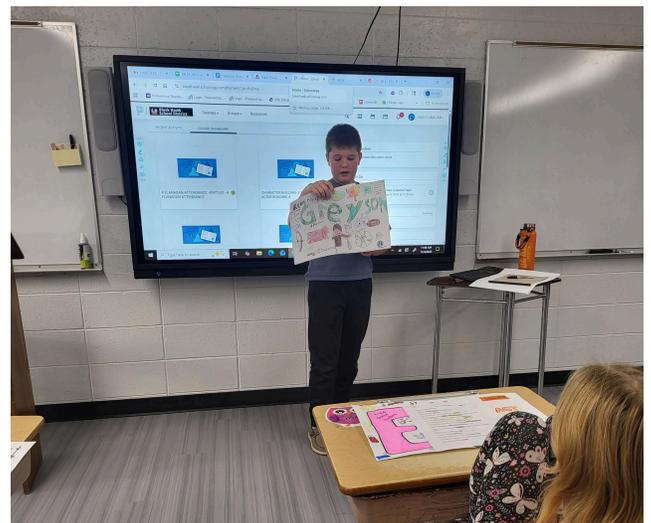
Tight End/H-Back	Bryce VanRaalte	Black Hawk/Warren
Offensive Lineman	Cole Dunlavey	Black Hawk/Warren
Defensive End	Cole Dunlavey	Black Hawk/Warren
Outside Linebacker	Bryce VanRaalte	Black Hawk/Warren

2025 All State Honorable Mention

Outside Linebacker	Bryce VanRaalte	Black Hawk/Warren
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Guidance

4th grade guidance class just completed their Name Poster Activity. We start the year talking about how individuals get to know others, what you can learn from others, and sometimes you find out you have things in common with someone new. We discussed that even though you feel you know your friends/classmates very well, there are always interests/skills you can learn. We do not know everything about everyone and we have to be willing to talk with peers. The fourth graders were given a worksheet with ideas/suggestions of favorite things, example: color, food, music, season, book series and/or movie. They then had to create a Name poster. Their name was the focal point of the poster and all their favorites are drawn/written around their name. Each student presented their poster in front of the class and students then stated new things they learned about that particular classmate.





OCTOBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH



KINGSLEE SEFFROOD
5TH GRADE



KATE PICKETT
6TH GRADE



JOSSLYN LEWIS
9TH GRADE

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OCTOBER EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Paige Strunz
Paraprofessional

Please join me in congratulating Paige Strunz as the October Employee of the Month. Paige received multiple nominations and is recognized for her outstanding dedication and constant willingness to help wherever she is needed. Whether she's covering a classroom, assisting students with schoolwork, tending to bumps and scrapes, supervising recess, or managing bus duty, Paige always goes the extra mile for students. She maintains a consistently positive attitude, builds great relationships with kids, and steps up without hesitation to help others. Her reliability, teamwork, and positive energy make a noticeable difference every day.

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STUDENT *of the* MONTH

AT BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL IS 14-YEAR-OLD



Josslyn Lewis



FUTURE PLANS

I plan to become a general surgeon.

DAUGHTER OF

NICOLE & JON JAY LEWIS

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FFA, Black Hawk Cheer, Band & Forensics

HONORS

Distinguished Honor Roll for 3 years & Black Hawk Pillar Award.

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Hanging out with friends & baking.

HOBBIES

Making small crafts

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(608) 439.7766

Darlington
15815 State Road 81
(608) 773.3512

New Glarus
618 State Road 69
(608) 527.9766

November Fun Run

Mrs. Petitjean was joined by 15 students for the *Turkey Trot* fun run this year!
Students did great running 1.3 miles and enjoyed pie afterwards.



Happy Holidays!

**Black Hawk “Running Club”
2025 Reindeer Run
When: Tuesday, December 16th**

Time: After School-4:15 P.M.

All students who need rides must be picked up by 4:20 pm.

Distance will be ~1.3 miles and be held OUTSIDE.

****Please consider that when signing up younger students****

If there is inclement weather, the event may need to be cancelled depending on the number of participants and other things going on that day at school.

A small snack will be provided after the completion of the event.

Please Return the completed form by Friday, December 12th.

NO COST

I give my child _____ permission to stay after school for the “**Reindeer Run**” and will pick them up no later than 4:20pm or have them walk home. I understand that my child should dress appropriately for the weather, as it will be held outside unless it is unsafe. If it is unsafe, the event may need to be canceled.

Parent Signature

Date

Grade of Student: _____ Children below 5th grade must be accompanied by an older sibling, classroom teacher, or another adult. We will meet in Mrs. Petitjean’s Classroom at 3:30 pm for a short warm-up and stretch. Then, we will head out for our run.

Any food related allergies (please list):

Miracle Minute to Support Families in Our Communities

At the conference championship game vs Potosi/Cassville. The Black Hawk/Warren football team had an Orange Out night in support of those battling Leukemia. The team had a “Miracle Minute”, which raised money to assist the Heller and Romero families, both of which are involved with the football program. Junior High football coach Tony Romero was diagnosed with Leukemia in May and former player Tyler Heller, whose younger brother Jonathan plays on the team, was recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

The generosity of the community, people at the game, and Alyssa Hagen donating back over \$400 from the 50/50 raffle. As well as a donation from the Junior High football team and the high school football team raised \$4000.00. Each family was presented a \$2000.00 check at the football awards. Sadly, Coach Romero passed away at the age of 30 on November 5.



Jonathan, Brandon, and Kaydra Heller pictured with Black Hawk/Warren team captains (L-R) Bryce VanRaalte, Riley Bourquin, Jacob Woodruff, and Spencer Hay-Skattum.

Sydney Romero pictured with Black Hawk/Warren team captains (L-R) Riley Bourquin, Bryce VanRaalte, Spencer Hay-Skattum, and Jacob Woodruff.





FFA NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025



NATIONAL CONVENTION:

ON THE FIRST DAY, WE VISITED HUMMEL'S LIVESTOCK TO SEE EXOTIC CATS, GOATS, AND CATTLE, THEN WENT GROCERY SHOPPING AND SETTLED INTO OUR AIRBNB. DAY TWO INCLUDED A VISIT TO CHURCH HILLS DOWN AND THE ZOO. THE THIRD DAY BEGAN WITH THE OPENING SESSION, FOLLOWED BY THE CONVENTION HALL AND EXPO, WHERE WE EXPLORED DIFFERENT COLLEGES, BUSINESSES, AND GROUPS, AND ENDED WITH MARY SCHRIEBER'S RETIRING ADDRESS AT LUCAS OIL. ON THE FOURTH DAY, WE ATTENDED THE RODEO AND RELAXED AT THE AIRBNB AFTERWARD. ON THE FINAL DAY, WE PACKED UP, WATCHED MAKAYLA KAMMES RECEIVE HER AMERICAN DEGREE AT LUCAS OIL, AND THEN HEADED HOME TO HELP AT SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT. EVERYONE HAD A GREAT TIME AND IS GRATEFUL FOR THE EXPERIENCE..



A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO MAKAYLA KAMMES FOR EARNING HER AMERICAN DEGREE! THIS IS THE HIGHEST DEGREE AN FFA MEMBER CAN RECEIVE. SHE EARNED HER DEGREE NOVEMBER 1ST AT THE 98TH NATIONAL CONVENTION, AS SHE WORE HER BLUE FFA JACKET FOR THE LAST TIME. CONGRATULATIONS MAKAYLA!



SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT

THE ALUMNI HAD SPORTSMAN'S NIGHT ON NOVEMBER 1ST. WHERE THEY RAFFLED AND AUCTIONED OFF MANY DIFFERENT ITEMS. WE HAD MANY FFA MEMBERS HELP AT IT. IT WAS A GREAT NIGHT WITH SOME GREAT COMPANY.



**MASONS BIRTHDAY POTLUCK!
MASONS BIRTHDAY WAS NOVEMBER 9TH WE CELEBRATED WITH AN FFA POTLUCK. EVERYONE BROUGHT SOME FOOD AND ENJOYED SOME TIME WITH FRIENDS**

FOOD FOR AMERICA

WE INVITED OUR ELEMENTARY OVER TO LEARN ABOUT THE DIFFERENT STATIONS WE HAD. THE STATIONS WE HAD WERE DAIRY, GOATS, PLANTS, FFA, DAIRY PRODUCTS, RABBITS, HARVESTING, SHEEP, ATV/TRACTOR SAFETY, POULTRY, BEEF, AND EQUINE. IT WAS A GREAT DAY.



LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 13TH AND 14TH WE HAD OUR LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN THE DELLS, WHERE WE TOOK 8 OF OUR FFA MEMBERS. NOVEMBER 13TH WE CHECKED IN AT 3 IN THE AFTERNOON, THEN HIT THE POOL FOR A BIT BEFORE HEADING TO OUR ROOM TO CHANGE AND GET READY FOR THE SESSIONS! WE HAD A SMALL BREAK BEFORE HEADING INTO THE SECOND SESSION. AFTER THAT WE WENT BACK TO OUR ROOM TO CHANGE AND WE HEADED DOWN TO DINNER WHERE MEMBERS DANCED AND PLAYED SOME COMPETITIVE CORN HOLE GAMES! NOVEMBER 14TH WE HAD 4 SESSIONS EARLY MORNING TO MID AFTERNOON. AFTER THAT WE HEADED HOME.



UPCOMING FFA ACTIVITIES NOVEMBER 21ST – MIDDLE SCHOOL

CAREER DAY

DECEMBER 5TH – BIG BUCK

CONTEST/POTLUCK

DECEMBER 6TH– LUNCH WITH SANTA

SECOND WEEK OF DECEMBER– FRUIT

COMES IN

DECEMBER 12TH – BROWNTOWN

PARADE

DECEMBER 19TH – UGLY SWEATER

POTLUCK



**SINCERELY,
YOUR 2025-2026
FFA REPORTER
EMILY FIGI**

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Visit Rev Track <https://blackhawk-k12.revtrak.net/> to pay lunch money, milk money, school fees, sports fees, instrument rentals, and more.

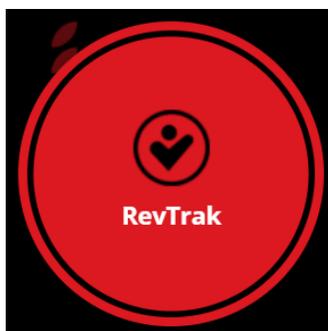
If you have any questions, please call the school office at 608-439-5371.

Contribute to helping BH Students as you desire.

As times get tougher all around for school districts, Black Hawk finds itself struggling to continue to offer the "extras" for our students to ensure that their educational and school experience at Black Hawk is a meaningful one. As our budgets get slashed and our costs go up, we are looking for different ways to raise funds to offer these tools and sponsor events. If you are in a position to help support some of our projects, classrooms, organizations, and events.....check out our new "Support Our School" link on Revtrak. Helping our students in a way that is meaningful to you has never been easier. Go to:

1. www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us

2. Click on Revtrak.



3. Click on Support Our Schools



4. Choose the area to which you wish to give a supportive gift, indicating as much specific information as you wish.

Support Our School

- STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND
- STUDENT READING RESOURCES
- STEM - (SCIENCE, TECH, ENGINEERING, MATH)
- CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENT FUND
- GENERAL ATHLETICS FUND
- ATHLETIC TEAMS
- HOMECOMING & FIREWORKS FUND
- STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS
- MUSIC PROGRAMMING
- SCHOOL BUILDING MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT FUND
- OTHER

Thanks for your support!



Black Hawk Booster Club News...



Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with 50/50 Tickets and Chuck-a-Duck at our Boys and Girls Basketball games for the 2025-2026 season! We truly appreciate your support in selling tickets and ducks. If you haven't had a chance yet, there are still spots available. You can sign up on SignUpGenius by scanning the QR code!



THANK YOU!



Thank you to the Class of 2004 for your generous donation in memory of Roger Jackson to the Booster Club! Roger was a true supporter of our sports and students, and we know how much this gesture reflects his spirit. We deeply appreciate you honoring him in this meaningful way in giving back to our students! #TEAMROGER

Looking for a stocking stuffer or a quick gift? We also have KWIK TRIP ULTIMATE car wash cards and grocery cards available. Stop by the 50/50 table during Basketball games or contact Val Dunlavey, Joni Marty, Linda Figi, or Nikki Komprood and we will get you a card!!!!



- **ULTIMATE** car wash cards. For \$35 you get 5-count **ULTIMATE** car washes for your vehicle. **ULTIMATE** washes include: undercarriage flush, presoak, high-pressure wash or soft foam wash, triple shine vehicle enhancer/cleaner, spot-free rinse, and a 95-second super dry. ****wash amenities vary by location!**** Retail for \$40.00

The **GROCERY ONLY** card – can be used to purchase in-store merchandise. This card is **NOT** eligible to be used on fuel, tobacco, alcohol, lottery/lotto, stamps, and other restricted items!



THANK YOU!

Thank you all for your continued support in our activities! We appreciate it and look forward to the upcoming projects to help our students and community!
GO WARRIORS!



Recycling and Other Dumpsters

(Dumpsters are located next to Riechers Meats)

As always, the staff and Board thank everyone who has donated to the metal/aluminum can drive. The funds have proven to be beneficial to the staff and students of the school district. The district greatly appreciates the efforts of Powers Auction Service in providing this opportunity.

A couple of notes that we would like to make:

- Please do not place items with Freon/coolant in the recycling dumpster
- Please do not place TV's or Computer/Related technology in the dumpster
- Please do not place trash in the recycling dumpster
- The other dumpsters (serviced by Faherty) are for school uses only

We do appreciate the donations. Improper use of the dumpsters costs the district and may result in a net loss.

Sincerely,
Willy Chambers

School Pictures are Ready!

View and order at <https://shop.jostenspix.com/login>

***Retakes are now online**

BLACK HAWK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232725

BLACK HAWK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232625

BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL

Event Code: FE232525



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School Board of Education

The Board holds regular School Board Meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. Meetings begin at 6:00 pm Meetings are held in South Wayne. All board meetings are open to the public unless otherwise noted. Residents are encouraged to attend and can call (608) 439-5400 for information. Agendas are posted on the Black Hawk School District's Website and Facebook page.



President-Dee Paulson
Vice President-Jim Baumgartner
Treasurer-Val Dunlavey
Clerk-Jason Figi
Member-Clayton Ruegsegger
Member-Mindy Stauffacher
Member-Cali Schliem

Parents Club News

Parent's Club meets in the upper commons at 6:00 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month (we do NOT meet every month), please follow the Parent's Club Facebook page for updates on meetings and other events happening!

A few things you can do to support the Parent's Club throughout the year:

- Scan your boxtops.. if you haven't downloaded the APP, please do so, it's a super easy way to help!
- The scrip program, grab some gift cards for birthdays, weddings, showers, or just for yourself, it's a great opportunity to support the Parent's Club (keep a lookout, these sheets will be coming home in your child's backpack)!
- Keep an eye out for future fundraisers and activities! A great way to do this is to follow our Facebook page (Black Hawk Parent's Club)

Keep a look out for fun upcoming events from the Parent's Club, like our Facebook page to make sure you don't miss anything!!

As always, thank you for your support! We cannot do our part in providing the things we do for our faculty and students if not for your support!

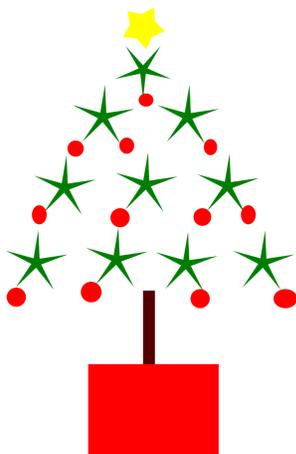
We hope you have a **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

Haley Larse, President

Courtney Grossen, Vice-President

Nicole Lewis, Treasurer

Chris Ruegsegger, Secretary



Merry Christmas

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2025



The meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson at 6:00 pm in the upper commons. The following members were present Dee Paulson, Clayton Ruesessegger, Jim Baumgartner, Cali Schliem, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey and Jason Figi. Also present was administration of Chambers, Erickson and 5 guests.

Motion by Schliem seconded by Stauffacher to consent to agenda which includes financial report, posting of the agenda, journal entries minutes from September 10, 2025. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration report: Chambers: It is Board Appreciation Week: Thank you for the work you do. We appreciate you making difficult decisions and supporting the staff and students of the district.

Please see the attached email about a HOME Scholarship Project awarded to UW-Platteville. Many other district leaders in the area, and I were part of this process.

Open Enrollment numbers are not getting better. 59 students are coming in, and 94 are going out. The cost to the district of this difference is \$337,903. Alternative open-enrollment accounts for 16 out and 12 in. Of those 16 out, 7 claimed to have just moved into the district and chose to stay in the district. The seven move-ins bring in an additional \$81,942, depending on the three-year rolling average. The alternative numbers were counted in the totals. The lists of students are attached but hidden from the public as they are confidential.

I have attached a preliminary revenue limit worksheet (it will change). I used an estimated property valuation provided by Baird. The mill rate shown on it will be 5.85. We will know a lot more in a week. This year, our total allowed revenue is \$4,296,218; last year, we were allowed \$4,245,037, which included \$90,600 declining enrollment exemption. The difference from last year to this year is \$51,181; if that declining enrollment exemption was not a factor, we would have a difference of \$141,781.

Please remember to email Tammy if you intend to attend the State Education Conference in January. She needs to know by October 31 to be able to secure rooms.

As you know, there is an issue with the newest bus. The wiring harness and other items were presumably chewed through, so the bus doesn't run. The wiring harness is predicted to take 66 days to arrive at Wisconsin Bus, where the bus now sits. They are going to request that Bluebird pull one from the assembly line, but there are no guarantees that they will do that for us.

I have attached an email from SWTC that was sent to Ms. Crotty about financial aid night. It states they will no longer provide information in person but will provide a recording. We are looking for some insight into how to proceed. I can place this on next month's agenda. We do not feel the school district staff is able to provide financial advice, do we reach out to a bank, an investment person, or a lawyer?

Milz:- Thank you to Parent's Club, B.H. Booster Club, B.H. H.S. Student Council and Mrs. Wolff for making Homecoming 2025 a fun event. Thanks to Jason Herbst and Jerry Scott for a wonderful fireworks show. Thank you to the community members who purchased raffle tickets and donated money towards the cost of the fireworks show.

- Thank you to Gratiot, South Wayne, Cadiz, and Woodford fire departments for hosting our elementary students this week during Fire Safety Week. Instructed 4K-5th graders.
- October 2nd - Custodian Appreciation Day. Thank you to RJ, Jack, Helen and Scott for the work they do for our district.
- Congratulations to Chelsea Stauffacher and Angel Bennett, who were both selected as the September Employees of the Month.
- Want to thank Mr. Tim Wolf and The Vault for assisting with our Employee of The Month Recognitions. We give a \$50 gift certificate this year with half of the amount coming from my principal's budget and Tim donated the entire amount this year.

- 4K classes will be going on their annual field trip to attend the Vesperman Pumpkin Patch on October 14.
- Ms. Nehs and FFA students attended State Soils competition on October 8. National convention is coming up the week of October 27.
- Teachers are preparing for fall parent-teacher conferences on the evening of November 6 and morning of November 7. Elementary conferences will be scheduled, m.s. and h.s. conferences will be on a cafeteria style time.
- Middle school students will be holding a Fall Dance on Thursday, October 30 at 1 p.m. Thank you to Parent's Club for helping support the dance for our middle school students. Additionally, elementary classes will be holding Parent's Club Halloween parties on October 30.
- Professional collaboration early release time on Friday, October 8 focused on the following collaborative efforts by staff: Elementary - working with students with A.S.D., presenter Mr. Brooks-Duff Bowers. MS and HS staff met to collaborate on ensuring grade level instruction and assessments. Used AI tools to analyze and provide non-biased feedback on current practices. Elementary teachers looked at diagnostic data from early IReady math diagnostics, AIMSweb and FAST literacy diagnostics.
- Friday, October 24, Black Hawk High School will be hosting 18 guests representing a variety of occupations at our Career Awareness Day. The program will last from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. with presenters' breakout sessions following a headline speaker. Huge thank you to Colony Brands, Inc. for donating gift baskets to our presenters.

Erickson: Fall seasons are finalizing or winding down.

- MS Volleyball has concluded with Sheila B and June B having a pizza party for the girls. It was a good season for growth and development, and our participation numbers were generally sustainable.
- MS football will conclude tomorrow with a home (at BH) vs. Galena. Scott Cernek has been a great leader and asset for the boys.
- In both of the above-mentioned teams, the coaches have been providing transportation as school bus drivers to practice and away games. That has been a huge help for figuring out transportation.
- High School VB has two weeks of regular season action left with the seeding meeting next Sunday in Argyle.
- High School Football: Varsity season made it through all the scheduling craziness (4-day games in a row) and has two weeks left in the regular season. The playoff seeding system is more visible this year, and provided we win one of the two remaining games, we should get at least a L1 playoff home game. The analytics would have us traveling to Hilbert for L2. It will all change in the next two weeks, though. I have a couple of concerns with our games hosted at Warren with the biggest being the ability to live stream. I am talking through those with Shawn Teske.
- JV - It's been a challenge, and I've spent a lot of time trying to get our JV kids games. We have another cancellation already scheduled for next Monday, so I've worked to get a game scheduled. Several scenarios were explored but nothing is solidified yet. There are many plates that need to be set in order for it to happen. The team has had some growth and success recently.
- MS basketball is starting. The girls started on Monday. We have 15 6-8 girls. They will only have 4 games because of co-ops within our conference. MS boys will start next week. Because of our coaching situation, boys will practice late here at BH until football has finished.
- Winter sports will start soon, and I've continued to work on a wrestling schedule and communicated with other schools and coaches.
- I met with a prospective athlete who has transferred back into the district and faces the prospect of only competing JV because of grade status. I reached out to the WIAA for clarification, and we're still working to see if she can be given complete change of residence status.
- Facilities matters - We need to ensure our signage is appropriate for spectators. I'll work to get those matters accomplished. Our indoor scoreboards are receiving a needed update with hardware and software thanks to the generosity of Pat Baumgartner. I/we are tremendously grateful for her faithful support and willingness to provide

for this update. We were in a "hanging on by a thread" mode and the most logical "fix" was updating the boards which would communicate with a new console.

- Met with Arbiter to start the process of switching over to that platform. Specifically, as recently as today, I talked to them about Arbiter Pay, which is a means to pay officials directly to their accounts from ours.
- Scheduling for future seasons and officials is ongoing.
- Have met with coaches to encourage their adherence to taking the rules tests, associations, and media reporting.
- I have met with Tammy several times to arrange official changes and payments. She has been really good at accommodating last-minute changes.

Board of Education Report: Question about fixing the van at Alphorn Ford as we had a bill that was approved but Mr. Chambers stated that it still is not fixed and will have to find someone else to fix it. Concession stand about possibility selling the old one and building a new one in place of it the Booster Club is looking at spending \$5000 to upgrade it but a new one would cost about \$13000. By selling the old one we could use that one to build a new one. Buses not being parked off school property Chambers will check with insurance to make sure that we have coverage. Question about Warren having Homecoming on the same day as Pumpkin Fest MR. Erickson stated that it was Warrens request to do that and the reason, we had to do some shifting to the Football Schedule.

Public comment: Melissa Pickett talked about thanks to Board for looking at options for raises as she knows it was a tough decision but appreciates the option.

Tonya Milz: Milz spoke about "game workers" as listed to be discussed in closed session. She expressed concerns about the professionalism, and proper practice of the school board in reference to this and concern about couple members' treatment of an individual who has provided years of service in this regard. She's hoping that the school board acts as a unit and takes this opportunity to learn and address these concerns."

Health Education Certification Licensure: Information was given about cost sharing consideration for a teacher getting a health certification with cost share by the District. Question about classes going to gym together verse having only 1 section going to one class. Could you get one teacher to teach one class part of the time? Talk to person about looking at seeing if he is going to teach one semester every other year. Check with numbers about cost sharing or cost to have someone come and teach one class per

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to hire Brandon Bhelke as Middle School Boys Basketball Coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Dunlavey to hire Mitchell Wand for Warrior Care helper. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to table to the Special Meeting in 2 weeks for Paraprofessional. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Dunlavey to approve volunteer wrestling coaches of Kyle Stauffacher and Brian McCauley. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve Dani Curran as Volunteer Cheerleading Coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Figi to approve upping the cost of recognizing staff for memorials up to \$100 for each event. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve student attendance waiver as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve the ACH payment to Everbrite/All American Scoreboard for the score board controllers. Thanks to Pat Baumgartner for the donation. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Dunlavey to approve support staff who are not paraprofessionals to be allowed one additional vacation day or one additional personal day if they do not have vacation days. Comment was made that

paraprofessionals and all support staff wrapping it all together verses having things separate. Working on ideas that don't add cost. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Stauffacher to approve providing one additional personal day for the paraprofessionals: that the Board approves paying paraprofessionals for any virtual instructional days when they are expected to be logged in; and that the Board approves paying paraprofessionals for full days when there is a delayed start or early release due to weather or other uncontrollable circumstances. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Baumgartner decrease Inservice days by 1 for teachers and covering hours moving from \$15 to \$25 moving forward. Tammy will reach out to Bob Butler about contracts. The motion carried on a voice vote. some opposition due to the fact that giving people these small things could hurt us in the long run. Roll call vote was called and YES- Stauffacher, Dunlavy, Paulson, Figi, Stauffacher, Schliem, NO- Ruegsegger

Will address this in the November meeting: There are 4 teachers who have taken credits to move on the teacher salary scale. 2 of them have inquired about their ability to receive the additional salary for this contracted year. Please let me know if those 4 staff who have taken credits be allowed to receive their increased salary. Also, the Board will act on what the numbers of days through individual contracts.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the District Bookkeeper be allowed to work remotely when school is not session. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Baumgartner to approve adding 2 more days of vacation the principal's contract. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Dunlavy to approve Administration contract with no changes. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavy to approve Annual meeting agenda as posted. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavy to approve policies as reviewed by the policy committee Policies: 144.5, 166.1, 1461, 2440.01, 2522, 4124, 4213, 5112, 5310.01, 5411, 5464, 5505, 5530, 7440.03, 7450, 7455, 7460, 8120, 8420, 8500, 8510, 8531, 8540, 8550, and 9151. It was noted that consent to agenda can include more items and if a board member has a question or wants to act on it separately it could be done that way. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded Baumgartner to approve sale of school property parcel# 131.0143.1000 to Michael Bartels selling price of \$14,200. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Paulson to approve School Improvement Division Membership with CESA #3. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavy and seconded by Stauffacher to approve ACH payment to pay off the short-term loan of \$300,000 to the Woodford State Bank on October 10. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Figi to go into executive session at 7:45 pm the President announced the purpose of executive session 19.85(1) items B, C, and F Wisconsin State Statues personnel.

The Board returned to open session at 8:40 pm- No matters to act on.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavy to adjourn at 8:40 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Special Meeting October 22, 2025, following Annual Meeting

Next Regular Meeting November 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 22, 2025**



The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm in the upper commons by President Dee Paulson the following members were present, Dee Paulson, Val Dunlavey, Cali Schliem, Mindy Stauffacher, Jason Figi and Jim Baumgartner. Absent Clayton Ruegsegger. Also present was Tammy Zimmerman, Willy Chambers

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Schliem to consent to agenda

Administration Report: None

Board of Education Report; None

Public comment was called for: None

Chambers went over items for discussion for referendum amounts and scenarios going forward.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to approve the posted budget for 2025-26 as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to approve tax levy for 2025-26 in the amount of One Million, Nine Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$1,939,559.00 - Fund 10 Levy is \$1,141,322.00, Fund 38 Levy is \$81,703.00, Fund 39 Levy (approved by April 2022 Referendum) is \$584,534.00 and Fund 80 Levy is \$132,000.00) upon all taxable property in the Black Hawk School District for the purpose of paying teachers' salaries and meeting other necessary expenses to operate and maintain the district's schools, and to finance the debt service and capital outlay of said district based on the approved budget for 2025-2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Dunlavey to approve hiring paraprofessional Shawna Gallagher as a paraprofessional for 7.75 hours per day. The motion carried on a voice vote. Chambers noted that we have another one that was interviewed and interested in a 50% position.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Dunlavey to approve paying all support staff on days that they cannot attend due to weather such as early releases, virtual days, late starts, and snow days. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to convey to executive session at 7:08 pm. President announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f Wisconsin State Statutes Personnel considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data. The motion carried on a roll call vote YES- Paulson, Dunlavey, Schliem, Stauffacher, Baumgartner, Figi, NO-None, ABSENT- Ruegsegger

The board returned to open session at 9:10 pm

Act on matters deliberated in closed session- none

Motion by Figi seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 9:10 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Next regular meeting will be November 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6p GBB @ East Dubuque	2 6p GBB (H) Barneveld (EMS/Police/Fire Fighter Night)	3 	4 6p BBB (H) Argyle	5 7p GBB @ Highland (No JV) BB Orders Due	6 9-12p Lunch with Santa TBD BBB @ Lewin "Shoot out"
8 630p GBB @ Shullsburg 	9 530p WR @ Brodhead 6p BBB @ Monticello	10 130p Early Release 6p School Board Meeting	11 630p GBB (H) Pec/Argyle (Teacher Appreciation Night) <i>FFA Fruit Delivery</i>	12 4p WR @ Waunakee <i>(Girls)</i> 630p BBB (H)	13 930a WR @ Belleville
15 1p Winter Concert <i>(K-6th)</i> 7p Winter Concert <i>(7th-12th)</i>	16 6p BBB (H) Southwestern	17 Butterbraid Delivery	18 545p BBB @ Juda 630p GBB @ Belmont TBD WR @ Lena	19 9a WR @ Mt. Horeb <i>(Girls)</i>	20 9a WR @ Mt. Horeb <i>(Boys)</i> 
22 6p BBB @ Shullsburg	23	24 No School	25 No School 	26 No School	27
28 No School	29 No School 	30 No School	31 No School		

Breakfast Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry
 Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Pop Tart Granola Bites Apple Milk	2 French Toast Sticks Granola Bites Pears Applesauce Milk	3 Cinnamon Waffles Pears Mixed Fruit Milk 	4 Blueberry Waffles Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk	5 Chocolate Chip French Toast Peaches Pears Milk
8 Banana Bread Cheese Stick Orange Peaches Milk	9 Pancakes Peaches Pears Milk	10 Sausage Breakfast Bagel Yogurt Apple Milk	11 Berry French Toast Applesauce Mixed Fruit Milk	12 Strudel Stick Yogurt Apple Milk 
15 Mini Cinnamon Bagel Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk 	16 Pancake Wrap Mixed Fruit Applesauce Milk	17 Waffles Granola Bites Apple Milk	18 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Bagel Granola Bar Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk	19 French Toast Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk
22 Strawberry Bagel Peaches Pears Milk	23 Donut Juice Applesauce Milk	24 No School	25 No School 	26 No School
29 No School	30 No School	31 No School		

Lunch Menu

Milk Choice 1% White, Fat Free Chocolate or Strawberry
Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Mini Corn Dogs WG Doritos Green Beans Juice Milk	2 Sloppy Joe/Bun Cheese Stick Cauliflower Peaches Milk 	3 “Warrior Bowl” Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy Corn Dinner Roll Apple Milk	4 Mac & Cheese Cheese Stick Carrots Apple Milk	5 Pizza Dippers/Sauce Cheezits Broccoli Grapes Milk
8 Ham Sandwich Goldfish Crackers Carrot Sticks Pears Milk	9 Quesadilla Broccoli Slushie Milk	10 Pizza Cheezits Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	11 Fish Sticks Granola Bites Cauliflower Orange Milk 	12 Chicken Fajita Meat WG Shell Goldfish Crackers Yogurt Peas Applesauce Milk
15 Breaded Pork Patty/Bun Green Beans Apple Milk 	16 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice Sweet Potatoes Milk	17 Corn Dog Cheezits Cauliflower Orange Milk	18 Ham Mashed Potatoes Gravy Dinner Roll Fruit Milk	19 Taco Meat WG Shell Baked Scoops Broccoli Strawberry Cup Milk
22 Corn Dog Baked Scoops Green Beans Orange Milk	23 Ravioli WG Doritos Carrots Apple Milk	24 No School	25 No School 	26 No School
29 No School	30 No School	31 No School		



School District of Black Hawk
PO Box 303
South Wayne, WI 53587

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

April 7, 2026

Election Details

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to qualified electors of the School District of Black Hawk of the Villages of Gratiot and South Wayne, Towns of Gratiot, Monticello, Wayne, Wiota and Darlington, Lafayette County and the Towns of Cadiz and Jordan, Green County, Wisconsin, that on April 7, 2026 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. the election of the school board members will be held. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed.

<u>Office</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	VAL DUNLAVEY
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER	CLAYTON RUEGSEGGER

Office Terms

The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2026. Forms may be picked up and a description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office during normal working hours.

For Candidates

A Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the office of the school district clerk OR district office, located at 202 E Center Street – South Wayne, WI 53587.

Primary Election

If a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Additional Information

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

November 19, 2025

Jason Figi, Clerk
Jason Figi, Black Hawk School District Clerk