

SCHOOOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2024



The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm in the District Conference Room by President Dee Paulson. The following board members were present Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, Clayton Ruegsegger, Val Dunlavey, Mindy Stauffacher, Jason Figi and Cali Schliem arrived later. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz, Tammy Zimmerman and 3 guests.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to consent to agenda which includes meeting minutes from November 13, 2024, the financial report as presented and agenda but moving up 4d.b to after 4.d.a which is the correct order. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report: Chambers: Alesia Jenson has been working through Reading Corps to support specific 5K-3rd grade students. She has been doing wonderful work for those students. Please see the attached email string of comments from teachers that attest to her work.

I have been working with a couple of companies to see if there are more cost-effective options for our HVAC maintenance. I have received a bid for MH&SM. I am meeting with Helm to discuss their bid on January 9. I also reached out to Josh from Homeland and have not heard back from him at this time.

I was part of a meeting with the Green County superintendents to discuss some school funding points with Howard Marklein in Monroe today. We discussed increasing special education reimbursement, per pupil categorical aide, increased revenue limit aligned with inflation, the need for operational referenda to keep many districts afloat, we discussed a few other items. There were no solutions shared today, but he did see a pathway to some increased funding.

We will be holding an open house before the concert on Monday night. Mr. Behlke will have projects running on many of the machines in the FAB Lab.

I will be on vacation from January 10 through the 13. The vacation is over a weekend, so I will be out for two workdays.

Tammy and I trained on the Baird Budget Model on Friday. We also worked on refining our budget to better inform an operational referendum. We have some more work to do to provide a more accurate number.

Milz: Winter Holiday Concerts are scheduled for Monday, December 16. Elementary (K-5) @ 1:00 p.m.; MS/HS @ 7:00 p.m.

seniors will be touring Epic Systems in Verona on Tuesday, 12/17 to learn about their business operations and business model.

Exploring interest in a July, 2026 student trip to Washington D.C. We last participated in 2024 and traveled with Platteville and Shullsburg students. Parent information meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening 12/18 @ 6:30 p.m.

Amber Talcott, M. S... Special Education teacher, was selected by peers as November Employee of The Month.

Middle School Student Council is sponsoring a middle school movie day trip to Lindo Theatre in Freeport, IL for 12/20.

Tradition started by Jan Olson years ago and glad to see tradition still continue.

I held a Homework Heroes incentive for middle school students on Tuesday, 11/26.

We started the incentive to improve our academic engagement and reduce the number of students who choose not

to participate in doing formative assessment activities. 90% of our student body was able to participate. Would like to recognize Mr. Behlke, Mrs. Petitjean, Mrs. Buss, and Ms. Kammes for assisting in building a bigger online social media presence on Facebook.

Erickson: Recap from Community Meetings on Wednesday, December 4 here at the school and held in the Commons: The purpose of the meetings (one for Girls Basketball and one for Wrestling) was to discuss where we currently were with regards to team status and potential cooperative agreements.

Wrestling - in order to renew the cooperative agreement we had with Darlington, I had asked the previous AD at Darlington to begin the process of putting that agreement together to allow submission to the WIAA. There was an administrative change and I re-issued that request. I was told that it was to be brought up at their November School Board meeting. The result was that the School Board in Darlington voted to dissolve the coop. With that, we began to seek other communities that might be interested in an agreement with Black Hawk. There were several promising prospects and all were delivered at the meeting. Ultimately, the involved and interested parties asked us to pursue an agreement with Shullsburg with Black Hawk serving as host. When I communicated with the schools that I spoke with, I ensured that there was interest in the sport from our community and that we have a strong support base and involved coaches. I appreciate the opportunities Darlington has afforded our student-athletes but look forward to a new agreement with Shullsburg. Details will be ironed out and we have begun the process of the agreement with the WIAA.

Girls Basketball - This has been a long process as I have had conversations with several schools (Warren, IL, Argyle-Pecatonica, Darlington, Monroe, Shullsburg and Juda) multiple times over the past year. The purpose of looking at a coop was because we've seen the low participation numbers on the horizon. Monroe was most interested in the conversation but was getting a great deal of resistance from their new conference. I appreciated the participation by our coach Kaylee Meyers and the praises and support she is receiving from the community. The short of it was to continue to run the course - meaning maintain our own program - despite a couple of difficult years and only one level.

We will also need to discuss and evaluate the coops with Argyle for softball and baseball.

Winter sports are in full swing. It's been great to see the basketball teams bringing back some of the youth and special recognition nights.

MS wrestling will begin in January.

We will host the WIAA regional track meet in May for the first time since the 1980's to the best of my knowledge. I will need a great deal of "worker" support including things like ticket takers, traffic control, implement checkers and event helpers.

Schedules for 2025-26 are mostly complete. 2026-27 are well underway too. Officials are mostly hired as well. If anyone needs information about seasons in the future (Homecoming Date or around holidays....) please let me know.

Lauterbach and Amen LLP went over the results of the July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024 findings via zoom they answered questions that were asked by the Board. Audited financial statements will be posted on District Website.

Milz went over test scores currently the District is at 60.8 District Wide for 2023-24. Work is needed to improve test scores and teams are working on what needs to be done. Elementary was at 75.3, Middle School was at 54.8 and High School was at 55.8. Lots of factors are looked at when analyzing numbers. Full report is available on DPI website by School Districts.

A discussion was had about Girls' Basketball Coop per public comments from the coop meeting held on November 4, 2024 and Coach Meyers and Volunteer Coach Mahoney it was decided to stay on our own for basketball and not look into a Coop at this time.

A discussion was had about Black Hawk Procedural Procedures will keep that 45 minutes allowing staff to leave early if need be but should always be discussed with Administration. This is something the Board can review yearly to change or add to it. Mainly this document serves as a resource for staff that may need direction.

Talking about going to referendum must have approval in January 2025 to be ready for April election.

Board of Education Report: It was asked that all Administration Reports be added into Agenda Manager by Monday prior to the meeting so Board Members are able to see it. Chambers will work at trying to make that happen.

Public comment was called for: None

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve a Wrestling Coop with Shullsburg based on feedback from the Community meeting held on November 4, 2024. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi seconded by Dunlavey to approve 2023-24 Audit performed by Lauterback & Amen LLP. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Ruegsegger to approve Brian McCauley as a volunteer wrestling coach as recommended by Administration. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Dunlavey to approve the following Football Coaches for 2024-25 Desie Breadon, Mike Flanagan, Jacob Brunner-Warren, Doug O'Brien, Brandon Behlke, Nolan Mullen- Warren and Volunteer Coaches Landon Mahoney and Chris Pickett

Motion by Figi and second by Ruegsegger to approve Policy 6235 Fund Balance recommended changes per Auditors report maintaining at least an 18% in Fund 10. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Stauffacher to approve selling back to staff laptops that are not needed for \$50 per laptop. Computers will be wiped clean prior to selling to staff. The District will no longer service theses computers once sold back to staff. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to have employees pay their portion of taxes on life insurance that is over \$50,000 of coverage. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to convey to executive session at 8:28 pm. President Announcement of executive session under 19.85 (1) items b, c, and f, Wisconsin State Statues Personnel- 19.85(1) (C) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation. YES- Paulson, Baumgartner, Dunlavey, Stauffacher, Schliem, Ruegsegger, Figi. NO-None

The Board returned to open session at 9:42 pm

Act on matter deliberated in closed session- None

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Paulson to adjourn at 9:42 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk