

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

## REGULAR MEETING

**JULY 12, 2023**



The School District of Black Hawk Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Dee Paulson. The following members were present Val Dunlavey, Mindy Stauffacher, Kerry Holland, Jim Baumgartner, Dee Paulson, Clayton Ruegsegger and Jason Figi also present was the administration of Willy Chambers. And one guest.

Motion by Holland seconded by Baumgartner to consent to agenda which includes approving minutes June 14 and June 29, 2023, posting of the meeting, the agenda and the financial report. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report:

Chambers: I will be on vacation next week, July 17-21. I am in Canada on a fly-in and do not have cell service, so I will not be able to be reached.

Theresa Burgess is planning to have a discussion with our community stakeholders about school safety. She is trying to get village staff as well as school staff and possibly Board members. Cory is seeing if he can arrange the meeting For August 9 at 5 PM. If you are interested in attending please let us know, if there will be a quorum of the Board present I will need to post it as a Board meeting.

Janet Doherty from Vetex the consultant for Old Republic Surety called me yesterday after meeting with Andrea Jahimiak, legal counsel from Old Republic Surety. She stated that the Old Republic should be reaching out to me in the next day or two. She also stated that both Sjonstrom and Sons and Tricon both provided revised bids on the project. We also know that Sjonstrom and Sons revised bid is \$286,188 over what was provided by Empire

I received an update from Matt Silkey on the projected earnings from the investment earnings of the referendum-approved monies. The current projection is \$598,632.42 with the current arbitrage number coming in at \$611, 478.70. When the budget was figured for the project we used the projected earnings of around \$430,000. The current projection sheet is attached.

I shared with you in an email that the AG has interpreted the ability to refinance a BCPL differently than past AGs. I reached out to Richard Schneider from the BCPL to ask about the interest rates. The following is his reply:

*Hi Willy: if we are required to move down a separate path for approval of the loan, the interest rate will be set when we receive the new application request form that specifies that new approval process. There is interest rate risk on both sides, because if rates decline over the next month or two, the loan would be issued at that lower rate.*

*While DOJ has not changed their position on the original application, discussions will continue and we will hold that interest rate steady through that process.*

*I am traveling this week but will be available to discuss further next week.*

*Thanks, Rich*

I met with 4 staff members that attended a training called Collaboration 2.0 to discuss some of their thoughts. The three days included PD on the following three topics.

1. The Power of a Positive Team
2. Collaborating for Observable Impact
3. Learning Focus Instructional Framework

I also heard from Zac Hess who is a person we started working with through M3/Quartz. The effort is directed at creating a more positive staff environment. He can work with our staff and we could fund the initial meetings from the "get Kids Ahead Funding". He is also working with M3 to see if they are willing to fund some of the work.

Public Comment was called for: Kevin from the South Wayne Village Board told the Board that the Village is looking at putting in Golf Frisbee and one of the areas would need to be on school owned ground. He was just giving us information at this time and will move forward if and when the time comes he will come back to Board.

Discussion Item: It was noted that we do not want to go ahead with Vapor sensors at this time due to cost.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve a 5 year contract for copiers from Rhymes for copiers for 60 months at a cost of \$662.66 per month. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve CESA #3 Contract for Speech and Language Pathologist at a cost of \$98900 person will be on site Tuesday through Friday and will use Monday as a prep day. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve amendments to the school calendar for 2023-24 changes early release on 3rd Wednesday at 1:00pm monthly, Last day of school will be May 24, 2024, 8th Grade Promotion will be May 23, 2023, High School Graduation will be May 17, 2024, Remove January 15, 2024 Vacation Day, Remove the December 22, 2023 half day and make it a full day and include 4 vacation days. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Academic Standards for as presented for 2023-24 school year. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Baumgartner to convene into executive session at 7:30 pm President's announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85 (1) items b,c, and f, Wisconsin State Statutes. Motion carried on a roll call vote YES, Stauffacher, Dunlavey, Baumgartner, Holland, Ruegsegger, Paulson, Figi. NO-NONE, ABSENT-NONE

The Board returned to open session at 8:07pm

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to adjourn at 8:07 pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Regular meeting August 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk