



## SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

### REGULAR MEETING

**DECEMBER 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm in the Business Room by President Dee Paulson. The following were present Kerry Holland, Jim Baumgartner, Clayton Ruegsegger, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, Dee Paulson and Jason Figi. Motion by Holland and seconded by Figi to consent to agenda but moving the volunteer coaches to after executive. The motion carried on a voice vote.

#### Administration Reports:

##### Chambers:

- We have interviewed three people already and will interview another for the Business Education Position.
- I have attached data that was requested about the Revenue from NFHS. Thank you to Tammy for pulling this out of Skyward.
- I have included the language for: Drawing of Lots for Ballot Order for Placement on the Spring Primary Ballot or, Where No Primary is required, for Placement on the Spring Election Ballot. In essence, it needs to be done before the next meeting. I recommend the names not be drawn by someone who will be on the ballot, but according to the attachment, it is to be supervised by the clerk.

##### Milz:

- I would like to thank Mr. Eric Amweg, Ms. Maggie Setterstrom, and all the other teachers who assisted in putting together our Veteran's Day Program this past November. It was an excellent program.
- I would like to thank Mr. Travis Skattum, commander of the Gratiot VFW post for being our guest speaker.
- On November 17, Ms. Kammes, our middle school student council advisor, took some of the middle school student council members to a Leadership Tour conference, where they learned about public speaking and how to make a difference in their local school community.
- Since moving the office intercom system, we had some issues with our WAVE emergency response system. SecureTech came on Nov. 30 and updated the system and ensured that it is working properly.
- Want to thank Melissa Pickett for spearheading the communities' Santa's Elves charity giving event and to all those staff members who supported our area families.
- The local charity program, The Backpack Program that was created by community member Summer Stietz is being continued by Haley Larse, Monica Yates-Olson, Kali Schliem and three of our staff members: Travis Signer, Tiffany Signer, and Melissa Pickett. Huge thanks to them for continuing this amazing community, charity program.
- We are currently interviewing four candidates for the posted business education position.
- Winter Holiday concert performances are coming up on Monday, December 18 with the 4K-5th grade concert at 1:30 p.m. and the MS/HS concert at 7:00 p.m.
- According to our grading retest policy that the teacher's agreed upon; January 3, 2024 was communicated to students as the last day to accept reassessments on those assessments that took place prior to January 3, 2024
- High school final exams are set for January 16 and January 18, due to the 17th being a release for professional collaboration.

AD Director – Mr. Erickson:

- Winter Sports - Boys and Girls basketball are now in full swing. The boys have 22 (11 upperclassmen and 11 underclassmen-playing JV) on the team right now. The girls have 14 with 4 seniors, 4 juniors, 4 sophomores and 2 freshmen. We have hosted several games and the kids are competing hard.
- Wrestling has also started and we have 1 girl and 4 boys competing. We also host a match here on Friday night.
- I have concern for our girls' basketball numbers in the coming years and feel we need to either see a drastic change in the numbers of girls at the lower level or we will need to seek a coop or not offer a JV team. This is not a unique problem to Black Hawk.
- I have worked with the coaches to make some changes in their schedules and get information into the hands of parents. It's been a dance but we're all learning.
- We did have a meeting for prospective softball and baseball players with the Argyle coaches. They were attended but with Flex pass many upper level students were not in attendance.
- I'm scheduling interviews with two individuals who have expressed interest in being the assistant coach and Black Hawk representative for the softball coop.
- The golf coop was discussed on numerous occasions and we just received admin approval from Pec and Argyle for our boys to play JV with them this spring. I had an interest sign up and had three individuals interested.
- The boys' basketball team will travel to Elkhart Lake for a tournament over break. Securing rooms and transportation has been interesting. Approval previously??
- I'm having back surgery next Monday and will be out of commission for a couple of weeks. I've tried to get coverage for game management and that's still in progress... But I have hope. Our workers have been great and faithful.

Board of Education Report was called for none.

Public comment was called for Cory Milz spoke on Administration being a coach and gave examples of current coaches who are Administrators. Milz also voiced that Policy 9130 wasn't followed when a concern was brought forth by a board member.

Ms. Ruegsegger - speaking an aide that for many different reasons staff have been out and she wanted to voice appreciation and support from Board and Administration for supporting the staff needs.

Talk was had about Sub-Pay and it was decided that we would keep it the same. \$125/Day and after 10 Days it will be \$200/Day. No action was taken on it.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Stauffacher to approve audit report prepared by Hawkins and Ash dated October 23, 2023. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Mid-Year office Retreat for FFA on January 5-7, 2024 in Iowa City. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve half-time retreat for FFA in Stevens Point on January 12-13, 2024. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to approve a Golf Co-op with Argyle. Discussion was had about transportation and what we would do and it will have to be figured out yet. The motion carried on a voice vote.