

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 8, 2025



The Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the District Conference Room by President Dee Paulson. The following Board members were present Jim Baumgartner, Clayton Ruegsegger, Mindy Stauffacher, Dee Paulson, Cali Schliem, and Jason Figi. Absent Val Dunlavey, Also present was the Administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz and Tammy Zimmerman with 4 Guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the consent to agenda which includes meeting notice, December 11, 2024 board minutes, agenda, and financial report as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Reports -Chambers: I will be off on January 10 and 13th for a 4-day vacation weekend.

I have been looking into a mental health option to provide connections to providers for students and staff. The cost would be about \$1400 and can be funded through fund 80. I will potentially bring more information to you in the future.

We are in the process of reviewing a curriculum developed by Dr. Jan Harrell to supplement the Health Curriculum. "Most obstacles faced by students in the classroom result from a lack of experience of healthy personal relationships, difficulty in resolving emotions and setting boundaries. This curriculum provides tools and strategies for self-understanding and meta-cognition, leading to a heightened ability to engage in successful interpersonal interactions." If it is something we move forward with it is FREE.

Scott Everson has suggested a reading intervention for our special education students from Really Great Reading. We are in the process of ordering it for both elementary and middle school. The cost will come out of IDEA funds.

Thank you to Mr. Amweg and Ms. Setterstrom for working with our students and leading excellent concerts for our community. The students did an excellent Job.

Work on the gym entry has continued and looks great. The shrouds in the office to cover the heating piping have been installed.

Koreen Pelot an account manager from Shaw came and Met with Tim Ruppert, Cory Zimmerly, and I to look at the flooring issue. She is providing some cleaner and some other strategies to deal with the appearance of the flooring. If it does not resolve our problem the next step would be have an independent evaluator come in to assess the flooring. She was very complementary of the custodial staff and noted that cleanliness of the building.

I picked up the snow pusher from Powers on December 30. Dan was nice enough to let me use one of their trucks to bring from the yard to the school. As always I appreciate all of the support that Powers provide to the school and community.

Warren's Board rejected Mr. Behlke last month as a football coach. Shawn is going to take it back to the Board for further consideration. Brandon did write a letter addressing his perspective on this issue.

February 8th, 2025 area Fire Departments and Sheriff Department will be doing a walk through to get familiarized with building.

Cory and I have completed and certified the Civil Rights Data Collection for the district.

Milz: 1. Wish to say thank you to Maggie Setterstrom and Eric Amweg for their work in producing the holiday concerts. Congratulations to our student performers on a job well done.

High School Final Exams are taking place on Wednesday, January 15 and Thursday, January 16.

First semester grading period wraps up on Friday, January 17. All high school students are required to take final exams. High school final exams count as 15% of a student's semester grade.

Black Hawk HS will be presenting a musical production on April 4th - 6th. The musical will be Freaky Friday. The directors are Mr. Duff-Bowers and Mr. Amweg.

Scripps Spelling Bee competition will be held on January 29 @ 9 a.m. Visitors are welcome. Congratulations to the following students who will be competing to represent Black Hawk at the regional spelling bee competition.

The top two spellers from Black Hawk will travel to Fennimore on February 5, 2025 for the Regional Spelling Bee competition held at Southwest Technical College.

January 14, prior to girls' basketball game, holding Soup for Kupe fundraiser in support of girls basketball scholarships and cancer research donations. At will donation for soup dinner and dessert. There will be a silent auction as well. See Ashley Wills and Linda Figi for ways to participate or support.

January 14 - Middle School Student Council is attending a leadership conference at Fiserve Forum and then invited to watch the Milwaukee Bucks after the conference.

January 14 - BH Booster Club has arranged for sound system upgrade/install. Big thanks to Booster Club for their initiatives and support.

January 14 Professional collaboration time will focus on grade level student learning objectives, ACT 20 student reading plans and parent communication, grading committee, and MS/HS ELA improvement committee agendas.

January 27 is the Six Rivers East Honors Band rehearsal and performance in Argyle.

Forensics season is getting underway. There are 9, possibly 10 students who will compete in speaking competitions this season.

Feb. 3 is School Counselor Appreciation Day.

February 7, cheer squad will host elementary students in a halftime performance of the boys' basketball game.

February 7, Middle School Student Council sponsored ski trip for middle school students.

Erickson: The Winter seasons are all well underway with MS Wrestling having started on Monday. Jim Seffrood is coaching and driving the boys and girls

Schedules are now complete for 2025-2026 as well as the hiring of officials. We will plan to create the poster calendars again for next school year. Talk has also centered around a pocket calendar.

Warren was added to our wrestling coop proposal. They have one individual. Wrestling Coop was approved by the Six Rivers ADs today. Schools will be getting approval and SR administrators will approve for submission. We will then need to petition a conference for admission. Also, discuss the agreement with Warren and Shullsburg.

We are planning to host similar community meetings to discuss baseball and softball. I'll meet with our administration to determine a timetable for that. Interested parties can chime in on an appropriate time for those meetings. The deadline for spring coops is May 1.

The clock has created some issues. We have three panels. One for football, one school panel for basketball, and one that the girls' basketball program purchased several years ago. I am not sure how old the control boards are. One no longer turns on and the one that is giving us issues requires diagnosing. I may need to set up the football clock for basketball mode. I am contacting All-American Co, the maker of our control panels.

Outdoor scoreboard - I got a quote last year for a new digital board and movement to the other side of the field. The price was very high and I'm not sure in the grand scheme, it would be prudent on our part to pursue that road. If we do not, I would like to see us replace the top of the outside board to have more aesthetic quality.

As always, I appreciate volunteer workers at games and contests. We will open the west stairwell when that is completed.

Board of Education Report: Reminder that the Convention will be January 21-24 in Milwaukee. Also question about having Heating and Cooling Maintenance Bids Chambers stated that he has not received all bids yet. Question about

the vent cleaning and Chambers stated that he has not got bids yet. Thanks to the Board Members for serving as it is January is school Board Appreciation month. Also Dee will be meeting with Kelly Thompson from WASB to enter information for Chambers evaluation.

Public Comment was called for: Comment was made that additional people are sitting at scorer table which needs to stop it was stated that only people actively doing the clock and bookkeeping should be at table not others. It was noted that at other schools they do not allow others so it should not be allowed here as well. It creates a distraction for people at the scorer table. Administration will be working at making sure to try and get it under control.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve a 3 year bus lease/purchase from Wells Fargo Equipment Finance at a rate of 5.86% annual payment of \$44,321. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve the 2025-26 Course handbook it was not attached to Board information but approved as it was noted that no changes were made. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the administration recommendations of limiting spaces for Special Education Open Enrollment Space Availability except for Early Childhood 3-year-old and 4K special education programs for the 2025-2026 school year, based on the criteria outlined in Policy 5113. The board grants guaranteed preference and approval to current open-enrolled special students and their siblings who meet the decisional criteria for non-resident applications. The motion carried on a voice vote. There are no seat limits in the regular education open enrollment program. The motion carried on a voice vote. The Board of Education approved no seat limits in regular education open enrollment, Early Childhood 3-year-old, and 4K special education programs. The Board of Education approved and granted guaranteed preference and approval to current open-enrolled students and their siblings who meet the decisional criteria for non-resident applications. Due to the caseload numbers, there are no other seats available in any other special education programs at any grade level.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve a tri-op for high school Wrestling which will include Black Hawk, Shullsburg and Warren 2025-26, 2026-27 Black Hawk will be host school. The parent and student were in attendance from Warren and Thanked the Board for being able to support this. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve going to Referendum in Spring Election April 1, 2025 \$850,000 for a 3 year non reoccurring operational referendum. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Paulson to approve adding language to the Staff Handbook for signing out early and sick payout language as recommended by Administration. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Date for meeting to approve referendum resolution will be January 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Draw for Spring Election Ballot Order. 1st Dee Paulson 2nd Jim Baumgartner

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to go into executive session at 7:25 pm. President Announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c and f, Wisconsin State Statutes Personnel. Motion carried on a roll call vote. YES- Baumgartner, Schliem, Paulson, Ruegsegger, Stauffacher, Figi. NO- None ABSENT- Dunlavy

The Board returned to open session at 8:22 pm

Act on matters deliberated in closed session: None

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:23pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk