

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 13, 2024



The board meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson in the Business Room at 6:00 pm. The following members were present Mindy Stauffacher, Clayton Ruegsegger, Kerry Holland, Jim Baumgartner, Val Dunlavey, Dee Paulson and Jason Figi also present was Administration of Willy Chambers and Cory Milz, AD Director Eric Erickson and 4 guests.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to consent to agenda which includes minutes from February 14, 2024, meeting was posted as required and the financial report as presented. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration reports:

Chambers: We have scheduled Mr. Milz, Mrs. McCauley, Ms. Gastel, and me to do the required training for the ACT 20 administrative requirement. We will be training for a total of 6 days which will include April 8, 9, 22, and 29 and May 15. I have asked Mr. Mortimer to sub for administration when he is available.

We are working on scheduling the required training for teachers. The K-3rd grade teachers and reading specialists are all required to receive professional development. There are 11 staff members in the noted assignments.

I will bring the graduation and promotion dates to you next month for your approval for the 2024-2025 school year.

This summer I will be taking three different vacations which is more than my normal.

- June 11-13 - Golfing with Friends (3 Vacation Days)
- June 23-Jul 4 - Germany Trip with family (8 vacation days)
- July 18-22 - Canada Fishing Trip (3 vacation days)

The refrigerator in the lounge decided it was retiring. We purchased a replacement from Kevin's Appliance and Superstore. I used the staff appreciation account to cover the cost.

Milz: 1. Tara Kammes, M.S. student council advisor, completed running a cookie dough fundraising effort to continue to raise funds for middle school-related activities, such as the annual ski trip and incentive activities for 4th and 5th grades. We want to thank her for continuing the work that needs to be done to continue what has become a tradition here at Black Hawk Middle School. The middle school students attended the ski trip on February 23.

3. Thanks to FFA officer team, their parents, and others for organizing and hosting the annual FFA Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 18. Our officer team has done an outstanding job organizing activities and events in Ms. Nehs' absence from the school building.

4. Elementary staff hosted for students during the week of March 4 – 8, Read Across America Week; a spring fling for the elementary students. Each day was a different dress-up day and reading challenge for our students.

5. Ms. Wolff took sixteen students to Monticello High School on March 6 to compete in the Six Rivers Mathematics Challenge. All fourteen schools were represented at this competition. Black Hawk H.S. came in 2nd to Highland H.S. Gold medal placements were: Alyvia Ruegsegger, Beau Bredeson, Gavin Smith, and Lane Marty. Silver medal placements were: Molly Edler, Maddy Place

6. Congratulations to Gavin Smith for being selected for the 2nd year in a row to the FFA State Choir.

7. High school staff and students are preparing for the statewide assessments taking place on Tuesday, March 26. Juniors will take the ACT and freshman/sophomores will need to take the Pre-ACT and Forward Exams. Student performance on these tests goes into a formula to determine how the Department of Public Instruction reports out a school grade for each of Wisconsin's public schools.

8. Musical, Shrek, will be performed at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 22; Saturday, March 23; and Sunday matinee performance on, March 24. Would like to thank Mr. Duff-Bowers, Mr. Amweg for their work in preparing our students for this performance. Also, would like to thank Ms. Tara Kammes for her volunteer work in assisting with set design.

9. Freshman – juniors have registered for 2024-2025 classes. I am currently working on the schedule.

10. FFA Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for this Saturday, March 16.

11. I am currently taking 7, 7th graders to Lafayette County Memorial Hospital on five Tuesdays in March to participate in their Club Scrub program to learn about professions within the medical fields.

12. On March 11, Ms. Crotty, guidance counselor, took 18 seniors to Colony Brands to learn about employment opportunities and earn consideration for scholarships.

13. The 9th grade through 5th grade classes are piloting a social- emotional program called EduGuide. The promoters of this program suggest that participation in this program reduces student absence, assists in emotional regulation, decreases negative behaviors, and increases students' positive feelings towards academics and giving their best efforts. We are hoping that we see a bump in student participation.

Erickson:

Winter sports have finished:

- Owen Seffrood - State Champion.
 - First in BH history
 - First in "Warbird" history
 - Finished the season undefeated
 - Thanks to all who helped put together the celebration for this milestone
- Girls basketball finished the conference season tied for third in the conference and placed 6 people on all-conference team
 - Maddy Lange and Kendra Haldiman were voted 2nd team
 - Maddy Place, Mya Milz, Hailey Wellnitz and Keira Haldiman were all HM
 - Veronica Cheatham was selected to the conference Sportsmanship Team
 - Awards night is next Thursday

- Boys basketball finished 6th in the conference and placed 2 on the all-conference teams

- Andrew Figi and Trae Hagen were voted honorable mention

- James Holland was selected to the conference Sportsmanship Team

- They also have their awards coming up

Evaluations- I have set up an evaluation that I intend to use with all coaches. I will set up times with each of the coaches after their awards nights.

Congratulations to Andrew Figi for being selected to play in the WFCB All-Star game this summer as a Defensive back on the small school south squad.

Spring sports are ramping up -

- Track and field started with the first meet of the season last night.
 - Our numbers are pretty good except for the freshman boys (13 boys/16 girls)
- Softball started Monday. There are three girls currently signed up to play who have completed all the necessary paperwork. More to be discussed.
- Baseball started with pitchers and catchers this week and we had 8 parents attend the parent meeting on Sunday night.

- Girls' basketball coop conversation has continued. I can give you an update from what I know if you would like.

I would like to get the banners updated in the gym. I would also like to get a sign that recognizes all of our individual state champions in the gym. (I can give personal comment to that if necessary)

Public Comment was called for: None

Board of Education Report: Dunlavey questioned about updating the Sports Banners in the Gym with Booster Club Funds

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve having the Board Employee April 6th at the Village in. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve adding basketball cheerleading to budget cycle of \$750/year and \$1500 for uniforms in the cycle of 5 years beginning in 2024-25. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Academic and Career Plan as prepared by Ms. Crotty. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Stauffacher and seconded by Dunlavey to approve Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. for a 3 year contract as presented through 2026-27 school year \$2700/year and \$50/month for Global SDS Database. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Chambers to attend National Rural Schools Association Conference in Savannah, GA on Oct 31-Nov 1 this will replace the National Superintendents Conference which is already in his contract. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve fall 2024-25 Dual Credit Applications as presented for 15 students. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve all softball practices in Argyle this year 2024. Roll call vote was called YES - Ruegsegger, Dunlavey, Paulson, Holland and NO-Baumgartner, Figi, Stauffacher motion carried this is only for 2024 season.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Dunlavey to approve dropping Golf Program. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Stauffacher to approve hiring Christine Stewart as an aide Mon-Thurs 10a-3p. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Holland and seconded by Figi to approve going into executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f, Wisconsin State Statutes. Motion carried on a voice vote YES-Ruegsegger, Stauffacher, Dunlavey, Figi, Paulson, Holland and Baumgartner.

The board returned to open session at 7:45pm.

Act on matters deliberated- None

Motion by Holland and seconded by Baumgartner to adjourn at 7:45pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Board meeting April 10, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk