

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



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

Motion by Figi and seconded by Holland to consent to agenda which includes the August 9, 2023 minutes with the following changes to the teacher's settlement for 2023-24 that includes steps and lanes for those who qualify and remove vacation day payout and also support staff the following changes for 2023-24 and also included steps for those who qualify. The motion carried on a voice vote.

CHAMBERS: The General Fund investments the district has made using the services provided by PMA between the dates of April 20 and August 31, 2023, have made \$17,205.42 for the district. Thank you to Mrs. Dunlavey for pushing for the district to look at options for investments.

The most recent statement for the investment through PMA is attached. The statement includes the totals for the General Fund investments, the BCPL Loan investments, the bonds from the referendum, and a refunding account which is part of the original bond investment.

- The BCPL loan has been officially refinanced for 20 years at a 5.25%. We have the amortization schedule in hand as well.
- Also please know that the district has paid out about \$459,000 out of proceeds towards project expenses.

Mrs. Kaster wrote a grant and received \$5,607 to use for opioid prevention. The notification letter from the DPI is attached.

I have not done anything with bus 60 yet. We did need it for the shuttle route on one occasion. Bus 65 had a leak and a part that was needed took a couple of days to come in.

The cross country co-op is on the agenda and we will talk about the concept at that time. We have some time to get a better handle on the golf co-op and would like to get further information before making that an action item for the Board. Mr. Ericson indicated based on initial feelers that there is real interest in golf.

MILZ:

1. Initial Enrollments

? Elementary Enrollment 2023 (9/13/23) 169 students; 7 new students.

? MS Enrollment 2019 (9/13/23) 75 students; 8 new students.

? HS Enrollment 2019 (9/13/23) 111 students; 2 new students.

? 355 students (360)

? 12 HS students enrolled in dual-credit or advanced standing courses. 2 of those students are paying for the courses themselves, as they have exceeded the allowed 18 credits.

? 5 HS students enrolled in dual credit courses and are being taught through JAMSB-B. 3 in physics, and 2 in statistics.

2. Would like to thank all of our faculty and staff for their hard work in putting together a successful Back To School orientation night.

3. We would like to thank our substitute teachers who have already graciously helped serve our students in this early school year. Donna Gabel – Jill Berg – Sally Mellenburger – Stephanie Eastwood – Deb Gorr – Meghan Scott – Mariah Brynes – Gary Burkhalter – Don Hawkinson
Sub Teacher Appreciation Week - Thank you card, free beverages, and 1 free lunch.

Additionally- want to thank Jason Figi and Scott Cernek for helping out as sub bus drivers.

5. Mr. Burke and Mrs. Ruegsegger took the 8th graders to the Platteville Historical Reenactment on Friday, Sep. 8.

6. This Friday, Sep. 14, Mrs. Flanagan will be taking the 4th graders to a Darlington Historical Society event in Darlington.

7. Our Seal a Smile dental program will begin again this year, starting on September 18.

8. On September 21, our 4th and 5th graders will be attending Rural Safety Days at the Lafayette County Fairgrounds.

9. On September 28, the 4K will be going to Vesperman Farms in Lancaster for a Fall Pumpkin patch trip.

10. Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the 2023 Homecoming Court

9th – Conner Herbst and Maddy Place / 10th – Tre LaDow and Kirsten LaDown / 11th – Griffin Komprood and Molly Edler / 12th – Gavin Smith and Sophia Winters / King – Lane Marty, Queen – Veronica Cheatham

11. On Sep. 29 will be a pep rally @ 8 p.m., fireworks @ 9 p.m. Sep. 30 – Parade @ 11 a.m., Game @ 2 p.m., and dance @ 7 p.m. Huge thank you to the following people/organizations for donating money to make the Fireworks display possible: BH Booster Club – BH Parent's Club – Steve Monson and Pecatonica Co-op - Deb/Dan Powers and Power Auction Service – Mike Marty and Ace Material Placing

ERICKSON: The first month of fall sports is under our belts. The coaches have done a great job of staying positive and helping the student/athletes grow in their respective sports.

We have 14 girls participating in MS Volleyball - we do have some 8th graders rotate in with the 7th. The number of girls playing does create a little concern for the future.

We have 16 boys from BH participating in MS Football - that coop is overseen by Warren. Eight of the boys are 8th graders and make up the majority of the 8th-grade boys.

The high school football teams have been successful. The JV team lost a contest because Parkview/Albany was unable to field a JV team. There are several teams that have created similar scenarios for varsity teams in the area. I am currently working to fill our week 2 of the 24 and 25 seasons. Otherwise, we have those schedules complete. Next year we move to the Ridge and Valley football conference.

I attended the Six Rivers Conference AD meeting which was a large gathering. Many of the other football schools were in attendance. In 2024 the football-only conferences begin and the Six Rivers will be divided into a couple of different groups. As stated, BH/Warren will be in the Ridge and Valley Conference along with Potosi/Cassville, Boscobel, Wauzeka-Steuben/Seneca, Iowa Grant, Pec/Argyle, Riverdale, and Madison Abundant Life. Most of the discussion revolved around scheduling and an individual "sportsmanship" award in each sport.

Our workers have been great although I would like to get a few more in the pipeline to have some subs available.

I had a discussion with Pec and Argyle about cooperatives in several sports. The dates to approve coops are

Fall Sports - October 1--Winter Sports - February 1 -- Spring Sports - May 1

The particular interest that we have had involves golf, cross country, and our existing spring sports.

My conclusion is that there is interest in the MS level for CC but not a lot at the HS level. I would recommend that we try to get a MS CC team started in the fall of 2024. Then we can see how the interest sticks.

There is considerable interest in boys' golf. The ADs from both schools were open to having kids play JV this year but we would need to work out details. I communicated with the coach from Argyle/Pec today and he gave me more insight. He is very open to having more kids involved. There are only 5 boys who play varsity and 5 that play junior varsity for each match. Fees are split by the schools and include a course usage fee at Yellowstone where they practice and host a tournament. The biggest conversation that I think Black Hawk needs to have is how we will transport kids who are interested.

Thank you for your continued support. Eric

Public Comment was called for: None

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve policy revisions as presented the policy went over the changes at a policy committee meeting on August 9, 2023. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve changes to Athletic Code Grade Check Procedure. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Holland to approve Coaches Handbook for 2023-24. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Faculty Handbook for 2023-24 as noted with changes. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve the Flex Waiver to include juniors. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by and seconded by Dunlavey to approve having a regular meeting on October 23, 2023, after the annual meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve having a regular board meeting on October 25, 2023, with WASB on Board Roles and responsibilities. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Baumgartner to appoint Val Dunlavey to Legislative Liaison. Thanks to Val for volunteering. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Stauffacher to approve adding a Future Business Leaders of America-FBLA for the Extra Curricular Position Schedule. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Holland to go into executive session at 6:56 p.m. President Announcement of the purpose of the executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f Wisconsin State Statutes. The motion passed on a roll call vote- YES -Holland, Figi, Dunlavey, Ruegsegger, Stauffacher, Paulson, and Figi. NO-None

The Board returned to open session at 7:49 pm

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Stauffacher to approve head cook pay increase of \$.50 per hour for 2023-24 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Fig and seconded by Baumgartner to approve increasing shuttle bus route pay to \$50/day for 2023-24 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Holland to approve Staff Member Leave of Absence. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Ruegsegger to approve curriculum modifications for 5 students as presented. Chambers will draft a letter to students/parents on behalf of Board letting them know it was approved. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Holland and seconded by Baumgartner to adjourn at 7:52 pm Motion carried on a voice vote.

The next regular meeting will be on October 11, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk