



Black Hawk School District

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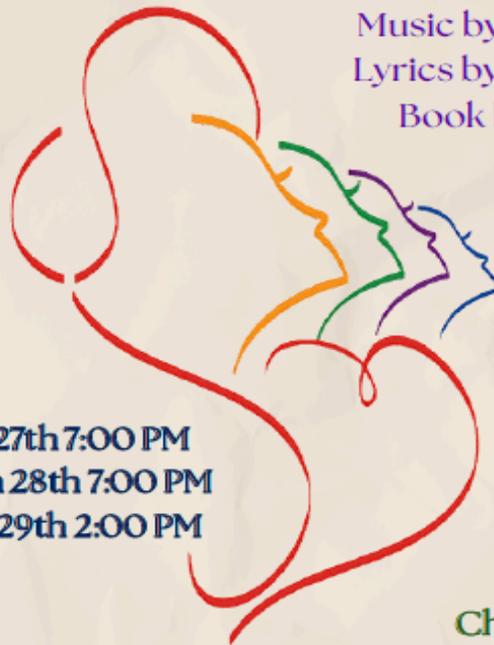
March 2025

www.blackhawk.k12.wi.us

Black Hawk Drama Department Presents:
With permission from Music Theater International

LITTLE WOMEN the musical

Music by Jason Howland
Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein
Book by Allan Knee



Friday, March 27th 7:00 PM
Saturday, March 28th 7:00 PM
Sunday, March 29th 2:00 PM

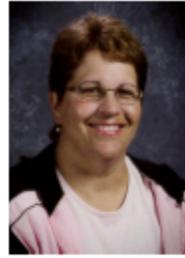
Adults: \$10
Students: \$5
Children Ages 5 and
Under 5: Free

Poster by Jerzey Wiegel

Black Hawk School Gymnasium
202 E Center St, South Wayne, WI



♥ Forever Warriors ♥



Thank You!

On behalf of the Girls Basketball Team and the Soup4Kupe Committee, we extend our heartfelt thanks to our incredible Black Hawk school and community for embracing the transition to Forever Warriors Night with such generosity and support.

Because of you, the evening was not only smooth and meaningful—it was a tremendous success. Through your kindness, participation, and giving spirit, over \$7,000 was raised. Every dollar will go directly back to our seniors in the form of scholarships, continuing a tradition that began more than 10 years ago in honor of Kelly "Kupe" Kupersmith.

Forever Warriors Night reflects an expanded purpose: to honor all Black Hawk staff members who have passed away—educators, mentors, coaches, bus drivers, and support staff who devoted their lives to our students and our school. While the name and format have evolved, the heart of the event remains the same: supporting students while remembering those who have given so much to our community.

We proudly continue to honor the legacy of Kelly "Kupe" Kupersmith, and this year we also remember two cherished members of our Black Hawk family who are no longer with us: Carol Schliem and Roger Jackson. Their dedication, kindness, and love for our students will always be a part of who we are.

We are incredibly proud to be part of such a caring and generous community. Together, we celebrate remembrance, gratitude, and continued support for the future of our students. Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior.

♥♥ FOREVER WARRIORS ♥♥

BLACK HAWK SCHOOL

1st Semester Honor Roll 2025-2026

Honor Roll 3.0-3.666

6th Grade

Riley Bald
Aria Gabel
Luke Lehman
Gracie Shaffer
Hunter Stauffacher
Elliot Wisnefski

7th Grade

Cryus Akins
Charlie Babler
Rainah Broge
Josie Brooker
Easton Larse
Leah Mosley
Russell Ruegsegger
Kanyon Seffrood
Layla Sigafus
Carsyn Smith
Adelayne Williams
Eli Wisnefski
Ethan Wisnefski

8th Grade

Mia Breadon
Lane Foster
Ellie Gee
Adalie Grossen
Elliott Hagen
Mason Lehman
Camden Long
Makena McCauley
Johnathan Raisbeck
Rubi Lopez Ramirez
Mahlee Scott
Trytin Wild

9th Grade

Zoey Brooker
Ryan Curran
Bryce Edler
Andria Lancaster
Charli Long
Alexa Ruegsegger
Wade Werren
Dalia Williams

10th Grade

Maxwell Fox
Evan Sigafus
Katilyn Stegall
Mitchell Wand

11th Grade

Brody Argall
Alex Broge
Sadie Brown
Emily Curran
Holdyn Hull
Joseph Ketchpaw
Danielle Martin
Brandon McCoy
Payton Paige
Cade Pickett
Carson Plath
Brigitte Stauffacher
Javin Stietz

12th Grade

Cooper Hagen
Miguel Navarro Ramirez
Lucas Peterson
Shane Wand
Jacob Woodruff

High Honor Roll 3.667-3.999

6th Grade

Jaxton Lewis
Jakobie Liphart

7th Grade

Madilyn Berget
Bradley Figi
Carson Lehman
Josephine Signer
Brooklyn Street

8th Grade

Jakobi Lewis
Cooper Paquin

9th Grade

Josslyn Lewis
Charles Pickett
Tucker Seffrood

10th Grade

Makaylah Curran
Mason Schultz
Jaelei Scott

11th Grade

Cole Dunlavey
Ashlynn Eckerman
Conner Herbst
Sammantha Prescher
Alexis Stietz
Jerzey Wiegel

12th Grade

Reese Anderson
Riley Corley
Landon Foster
Gabin Salad
Taylor Stegall

Honor Roll Distinguished Honors 4.0 and higher

6th Grade

Kathryn Pickett

7th Grade

Jake Fox
Kaylyn Lumley

11th Grade

Jaci Kammes
Madelynn Place

12th Grade

Keira Brunner
Emily Figi
Mya Milz
Alyvia Ruegsegger
Payton Stietz



Thank You



The Black Hawk Booster Club extends our heartfelt thanks for the incredible support shown during our winter sports fundraisers—Chuck-a-Duck, 50/50 raffles, Super Bowl squares, Super Bowl pizza sales, and March Madness ticket sales. Because of your generosity and participation, these events were a great success!

Your support truly makes a difference. Every ticket purchased, square filled, and raffle entry helps us provide meaningful opportunities for our students. We simply could not do what we do without this amazing community standing behind us.

As we look ahead to spring and summer, we're excited about several projects that will continue improving our facilities for our athletes and fans. We are currently planning updates to the outdoor concession stand (cement work, insulation, and overall improvements), enhancing the gym amplification system to better complement our new sound system, and making needed updates to the weight room. These projects will take many helping hands, and the Booster Club would love volunteers willing to share their time and talents.

We are always excited to explore new and creative fundraising ideas as well. If you have a fun suggestion—or would like to help with an upcoming project—please connect with a Booster Club member or join us at a monthly meeting to share your thoughts. Together, we can continue to make great things happen for Black Hawk students.

UPCOMING BOOSTER CLUB MEETING:
Wednesday, March 4th @ the VI (Village Inn) @ 6:00pm

CONGRATS TO THE SUPER BOWL SQUARE WINNERS:

1ST QUARTER~\$100: CANDACE PAQUIN

2ND QUARTER~\$200: CADEN STRUNZ

3RD QUARTER~\$300: JON LANGE

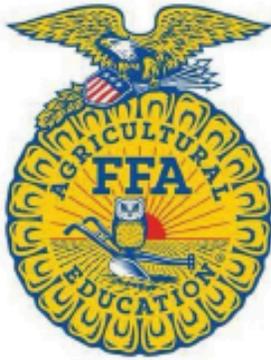
4TH QUARTER~\$400: JANEL MARTY

Thank you to all of you that volunteered to sit at our 50/50 & Chuck-a-Duck table and sell tickets/ducks....we could not do it without each of you!!!

THANK YOU!

SEAHAWKS	PATRIOTS									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66
67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77
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100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110

Cost: \$20 per square
 1st Quarter: \$100
 2nd Quarter: \$200
 3rd Quarter: \$300
 4th Quarter: \$400



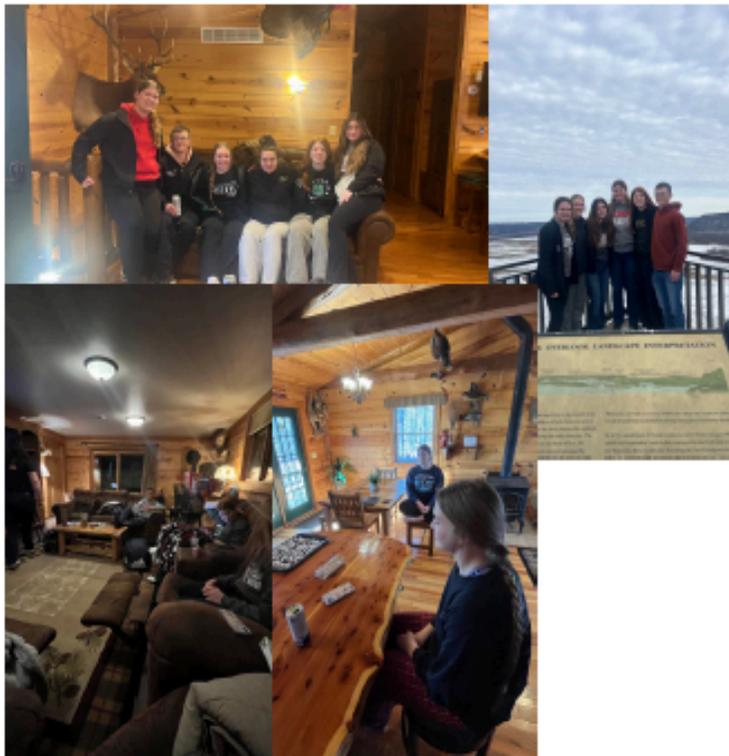
FFA NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2026



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WE TOOK 22 FFA MEMBERS TO DISTRICT LDES IN MINERAL POINT. THE OFFICER TEAM COMPETED IN PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE AND PLACED 2ND, AND WILL BE MOVING ONTO SECTIONALS. IN PREPARED PUBLIC SPEAKING, KEIRA BRUNNER PLACED 3RD AND JACI KAMMES PLACED 2ND, QUALIFYING HER FOR SECTIONALS! FOR EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING SPENCER HAY-SKATTUM PLACED 2ND AND QUALIFIED FOR SECTIONALS. FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL QUIZ BOWL THE GIRLS TEAM PLACED 4TH. SECTIONALS WILL BE ON MARCH 4TH IN PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF EVERYONE WHO COMPETED!



WINTER OFFICER RETREAT
OUR OFFICER TEAM HAD A SUCCESSFUL WINTER OFFICER RETREAT! WE SPENT THE WEEKEND PLANNING FOR FFA WEEK, WORKING ON OUR NATIONAL CHAPTER APPLICATION, AND PREPARING FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR. WE'VE ALSO DONE A LOT OF TEAM BONDING, AND ENJOYED TRAVELING TOGETHER, EXPLORING PIKE'S PEAK, WHERE THE MISSISSIPPI AND WISCONSIN RIVERS MEET. WE'RE EXCITED AND READY TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL END TO OUR YEAR! ❤️💛

OFFICER VISIT

AVA FORDE HAD HER OFFICER VISIT WITH OUR CHAPTER. SHE DID DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES WITH EACH CLASS IN AG CENTERED AROUND TEAMWORK AND LEARNING MORE ABOUT FFA. OUR OFFICERS PUT ON A MINI POTLUCK FOR HER DURING LUNCH.



DAY ON THE HILL

FOUR OF OUR MEMBERS REPRESENTED OUR CHAPTER IN MADISON AT WISCONSIN FFA DAY ON THE HILL, AN ADVOCACY EVENT FOCUSED ON PROMOTING FFA AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION. STUDENTS RECEIVED TRAINING ON EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION WITH ELECTED OFFICIALS AND HEARD FROM MULTIPLE SPEAKERS BEFORE VISITING THE WISCONSIN STATE CAPITOL. WHILE THERE, THEY MET WITH REPRESENTATIVE JENNA JACOBSON AND A STAFF MEMBER FROM SENATOR HOWARD MARKLEIN'S OFFICE. THE EXPERIENCE STRENGTHENED STUDENTS' UNDERSTANDING OF HOW GOVERNMENT ADVOCACY FUNCTIONS AND EMPOWERED THEM TO SHARE THE IMPACT OF FFA AND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 2ND – MARCH 6TH FFA WEEK

MARCH 4TH – SECTIONAL LDES

MARCH 5TH – FFA MEETING

MARCH 17TH – JANESVILLE CDE

MARCH 26TH – PLATTEVILLE CDE

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

Black Hawk School District Referendum Presentations

On the following dates I will be at the listed locations and times to present information and answer questions relative to the April 7, 2026 recurring operational referendum.

March 4, 2026	Village of South Wayne Board Meeting at 6 PM
March 5, 2026	Village of Gratiot Board Meeting at 6 PM
March 18, 2026	Town of Gratiot Board Meeting at 4 PM Town of Cadiz Board Meeting at 7 PM
March 19, 2026	Upper Commons in the School at 6 PM
March 25, 2026	Browntown Civic Center at 6 PM
March 26, 2026	Village Inn (South Wayne) at 6 PM

Other meetings may be added, please check the Website and we will post them on Facebook.

If you would like to discuss the referendum with me or have me share the information with a group, please contact me.

Sincerely,
Willy Chambers
(608) 234-1581
chawil@blackhawk.k12.wi.us

THANK YOU
ALL FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS!



-Mr. Petitjean



State Testing Dates

It is that time again for Black Hawk to participate in the yearly State Assessment Program. The following are the testing windows set by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction.

PreACT[®]

**Freshmen
Sophomores**

**Tuesday/Wednesday
March 24th and 25th**

**No electronics are allowed in the
testing room**

Black Hawk School

ACT[®] Juniors

**Tuesday/Wednesday
March 24th and 25th**

**No electronics are allowed in the
testing room**

Pre-Act is for Freshmen & Sophomores—March 24th and March 25th. (Please do not schedule appointments on this day unless necessary. It is important that all students are present on testing day).

Act Plus writing— is for all Juniors.

It will be given on **March 24th and March 25th.**

*******Any student missing on day two may need to redo all portions of the assessment. This means both Day 1 and Day 2.**

Mrs. McCauley-DAC

608-439-5444

mccat@blackhawk.k12.wi.us



Forward Exam

Grades 3-8 will take the Forward Exam. Sophomores will take the Social Studies portion of the Forward Exam. The testing window is March 16-April 24th. A schedule for Middle School testing will be posted on Schoology. Elementary teachers will provide details pertaining to their class testing schedules.

BH STUDENT COUNCIL

FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES



HEART HUSH

What is it? The heart hush is our school's tradition for Valentine's Day. It's a competition between our student body. During passing periods, the boys want to try to talk to as many girls as they can to steal their hearts. If a girl speaks to them, they lose their heart and have to give it to the boy they lost it to. The boy who collects the most hearts at the end of the school day wins. We held this event on February 13th, and the winner was Ryan Curran collecting a total of 6 hearts!

CRUSH SALES

On February 9th, Taylor Stegall organized selling crush cans and other soda flavors to our high and middle school students during lunch, she did this during the whole week!



MATCH MAKER

Every year, the Student Council organizes a fun activity or fundraiser for the student body. This year, on February 9th, during Advisory, students received a compatibility quiz to see who they matched with in their class and across the high school. On February 13th, the Student Council sold the results for \$1 per sheet. It was great to see students participating and their amusing reactions!

SKI TRIP

On February 25th the high schoolers have their annual ski trip at Chestnut Mountain in Galena, IL. They look forward to this trip every year and are excited to go again!



♥ Heart Hustle ♥

Mrs. Petitjean ended the Fun Runs for the school year with a 1.3 mile Heart Hustle run and some Heart Health Trivia with February being National Heart Health Month. Thanks to the students who participated in these events this year. Keep running!



Fun Run Group



Callum Breadon Finished 1st!



Top Runners Callum & Wade and Trivia Winner Rogan.



When is sick too sick for school?

A regular attendance routine is important for your child's well-being and learning. These tips can help you decide when to keep your child home when they don't feel well.



SEND ME TO SCHOOL IF...

- I have a **runny nose** or just a **little cough**, but no other symptoms.
- I have **NOT had a fever overnight** and **have NOT taken fever reducing medicine** during that time.
- I have a **mild stomach ache**.
- I have **not thrown up** overnight and can drink liquids without throwing up.
- I have a **mild rash** and no other symptoms.
- I have **eye drainage WITHOUT fever**, eye pain or eyelid redness.



KEEP ME AT HOME IF...

- I have a **temperature higher than 100.4**
- I have **thrown up two or more times** in the past 24 hours.
- My **stool is watery** and I may not make it to the bathroom in time.



SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF...

- I have a **temperature higher than 100.4 AND any of the following:** ear pain, sore throat, rash, stomachache, headache or tooth pain.
- I have **stomach pain and fever**, I have **bloody or black stool**, or I am **dehydrated** (tired and sleepy, dry mouth) and/or I have **not urinated** in the last 8 hours.
- I have a **persistent cough** or **trouble breathing**, or have a fever with the cough.
- I have **eye swelling, eye pain** or an **eye injury**.
- I have a **rash that has blisters**, is draining, is painful, looks like bruises, and/or I have a fever with the rash.

If you don't know whether to send your child to school, have specific concerns regarding your child's physical or mental health, or are worried your child will spread illness, contact your child's health care provider, a local urgent care or the school nurse. These tips are not meant to take the place of local health department/school district health guidance including about contagious illnesses such as Covid-19 and the flu.

National Nutrition Month March 1 – March 31



The path to wellness often begins at our plates. National Nutrition Month stands as a testament to the profound impact of making informed food choices and developing sound eating habits. This annual observance not only promotes nutritional knowledge but also emphasizes the vitality of a balanced lifestyle. Come, let's delve into a month brimming with healthful insights and culinary adventures.

What is National Nutrition Month?

National Nutrition Month is a dedicated campaign focusing on the significance of nutrition and health. It seeks to educate individuals about the importance of making informed food choices, developing consistent eating habits, and undertaking regular physical activity. Spearheaded by nutrition professionals and enthusiasts, the month offers a myriad of resources, events, and initiatives to promote a healthier lifestyle for all.

When is National Nutrition Month?

As a beacon of wellness, every March is celebrated as National Nutrition Month, casting a spotlight on dietary habits, food knowledge, and the joys of wholesome eating.

How to Get Involved

Embarking on a nutritional journey? Here's how you can immerse in the celebrations:

- **Attend Workshops:** Engage in nutritional seminars or cooking classes that focus on healthful recipes.
- **Commit to a Challenge:** Try a new healthful recipe every week or pledge to include more fruits and vegetables in your diet.
- **Read and Educate:** Pick up books or articles that enhance your knowledge about nutrition and dietary habits.
- **Share Your Journey:** Document your nutritional adventures on social media, sharing recipes, tips, and milestones.
- **Support Local:** Visit farmers' markets or local producers to get fresh, nutritious ingredients and support community-based agriculture.

History of the Event

Originally established as a week-long event in 1973, National Nutrition Month expanded to a month-long observance in 1980 due to growing public interest in nutrition. The initiative was driven by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, an organization committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the profession of dietetics. Over the years, it has evolved into a significant annual event promoting the pivotal role nutrition plays in overall health and well-being.

Relevant Hashtags

Dive into the digital celebration and spread the word with these trending hashtags:

- #NationalNutritionMonth2024
- #EatRight
- #NutritionMatters
- #HealthyEating
- #FoodForWellness



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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JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH



NOVA CODY
2ND GRADE



BROOKLYN STREET
7TH GRADE



ALYVIA RUEGSEGGER
12TH GRADE

SPONSORED BY THE BANK OF NEW GLARUS & WOODFORD STATE BANK

Parent's Club

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!

Haley Larse, President

Courtney Grossen, Vice-President

Nicole Lewis, Treasurer

Chris Ruegsegger, Secretary



STUDENT *of the* MONTH

AT BLACK HAWK HIGH SCHOOL IS 18-YEAR-OLD



Alyvia Ruegsegger

DAUGHTER OF RUSS & SHEILA RUEGSEGGER



FUTURE PLANS

Attending UW-Madison to major in Agriculture & Applied Economics

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

FFA, FBLA, DECA, NHS, Forensics, Track & Musical

HONORS

Distinguished Honors, FFA State Degree & State FFA Honors Band

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

4-H, Helper at Our Savior's Lutheran Church Sunday School

HOBBIES

Spending time with family & friends & showing chickens

VOLUNTEERING

Middle School FFA Quizbowl Coach, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, FFA & FBLA

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5800 Philipps Street
Gratiot, WI 53541
608-922-6422



Revtrak



Pay fees online!

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

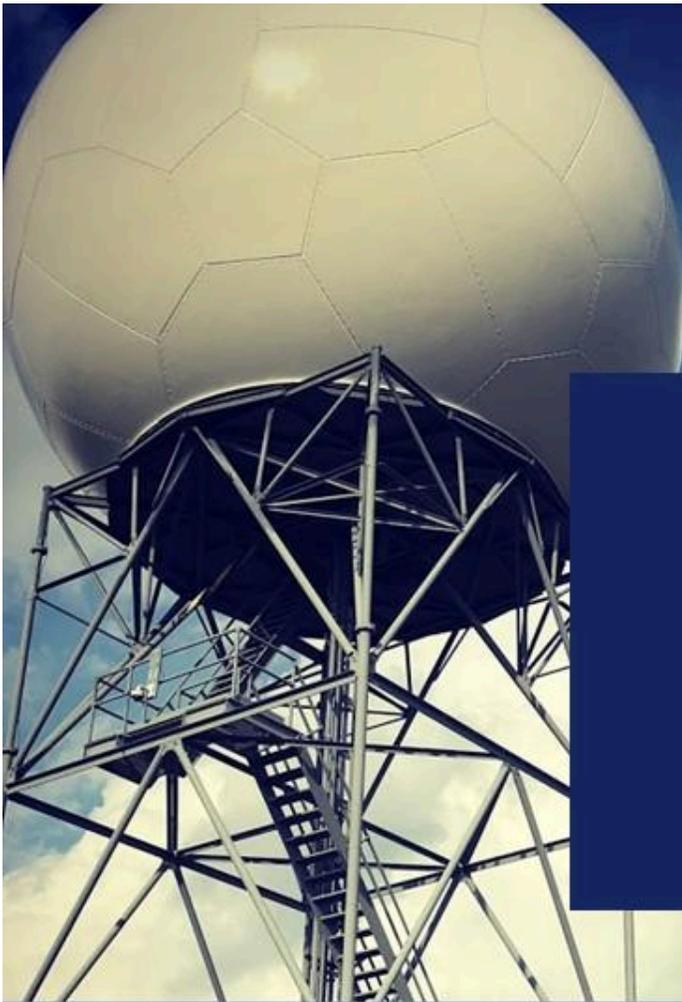


4. Choose the area to which you wish to give a supportive gift, indicating as much specific information as you wish.

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!



JOIN US FOR FREE STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

Tuesday, April 28th, 2026
1:00-3:00pm
Green County Justice Center
2841 6th St, Monroe, WI

Come Learn About:

- Severe Weather & Weather Safety
- How to be severe weather aware
- Severe Weather Watches and Warnings
- How you can help the National Weather Service as a Trained Spotter

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

No pre-registration
required.



Sponsored by Green County Emergency Management

Book Fair is coming

April 27th-May 1st



More information coming next month.

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 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) 439-5371 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

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2026



The meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson at 6:00 pm in the upper commons, The following members were present Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegesseger, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem and Jason Figi. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz, Tammy Zimmerman and 8 guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to consent to agenda which includes the financial report as presented, which includes checks written, ACH payments, journal entries, cash receipts, and the cash reconciliation for the prior month, posting of the agenda, minutes from the December 10, 2025, meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report: Chambers-Just to make it part of the record again: The Board has forfeited its salaries for the current year. Neither the Board nor the administration will be attending the State Education Convention this month. Both efforts are part of the cost-cutting efforts this year.

I am checking into providing the Anxious Generation presentation to our community via the funds that can only be spent on student mental health. I believe Val thought this was worthwhile, and I just saw the presentation at the Business & Education Summit in Fennimore on Friday and believe it could be very beneficial to our families.

I met with the staff last week on Wednesday and discussed with them the need to be responsive to community members if questioned about the need for the referendum. I did not suggest they should get into a disagreement or address anyone who was looking for "fight". I simply believe that the staff needs to be willing to at least respond to the community, or the community will perceive that lack of responsiveness as there is no need for the money requested. I believe that to be the same for the Board. There is a talking points document attached for reference (which is a work in progress).

There is a committee meeting tomorrow at 4:30. I recommend if possible for Board members attend. I understand that some, if not all of you, cannot make it due to your work.

I will start setting up times for my presentations. My presentation will not influence the community significantly enough to change the outcome. It will need to involve staff, Board, and community members to provide insight to the voters to inform their decisions.

I forwarded you an email from the Kettle Moraine School District proposing a change to WASB membership. After I briefly reviewed the proposal, I would recommend that you do not jump on this initiative. WASB does a lot for the Board and represents all Boards in the state. At all times, they can not align perfectly with all school Boards, but generally the Board needs an organization to represent your voice at the state level.

I have attached a letter sent to Dee and me via email discussing the SWTC Board appointment committee.

Milz:

1. High School Final Exams are taking place on Thursday, January 15, and Friday, January 16. First semester grading period wraps up on Monday, January 19. All high school students are required to take final exams. High school final exams count as 15% of a student's semester grade.
3. Black Hawk HS will be presenting a musical production on March 27 - 29. The musical will be Little Women. The directors are Mr. Duff- Bowers, Mr. Dan Sniff, and assisted by Mr. Amweg.
4. Scripps Spelling Bee competition will be held on January 15 @ 9 a.m. Visitors are welcome. Congratulations to the following students who will be competing to represent Black Hawk at the regional spelling bee competition. The top two spellers from Black Hawk will travel to Fennimore on February 4, 2026, for the Regional Spelling Bee competition held at Southwest Technical College.
5. January 7. Professional collaboration time focused on grading standardization on writing conventions at the MS/HS level,

preparations for standardized test prep. Elementary teachers focused on spring screenings in math and reading, ACT 20 student reading plans and parent communication.

6. Forensics season is underway. 13 participants (1 male)

7. Thank you to the BH cheerleaders, Mrs. Buss and Mrs. Curran for sponsoring and working with our elementary students in their Halftime performance last week. We are grateful for staff members who are willing to offer activities and experiences for our students beyond the classroom.

8. February 13, the Middle School Student Council sponsored a ski trip for middle school students.

9. Six Rivers Conference Honors band performance will be held on January 28 in Barneveld?.

AD Report January 2026

- After attending the meeting with AD's from Six Rivers, SWAL, Scenic Bluffs a spattering of other southern WI conferences, most AD's were not satisfied with the product that Arbiter will be offering and sought to look at other products. Bound is the name of another product. A meeting was set to meet with them virtually and I attended that as I could around my teaching schedule. At the January meeting of Six Rivers AD's it was discussed at length and the AD's voted to ask the principals and superintendents to use Bound rather than Arbiter. This has put a strong pause on scheduling and contracting for future years. At the moment, we cannot add any games to our schedules. Potentially, we could have a significant amount of work to get things back up to speed regardless of what service we subscribe to. I will gladly give more information to anyone who wants more details.
- We honored Coach Mike Flanagan on January 5 for his induction into the WBCA Hall of Fame. It was nice to see so many from both the Black Hawk and Darlington communities as well as former players, coaches and colleagues come and recognize Coach Flanagan for his remarkable achievement. He joins Coach Murphy, Coach Mortimer, and Coach Milz as individuals who were inducted into their respective coaching association's fraternity.
- Coach Cortney Buss did a remarkable job with her cheerleading crew to have a wonderful halftime performance last Friday night. Coach Buss has been doing a great job of coaching her cheer team to be a supportive group around our winter sports teams as they cheer, make banners and remain positive in circumstances when that is tough.
- Congratulations to Dax Paquin and Maddox Hocking for their qualifying for JV Wrestling State in Waukesha later this month. This is a great opportunity for two first time high school wrestlers.
- The MS wrestling team got their first taste of competition on Monday at Belmont with some great results as well. Coach Kyle Stauffacher has been encouraging that group of young men and women to participate and we have generally good numbers.
- Coach's Flanagan and Flanagan have upcoming youth nights at our home basketball events and continue to promote their programs through the youth participation and involvement.
- I have had a couple of conversations with the WIAA about rules regarding participation limits for individuals as the current rule is not beneficial to struggling programs. I have been given assurances that the rules will be adjusted although it no longer is applicable to our girls program as we have fewer than 10 players available to play at the current time.
- Most 2026-2027 fall sports schedules are complete. (Var, JV, MS football and Var, JV volleyball)
- 2026-27 winter sports schedules are a work in progress but are 75-85% complete.
- I am planning to have a late spring meeting for all athletes and parents to gather as much documentation as I can. Collecting physicals, activity codes, concussion forms, eligibility forms... is a headache and sporadic. Anything I can do to make that more efficient will be helpful. I'm looking at streamlining the process.

- Thanks to Mr Milz for his spearheading our academic accountability for athletes and other extracurricular activities. I believe this has made a positive impact on our keeping students responsible for their grades and staying up to date with missing work and assignments.

Board of Education Report: Lower Bathroom doors being wide open at games could they be closed at the end of day and not be open during games.

The referendum was approved in December and the only information in the January newsletter was the minutes for approving it and nothing supporting it we need to be on top of getting information to the public.

Board: Question was asked about whether we are hiring our 3rd Baseball Coach. Question about Girls Basketball Program for 2026-27 with the low numbers of girls. Would girls be able to play on a JV team somewhere and they could play on a JV team for another District. Payton Calow has not submitted letter of resignation for Boys Basketball Coaching, and we have not hired a JV Boys Basketball Coach or a volunteer coach at the Board level but we have people in the position.

It was noted that the following have declared candidacy for Spring election for school board and will appear on the ballot in the following order. Dustin Williams, Brenda Peterson, Clayton Ruegsegger

Referendum meeting meet before the Regular meeting. Here are some things that were taken from it- It is recommended that Board members attend the referendum meetings if they can, need to have a statement from the Board appeasement to the public to give a view of how we stand and cuts that we have made and why we are in a situation that we are in.

Please have a list of people that are working the concession stands each month along with donations.

Colony Brands	Monetary donations to the Warrior Backpack Program	December
Gratiot VFW	Monetary donations to the Warrior Backpack Program	December
Janel and Mike Marty	\$200.00 to the Warrior Care Program	12/11/2025
Caden Strunz	\$60.00 and food for the Warrior Care, Backpack Program and Nurse's snacks	December
Larry and Cali Lelle	\$3000 for STEM related course work	December
Jeff Ditzenberger - TUGS Group	\$1000 towards food insecurity	December
Dee and RJ Paulson	Stomp/Stress Board to Special Needs Program	December

Nikki Komprood for the Warrior Table Cover for the ticket takers.

Public comment was called for. - NONE

Milz went over District Report Card- Explanation and Comparisons

Milk initiative - Schliem the congress passed the whole milk initiative that food can order whole milk and flavored by milk. Put on agenda item next month as the Board has to approve it. since it has not been signed into Congress yet.

Motion by Fig seconded Baumgartner to acknowledge receipt of the Audit report prepared by Lauterbach & Amen dated December 2, 2025. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey The Board of Education approved no seat limits in regular education open enrollment, Early Childhood 3-year-old, and 4K special education programs. The Board of Education approved and granted guaranteed preference and approval to current open-enrolled students and their siblings who meet the decisional criteria for non-resident applications. Due to the caseload numbers, there are no other seats available in any other special

education programs at any grade level. to approve the open enrollment program and class limits as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the 2026-2027 Course Book. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Schliem to approve Graduation requirement of one-half credit for 21st Century Learning skills. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve the approve splitting the Musical Director Position between Mr. Amweg and Mr. Sniff. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to not require teachers to pay for subs for school activities when they have to take students to competitions or workshops at this time. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to convey to executive session at 7:52 pm president's announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f, Wisconsin State Statutes - personnel - 19.85(1)(C) Motin carried on a roll call vote Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegsegger, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem and Jason Figi.

The Board returned to open session at 9:35 pm.

Act on matter deliberated in closed session.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to not rehire a teacher that has given notice and eliminate the Spanish Teaching position and look at offering Spanish online. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Stauffacher and seconded by Baumgartner to pay all employees overtime as it is earned and any employee that is owed overtime pay will be settled up on the January 30, 2026 payroll. The motion carried on a voice vote with Paulson abstaining.

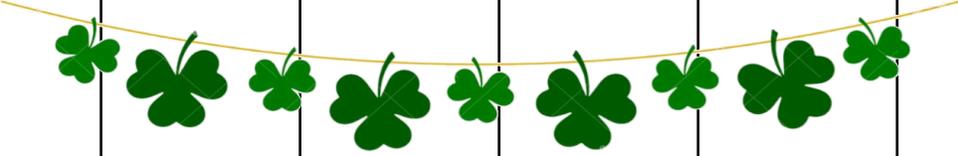
Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Schliem to adjourn at 9:36 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Next regular meeting will be February 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Forensics @ Madison Memorial
						
8	9	10	11 130p Early Release 5p Referendum Committee 6p School Board Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17 Forensics District @ Barneveld Track- @ University of Dubuque	18	19 End of 3rd Qtr	20 No School/Staff Work Day	21
22	23	24 Pre-ACT (Freshman & Sophomores) ACT (Juniors)	25 Pre-ACT (Freshman & Sophomores) ACT (Juniors)	26 Musical Performance for Students Track @ UWP	27 7p Musical	28 7p Musical
29 2p Musical	30 4K Screening 5p SB @ Argyle w/Iowa-Grant	31 4K Screening 5p BB @ Argyle w/Iowa-Grant 5p SB @ Argyle w/Parkview Track (H)				

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
2 Strawberry Bagel Peaches Pears Milk	3 Pancakes Peaches Pears Milk	4 Blueberry Waffle Peaches Mixed Fruit Milk	5 Chocolate Chip French Toast Peaches Pears Milk 	6 Cereal Bar or Nutrigrain Bar Goldfish Crackers Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk
9 Muffin Granola Bites Apple Milk	10 French Toast Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk 	11 Cinnamon Roll Applesauce Pears Milk	12 Pancake Wrap Mixed Fruit Applesauce Milk	13 Bacon, Egg, & Cheese Bagel Granola Bar Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk
16 Pop Tart Granola Bites Apple Milk	17 Strudel Stick Yogurt Apple Milk	18 Breakfast Pizza Goldfish Crackers Applesauce Pears Milk	19 Waffles Granola Bites Apple Milk	20 No School
23 Banana Bread Cheese Stick Orange Peaches Milk	24 Berry French Toast Applesauce Mixed Fruit  Milk	25 Cinnamon Bagel Mixed Fruit Peaches Milk	26 Sausage Breakfast Bagel Yogurt Apple Milk	27 Long John Apple Juice Applesauce Milk
30 Assorted Cereal Yogurt Apple Juice Peaches Milk	31 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Bar Yogurt Apple Milk			

Lunch Menu

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Whole Wheat Peanut Butter & Jelly Served Daily WG-Whole Grain

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Corn Dog Cheezits Cauliflower Orange Milk	3 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice Sweet Potatoes Fruit Cocktail	4 Quesadilla Broccoli Slushie Milk	5 Ham Scalloped Potatoes Breadstick Granola Bites Applesauce Milk	6 Fish Sticks Granola Bites Green Beans Orange Milk 
9 Ravioli WG Doritos Carrots Apple Milk	10 Taco Meat Soft Shell Baked Scoops Broccoli Strawberry Cup Milk	11 Pork Patty/Bun Green Beans Apple Milk 	12 Chicken Patty/Bun Goldfish Crackers Cauliflower Pears Milk	13 Pizza Cheezits Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk
16 French Bread Pizza Cheesestick Broccoli Applesauce Milk	17 Chicken Nuggets Granola Bites Cauliflower Peaches Milk	18 Corn Dog Baked Scoops Green Beans Orange Milk	19 French Toast Sausage Patty Cheesestick Hashbrown Juice Milk	20 No School
23 Mini Corn Dogs WG Doritos Green Beans Juice Milk	24 Hamburger/Bun Cheese Slice French Fries Applesauce Milk 	25 Pizza Dippers/ Sauce Cheezits Broccoli Grapes Milk	26 Mac & Cheese Carrots Cheesestick Apple Milk	27 Cod Square/Bun Cheesestick Cauliflower Orange Milk
30 Hot Dog/Bun Baked Beans Mixed Fruit Milk	31 Sloppy Joe/Bun Cheesestick Cauliflower Milk			

NOTICE OF ELECTION
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK
APRIL 7, 2026

Referendum Details

At an election in the School District of Black Hawk on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 202 East Center Street, South Wayne, Wisconsin.

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.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact William Chambers, District Administrator.

Done in the School District of Black Hawk
Jason Figi
District Clerk

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

April 7, 2026

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 an election will be held on April 7, 2026, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Two (2) school board seats are up for election, with three (3) candidates running. The candidates are as follows:

Dustin Williams

Brenda K. Peterson

Clayton Ruegsegger

The following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

1. Gratiot Community Center (Old Middle School Building) for the Village of Gratiot.
2. Gratiot Community Center (Old Middle School Building) in the Village of Gratiot for the Township of Gratiot.
3. South Wayne Fire House in the Village of South Wayne for the Village of South Wayne.
4. South Wayne Fire House in the Village of South Wayne for the Township of Wayne.
5. Old Rock Church, 16787 County Trunk W, Shullsburg for the Township of Monticello.
6. Town Hall of Wiota for the Township of Wiota.
7. Town Hall of Darlington for the Township of Darlington.
8. Cadiz Town Hall, W8445 County Rd B, Browntown for the Town of Cadiz.
9. Town Hall of Jordan, W8495 State Highway 81, Argyle, WI for the Township of Jordan.

Jason Figi, Clerk

Jason Figi, Black Hawk School District Clerk



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

Official School Board Ballot
 Nonpartisan Office
 School District of Black Hawk
 April 7, 2026

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See end of ballot for initials).

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name like this:

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

School Board Members
 Vote for not more than 2

- Dustin Williams
- Brenda K. Peterson
- Clayton Ruegsegger

Write-in:

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OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT
 for
 School District of Black Hawk
 April 7, 2026

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To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this:

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this:

School District

Question: Shall the School District of Black Hawk, Lafayette and Green Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$800,000 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, for recurring purposes consisting of operational expenses?

Yes

No

