

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 8, 2024



The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Business Room by President Dee Paulson. The following Board Members were present Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, Clayton Ruegsegger, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey and Jason Figi Also present was administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz and 10 guest.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to consent to agenda moving Girls Basketball Coaching Contract, Principal Contract, and Administration Contract to after executive. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report:

Chambers:

The new shed doors and interior walls are being completed.

I have 5 or 6 people inquiring about the Morton shed.

Last weekend I worked on emptying the Director's office and getting the records moved into the room. There is a lot of work left to do. I also moved some items down from the 3rd floor.

RJ has been working on cleaning up the shed and other items in preparation for the changeover. I believe he has asked Jack and Matt to assist with some of the items.

The district has secured \$50 gift cards for staff appreciation week.

Today was the fourth day of administrative training for the ACT 20 requirements.

Thank you to the staff and students for the efforts they have put into the two track meets this year. They went well, especially considering the obstacles presented by the construction.

The majority of the building will not be accessible for the month of June and the first two weeks of July due to the demolition.

As you already know the chimney has been plugged to avoid any harm to the chimney swifts.

Milz:

1. Thank you to Cottonwood Dairy for hosting our 4th grade students at the Lafayette County Day at the Dairy, on May 9.
2. Congrats to Maggie Setterstrom and the elementary students on a fine musical performance this afternoon. Lots of hard work by Ms. Setterstrom and the kids did great. MS/HS concert is tonight at 7:00 p.m.
3. Shout out and much thanks to Ms. Tara Kammes for all the work she did to make prom a memorable experience for our junior class and all students.
4. Would like to thank Ms. Crotty for organizing our Senior Scholarship Night and a huge debt of gratitude to all the families and organizations who provided monetary scholarships for our graduating seniors.
5. Want to thank members of the Gratiot Sportsman's Club for hosting our 6th grades for a day of outdoor activities coming up this Friday, May 10.
6. Would like to thank Parent's Club for supporting our May field trips and also for their gracious service of snacks and beverages for our staff during this week's staff appreciation week. Also, thank you to Parent's Club for supporting our positive student culture program, called Gotcha.
7. This week for Teacher (Staff) Appreciation Week, the School Improvement Committee, myself, along with Mrs. Melissa Pickett put on a fun competition for school staff, called The Contest. Each day this week there were missions for teams of staff to accomplish, culminating in a final display of competition on Thursday, May 9 for the title of winning team.
8. Academic awards programs are Monday, May 13 for high school and May 20 for middle school. Parents, public is welcome to attend. May 13's program will begin at 11:15 a.m. May 20th's program will begin at 10:40 a.m.
9. High school track team is once again hosting the Elementary Olympics. This will take place the afternoon of May 16, beginning at 12:30 p.m.
10. May 22 and 23 are high school final exams. We do have a 2nd semester final exam waiver for students to obtain if they meet specific requirements that are defined in our student handbook.
11. Thanks to Mr. Scott Nelson, for bringing an A.I. simulator for our animal science students to practice techniques on. Due to bird flu, many cattle operators do not want unnecessary contact with their animals.
12. Thank you to Cottonwood Dairy for hosting our 4th graders on May 9 for the annual Day @ The Dairy.

13. Shout to Rebecca Neff and Lexis Webber for taking some of our students to the Champion Games held at Boscobel Schools. They will be competing on Friday, May 10.

Erickson:

Spring Sports are hitting at the peak of season with Conference meets just around the corner.

All Sports have had their struggle with weather

I thank the village for getting the fields ready for games, because of my involvement in head coaching I appreciate all the help that I have received.

There have been some snags in communication with the Coops working on making things smoother.

We have hosted a handful of games and a large track meet both at Middle School and High School Levels.

Spring has been kept busy with athletic code violations and academic struggles. I'm grateful for Mr. Milz of keeping things in front of me.

Girls Basketball Warren has decided that they will run their own this year. Monroe has given some consideration and communicated well with me.

On Monday I will announce nominees for Scholar Athletics as well as a few kids that are on the Academic All State Track and Field Team.

We are looking at hosting a WIAA physical opportunity over the summer this will be an opportunity for Students to get physicals for the upcoming sports season.

I'm finalizing the 2024 Middle School Fall Season for VB, GBB, and BBB.

Will create a master schedule for pocket and poster for 2024-25 school year.

Board of Education Report: Question was asked as to why the school did not recognize Football, Volleyball and Basketball for Academic Excellence for students that exceed in classroom while still doing sports Mr. Erickson stated that it was a learning curve and over sight.

Public comment was called for: None

The Board is working on a calendar for what days of the week and or month we will recognize staff for appreciation.

On May 23rd the Board will meet to discuss what to put on the Administrator's Evaluation

The Board needs to look at our current lockdown procedure and see what needs to be improved or worked on. – Look at replacing 6 classroom doors with contingency fund money.

Class size and staffing 4th and 5th Grade having one class size with high needs kids. Concern was brought forth about having 4th Grade with 18 students in one room with some higher needs.

The board set May 23rd 2024 at 6:00 pm to work on items to be included in Administration Evaluation

Looking at having Administration put together guides for Aides also looking at having someone on site to do a program maybe through CESA

The Board wants to discuss lockdown procedure per Mr. Chambers it should be done in closed session.

Board is looking at getting numbers for staff and student ratio as a teacher voiced concern that with students with high needs it disrupts the class and the teacher is not able to help and focus on other kids.

Guidance Counselor/Psychologist Position looking at making it a year round position. Mr. Chambers to check with Pec as they have a position like this that they are utilizing.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve FBLA attending National Trip June 28- July 2, 2024 in Orlando Florida. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve a \$25 fee for materials for 4 year old Kindergartens. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve short term borrowing if needed to use Woodford State bank for 2024 at a rate of 4.5%. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to approve the resignation of Lexis Webber as Middle School Special Education Teacher. The motion carried on a voice vote. The Board will set up a time to do exit interview.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to accept the resignation of Payton Calow as Assistant Football Coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Baumgartner to approve hiring of Michael Flanagan as Assistant Football coach for 2023-24. The motion carried on a voice vote. (The purpose of this is Flanagan has yet to be paid for the Football Season of coaching for 2023-24 school year as it was missed by Administration)

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve hiring Brandon Bhelke as Assistant Football Coach for 2024-25. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve hiring Travis Signer as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Support Staff Letters of Intent as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Teachers contracts that were returned and signed as employment for 2024-25 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Baumgartner to approve the Bookkeepers contract as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve hiring Mike Flanagan as Middle School Track assistant in Group IV for 2023-24. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to approve posting for additional custodial help for summer 2024. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Baumgartner to approve selling the Morton Building to the highest Bidder. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to go into executive session at 7:45 pm announcement of purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f Wisconsin State Statutes The Motion carried on a voice vote YES- Paulson, Baumgartner, Ruegsegger, Stauffacher, Dunlavey, Schliem, Figi, NO-None, ABSENT-None.

The Board returned to executive session at 8:30 pm

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve tabling the Head Girls Basketball Coach until the June 12, 2024 meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to approve the Principal Contract for 2024-25 with errors to be fixed. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the Administration contract for 2024-25 with error to be fixed. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Office Staff to work at home following surgery only if Doctor approves work from home a limitation. Board will grant Doctor Request and allow work at home. The motion carried on a voice vote.

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

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk