

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 8, 2023



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

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to consent to agenda. A discussion was had about the garage cost we will only be approving the \$27,342 down payment for that. A question was raised about why it was not approved by the board and this cost is covered under the \$850,000 loan. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration report:

Construction Stuff:

The temp fence at the front of the parking lot is up. The rest will be done next week after a few other projects are completed.

The temporary offices are ready to move into, except for the data which will be completed by TC Networks tomorrow. We will start the transition on Friday.

The power to the construction trailer is installed.

Friday and possibly Saturday, M2 will remove the main section of the blacktop on the original parking lot. They will start construction on the construction entrance either Saturday or first thing Monday.

POB will come to stake the building site on Monday and Jon Curran will be locating some of the services on Monday as well.

I am supposed to have the new construction schedule by Friday. We have a revised payout schedule as of today.

The first payment request has been submitted. The request for \$434,227.50 has been submitted. HSR will review it for verification of the scope of work that has been completed. We will then work with PMA to pay the bill assuming HSR verifies the scope.

Scott Krieg was at the village meeting on Monday to present and have the final building permit approved. Scott Jelle told Scott the permit would be in hand by the end of this week.

The schedule going forward is definitely dependent on the weather. But when I asked about the schedule related to the destruction of the old building and moving into the new spaces Scott stated they currently plan on destruction at the beginning of summer knowing that we need to occupy the new spaces for that to happen.

This coming Wednesday will be the 2nd early release day provided by the Board. Thank you.

Thank you to Dusty Williams, Rachel Wolff, Mike Powers, Kurt Ellefson, and Dee Paulson for the words of wisdom at the groundbreaking. Thank you to all of you that were able to come and support the ceremonial event. Thank you to Dee, Jim, and Jason for your efforts to plan the event.

As I noted in an email to the Board we are applying for a Stronger Connections Grant through the DPI. The survey we sent out to gather community input currently has 40 responses. The ideas that will be placed in the grant are as follows:

1. Provide training for staff on SEL
2. Continue the work we just started on staff morale.
3. Hire a .5 FTE counselor to work with individuals and small groups struggling with SEL/Mental Health.
4. Provide stipends for the SIC members when they work on these initiatives.

5. Parent/ Community nights to discuss mental health and parenting skills
6. Pay for sessions with a private psychologist, the sessions are to be held at school, for students who are struggling.

This is a grant of up to \$300,000 and covers two full years (money to be spent by September of 2026).

Green County is considering providing some funds to help with student needs in each of the districts. More to come.

Milz: Thank all of the volunteers this year who came to speak to our students for our Career Awareness Day. We had 15 total speakers representing a diversity of local careers and jobs. Thank you to Steve Herbst for serving as our headline speaker.

Thank you to the Parent's Club for their support of the middle school Fall Dance and the elementary room parties.

Juniors were administered the Pre-ACT on October 27. We use the data collected on this test to help students plan for identifying areas of academic growth.

Cathy McCauley is running a Book Fair this past week for students. Cathy should be commended for the job she does trying to find books and content that the students will enjoy reading.

We've had numerous academic field trips in November for mathematics, biology, and for anatomy/physiology; as well as for agricultural-related trips.

Julie Schulz, from Advanced Welding Institute, is coming to Black Hawk on Thursday, November 9 to talk to the tech. ed. classes and talk about opportunities in manufacturing.

We will be hosting local veterans on Monday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. for our Veterans Day. The program is full of music performances and oratory pieces by our students. The public is welcome.

The student pep rally for our BHW Football team will be on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 3:00 p.m. We are inviting parents but not opening it to the public due to time constraints and other activity conflicts.

The October Employee of the Month was Ms. Rebecca Neff. Ms. Neff has done a tremendous job juggling the coverage of our 1:1 students and helping organize assistance within the elementary special education department.

Shout out to our faculty, paraprofessionals, and office staff for their amazing flexibility and sense of teamwork this past month. We have many instances of not being able to find substitute teachers and aides for staff who take leave. Our staff have been so good about covering for their peers.

Erickson: All Fall Sports finished/finishing up

- MS Volleyball girls finished up in late September. Thank you to June Bartels and Tara Kammes for coaching those girls. The girls improved throughout the season. 7 8th graders and 7 7th graders Teams were both 0-6
- MS Football concluded in early October. I didn't have a lot of time with those teams and coaches. I know there will be a coaching turn over but that was planned throughout the year.
- MS girls' basketball finished up. Numbers are an issue. We had grades 6-8. Travis Signer stepped in to coach that group of kids by himself. That is a hard task when they need a lot of time to develop. Both teams were 0-4 there were 4 participants from 6th, 7th and 8th grade.
- MS Boys basketball finishes tomorrow (11/9) - They have had strong numbers and good showings. Thank you to Don Hawkinson and Kurt Ellefson.

- HS girls' volleyball had their awards banquet last night. I moderated the Six Rivers all conference meeting here at BH. Congratulations to Mya Milz on being selected to the 2nd Team All-conference. Allyse Troemel, Kendra Haldiman and Veronica Cheatham were all selected to the Honorable Mention team. New this year is an all-conference Sportsmanship team. Makayla Kammes was selected to that team. Participation numbers were Fr -6, So-8, Jr-4, Sr-8 Varsity 2-10 conference, 3-21 overall Thanks to Rachel Wolff and Sheila Bredeson for coaching the high school girls.
- JV football concluded on October 16. I don't have the numbers because there is so much cross over. The Varsity boys will play in the L4 game on Friday at Elkhorn. All conference has not been released yet.

Winter Sports have started.

- Girls' basketball started on Monday. Steve has 15 total kids: 5 seniors, 4 juniors, 4 sophomores and 2 frosh. We also have two volunteer assistants that have or will be completing their volunteer coaching applications. Mr. Milz and Kirsten Eckerman.
- I've met with Coaches Flanagan and Calow about boys' basketball. Because they both still have some involvement with football, the numbers of kids who will begin on Friday is up in the air. We've decided to schedule them for the late practices next week so that Coach Flanagan can get in for some of them if possible.
- Wrestling starts Monday. I've been in contact with the Darlington leadership as well as [Noah Steinman](#). The potential numbers look like 1 female and 4 or 5 males. All of the males are currently playing varsity football.
- The winter seasons are a bit more time consuming for me being a rookie and having coaches that are both new and involved with fall sports.

Thank you to all the workers who have taken responsibility and stepped in to make our events come with very limited glitches.

At the request of the booster club, I've met with Hudl and then reported to them.

Board of Education Report: Parking lot lights in the new parking lot as it is very dark at night when kids leave after practice and game nights. Parking buses by Ag Shop is hard to see around when pulling out of parking lot and close to street it is just a temporary for now.

Public comment: Was called for none.

Discussion items: We will have Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings prior to board meetings at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Policy - Annual Meeting 1051. Changing Annual meeting from fourth Monday at 7:00 pm to the fourth Wednesday at 6:00 pm in October. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to hire Morghan Mahoney as teacher's aide. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded Ruegsegger to hire Gina Wand Bacher at teacher's aide. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to convey to executive session at 7:06 pm. President's announcement 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- Baumgartner, Dunlavey, Stauffacher, Figi, Paulson, Ruegsegger. ABSENT- Holland

The board returned to open session at 8:41 pm

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:42pm. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Next regular meeting is December 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk