

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

## REGULAR MEETING

### OCTOBER 11, 2023



The School District of Black Hawk meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the FAB Room by President Dee Paulson. The following members were present Jim Baumgartner, Dee Paulson, Mindy Stauffacher, Clayton Ruegsegger, Val Dunlavey, Kerry Holland and Jason Figi. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers and Cory Milz and guests.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Dunlavey to consent to agenda which includes September 13, 2023 minutes, financial report as presented and agenda. Motion carried on a voice vote.

#### Administrative Report:

Chambers: I have attached the lists of open-enrolled in and out students for this year. I also have listed the last 7 years of losses for the district. The lists are confidential therefore they are not public-facing. The program started in 2007-2008.

YEAR	Net Loss (\$)	Net Loss (Students)
23-24	\$103,763	12 students
22-23	\$69,962	14 students
21-22	\$163,851	15 students
20-21	\$208,191	29 students
19-20	\$224,597	32 students
18-19	\$257,510	37 students
17-18	\$146,049	24 students

\*\*\*The differences in the dollar loss do not directly correlate to the number of students due to the Special Ed status of students, the grade level of students, and the difference in dollar amount transferred each year.

There will be a construction meeting tomorrow.

- The temp offices are out likely two weeks from now.
- I sent an email yesterday and continued the discussion today about the importance of providing the district with accurate information. I also shared that it feels like the district has been given false time frames to buy time for the contractors to get things in order. I just want as accurate information as we can get to provide to the Board and the public.
- The communication platform for the contractors and the architects is up and running. Submittals for contractors have started to flow.
- Payment of Performance Bonds and Certificate of Insurance will be provided to HSR this week.
- Sjostrom and Sons have their kickoff meeting tomorrow. Bryant the project manager has to have the following items ready for that meeting, which he will share with HSR and the district.
  - Schedule of Values
  - Subcontractor List
  - Construction Schedule

There was some discussion about a few hang-ups that have slowed down the excavators, which seemingly will be resolved soon.

Cory Zimmerly - the superintendent noted a list of pressing items to be resolved.

We discussed the initial plans for the groundbreaking ceremony. I shared the names of the three board members and emails who are organizing the event with Bryant. HSR has the shovels, and Sjostrom and Sons will provide yellow vests. I pointed out where the pile of dirt was requested to be placed.

Both entities will hang a banner advertising their company.

I have talked to Roger Trame about ordering the needed materials for a meter for a 4" water supply line.

As per the last couple of meetings, I will provide the minutes once Mike sends them to me.

We will be interviewing another candidate for an aide position and I may have another lead to help us out. I will keep you updated on the progress.

I appreciate the work by Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, and Jason Figi on organizing the groundbreaking ceremony.

**Milz:**

1. Thank you to Parent's Club, B.H. Booster Club, B.H. H.S. Student Council and Ms. Wolff for making Homecoming 2023 a great event.
2. Thank you to BH Boosters, BH Parent's Club, Ace Materials Placing, Powers Auction Service, and the Pecatonica Co-op for helping us pay for Boom Boom Fireworks' Homecoming show.
3. Thank you to our local fire departments for hosting our elementary students last week during Fire Safety Week, and to Steve Lehman, SW Chief for organizing the event.
4. 4K attended their Pumpkin Patch farm field trip at Vesperman Farms. 5K was unable to go due to the weather.
5. At the September 19 professional development day, our School Improvement Committee, along with Mr. Zac Hess, began a series of mental health sessions with our staff. This will be an ongoing effort. I would like to recognize the members of our School Improvement Committee: Rachel Wolff, Josh Firgens, Brooks Duff-Bowers, Travis Signer, and Cortney Buss.
6. Ms. Crotty has set her Financial Aid night for senior and junior families for Wednesday, October 18 @ 6 p.m.
7. On Friday, October 20 we will be hosting 18 individuals who are coming into the school to speak with our students about their careers and the pathways to their current positions. The Swiss Colony will also be here to talk about the predicted job market and the youth opportunities with their company. Would like to thank Kim Markham and the Swiss Colony for putting together the gift baskets for our presenters.
8. Our elementary classes will be having some fall classroom celebrations in the last week of October. We are going to do a Halloween costume parade at 2:30 p.m. Parents can watch from outside the school on the sidewalk areas.
9. Middle school students will be holding a Fall Dance on Friday, October 27 at 1 p.m. Thank you to the Parent's Club for helping support the dance for our middle school students.
10. FFA National Convention is coming up, the first week in November. Mrs. Nehs will be taking some of our students to Indianapolis for the convention.
11. Congratulations Eric Erickson, who was selected as our September Employee of the Month by our staff. Eric has done a very good job stepping in as the new athletic director and continues to maintain a productive and positive learning environment.

Mr. Milz also explained the process and the unfortunate complications associated with the random drug search.

Board of Education Report - Figi mentioned that last week Monday was custodial appreciation day. Thanks to RJ Paulson, Matt Vickerman, and Jack Walter for all they do. Also, last week was Board of Education Appreciation Week thanks to the Board members who serve the District. They are Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Clayton Ruegsegger, Kerry Holland, Val Dunlavey, and Jason Figi.

Public Comment was called for: NONE

Mary Johannesen the Career Prep and Dual Enrollment Coordinator for Southwest Wisconsin Technical College will be at the meeting to present to the district the Dual Credit Excellence Award. Her PowerPoint is attached.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve the resignation of Lynda Holland as Special Education Aide. Question was asked about what did Administration did to try and keep her? They did not ask what it would take for the District to do so she would stay. The motion carried on a voice vote with some opposition.

A discussion was had on Floating in-service Days. It was explained that the Floating In-service days were to allow the staff to attend professional development days on their own time. Motion by Ruegsegger seconded by Holland to approve continuing the 2 floating in-service days for 2023-24. The motion carried on a voice vote. Going down the road the board will have 2 reps on the calendar committee with reps from Elm, Junior and High with Aides.

Pitching machines for Softball and Baseball about purchasing in future years with the school and sharing the cost. Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve purchasing pitching machines with South Wayne Village Park and sharing the cost associated with them. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve the FFA Overnight Field Trips as presented -The National Convention: October 31- November 1, 2023. The motion carried on a voice vote. The other trips will be approved at a later meeting.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve the Annual Meeting Agenda for October 23, 2023. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Baumgartner to approve the hiring of Tim Schliem as shuttle bus driver retroactively to the start of the school year 2023-24. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to table Special Education Aide until after executive session. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve going into executive session at 7:03 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- Baumgartner, Stauffacher, Ruegsegger, Paulson, Figi, Dunlavey, and Holland. NO- NONE

The Board returned to open session at 8:41 pm

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Stauffacher to hire Kayla Keller as Special Education Aide. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. The motion carried on a voice vote.

The next regular monthly meeting will be November 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings include Oct 23, 2023 to set tax levy following Annual Meeting. October 25, 2023 6:00 pm professional development meeting with WASB.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk