

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2024



The meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson at 6:00 pm in the Business room. The following members were present Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Clayton Ruegsegger, Dee Paulson, Jason Figi, Kerry Holland, and Val Dunlavey. Also present was the Administration of Wily Chambers, Cory Milz, Eric Erickson, and 6 guests.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to consent to agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote,

Administration Reports:

Chambers: I am currently working on getting the gym floor refinishing set up for this summer. We are considering switching back to Coogan who we used before the floor was replaced. We have not seemed to have much luck with resolving the peeling issue.

This Friday is a professional development day. The plan is to have Brian Kenney work with staff on team-building activities, laser engraver training, and some work time.

I have included the estimate to install the huddle camera. My understanding is that the Booster Club intends to cover the cost of installation.

Or insurance brokers, M3 Insurance, have been working through an RFP for our health insurance. They received three bids. Quartz, Dean, and Anthem all provided bids. The CESA #3 Cooperative met and looked at all options, even though the vote is not final all present supported staying with Quartz. The proposal from Quartz is a 0% increase for this year, a not to exceed 5% for next year, and a not to exceed 6% for the following year. Anthem would not provide any not to exceed guarantees and Dean would do it for only one year.

I hired Chris Stewart for the part-time aide position. If you want me to put this on the agenda for the next meeting please let me know. You gave me approval to hire a position if needed, so I am not sure if you feel you want to do more as a Board.

Milz: 1. Congratulations to Makayla Curran and Reese Smith, both 8th graders for finishing in the top 2 in our Scripps Spelling Bee and competing at the CESA 3 Regional Scripps Spelling Bee in Fennimore on January 24.

2. Ben Mau, from the Madison area laborers union, presented to interested students to give them information about employment opportunities with his union, but also to talk to them about other union apprenticeships and benefits associated with joining a union.

3. Middle school Valentine's Dance is coming up on Thursday, Feb. 15. We want to thank Ms. Kammes and the M.S. student council and the members of the Parent's Club for providing all of the decorations, beverages, and snacks for our middle school students.

4. We want to thank the elementary room parents and the members of the Parent's Club for sponsoring our elementary Valentine's Day parties, which are taking place on Feb. 15.

4. Today, Feb. 14; Brian Kenney worked without freshman and sophomore students on the teambuilding activities to try and help students build stronger class relationships and enhance their communication skills with one another. He will also be working with our staff on Friday, Feb. 16 with team-building activities in an attempt to further enhance camaraderie and communication amongst our staff.

5. Feb. 19 - we are hosting a sub-district Forensics competition here at Black Hawk. Competitors from SW WI will be in using our classrooms starting at 3:45 p.m. There is limited seating for spectators. We have 4 senior girls, 3 sophomore girls, 2 freshman girls, and 1 sophomore boy on the Forensics team this year.

6. Middle school students will be taking their annual ski trip on Friday, Feb. 23. We thank everyone who supports our Butter Braids and cookie dough sales to continue to make this a viable tradition for our students.

7. Mr. Behlke, a business teacher, will be taking senior and junior students on a tour of Epic Systems in Verona on Feb. 26.

8. Gary Cooley and Tom Martin, SW Tech., will be meeting with juniors and sophomores to discuss the requirements for 2024-25 Youth Apprenticeships/concentrators, and School to Work programming on March 4.

9. On March 6, Mrs. Wolff will be taking some of our students to compete in the Six Rivers mathematics competition, hosted by Monticello H.S. this year.

10. This week is National School Bus Drivers Week. We honored our drivers with a \$50 Cenex gift card and elementary school student thank you notes. We appreciate the job that all of our drivers do for our district.

Erickson: Winter sports are winding down. Our girls received the #7 seed in the basketball tournament and will host Shullsburg on Tuesday.

Owen Seffrood and Ashlynn Eckerman will be competing in the sectional wrestling tournament on Saturday for an opportunity to qualify for the state tournament. Owen is undefeated and was the conference champion. Ashlynn

Boys basketball will conclude its regular season play next Thursday against Juda. The seeding for their tournament will come out on Sunday. There is an extremely slim chance that we would host a tournament game.

I am still collecting information from students to be certain they have all their awards that they have earned. Some athletes have not received any and are seniors.

Softball coach update: There are two people who were interested in the softball position we had posted. I, along with Heidi Ganshert, the Argyle AD and Softball coach interviewed one of them. Heidi has worked with and we had hired last year, the other. In my communication with Heidi, she had said she would hire both of them.

Boys Basketball 2024-2025 has a complete schedule and all officials hired
Girls Basketball 2024 -2025 has some holes in the schedule.

Coop conversation - During the MS fall basketball season, I had expressed concern about the number of girls we had participating in the program. We recruited some 6th graders so that we could have a team. The HS numbers were also going to be low although a couple of girls came out and we thought that may help for this year. If everything were to remain "as is", we could support a varsity team next year but a JV team will be a stretch. In November, I started reaching out to all of our neighboring districts to see if a coop conversation would be entertained. Monroe -no, Warren - not interested at this time, Darlington - let's talk, Argyle - let me ask, Shullsburg- no. We will need to find a solution soon.

All conference meetings are coming up and spring sports begin over the next 3-6 weeks.

Public comment was called for none.

Talked about doing a board employee Dinner and Kerry Holland expressed that Kerry and Jenny will be doing a scavenger hunt on April 20 at /the Village Inn. The Board is okay with doing a board employee dinner after the scavenger hunt. Kerry will look at setting up a menu.

Board Summary of Convention Dee, Jim, and Jason gave a brief overview of what happened.

Black Hawk Warren Girls Basketball Coop- was talked about and we are behind the date thought was maybe look at it sooner for the following year. Must be approved by February 1st. Mr. Chambers stated that it was only done every other year so they were on the same schedule so we would have to wait until 2026 to approve. Question was then raised as Argyle- Pec was just done for this year. Chambers will check into it.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the overnight FBLA-Overnight Field Trip from April 7-9, 2024 in Green Bay, Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve payment of ACH payment to the Board of Commissions of Public Land at a cost of \$24,207.53. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Baumgartner to approve 2024-25 calendar A Short. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Stauffacher to approve staff working events in lieu of floating in service. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve providing teachers' aides with more professional development days. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Stauffacher to approve staff working events in lieu of floating in service. The motion failed on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Stauffacher to approve doing a board staff meeting on April 24, 2024 at 4:00 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Holland to approve using WASB Evaluation process for the District Administrator at a cost of \$650 for 3 years. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded Figi to approve looking for a 10-passenger at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. The motion carried on a voice vote. If anyone finds one to let Chambers know.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve Summer School Enrichment of July 12- August 2, 2024. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve Rachel Wolff as National Honor Society Advisor as recommended by Administration. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve Brandon Behlke as assistant Track Coach as recommended by Administration. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by to approve Course Handbook Addendums for 2024-25 as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve Administration using best judgment and having sporting events in events in the event that school is canceled due to weather. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve Chambers being on WIAA AD-Hoc Committee. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Holland to approve Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipient Ms. Peyton Downing and Alternate Ms. Savannah Freitag Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve the Technical Excellence Scholarship Recipient Mr. Lane Jensen
Alternative: Mr. Carter Baumgartner – The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Figi to approve going into executive session at 8:08 pm President announced purpose of executive session Personnel 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion carried on a roll call vote YES- Baumgartner, Paulson, Ruegsegger, Stauffacher, Dunlavey, Holland, and Figi. NO- NONE- ABSENT NONE.

The Board returned to open session at 8:45 pm

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to adjourn at 8:45 pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Board meeting March 13, 2024

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk