

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

## REGULAR MEETING

**NOVEMBER 13, 2024**



The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the upper commons by President Dee Paulson the following board members were present Jim Baumgartner, Dee Paulson, Clayton Ruegsegger, Mindy Stauffacher, Val Dunlavey, and Jason Figi. Absent Cali Schliem. Also present was the administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz, Eric Erickson, Tammy Zimmerman and guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to consent to agenda which includes meeting minutes from October 9, 2024, October 24 2024, and November 9, 2024, the financial report and agenda as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

**Administration report- Chambers:** The auditors want a specific percentage listed for the district fund balance. I will have this on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting. Please see the current policy attached. I do not believe you have to do what the auditors request, but it certainly does not hurt anything.

The auditors are also requesting to be on the next month's agenda. They would like to join virtually.

Darlington is discussing the wrestling co-op this month. We have reached out to other Districts in case they no longer choose to support the co-op. Regardless, we will hopefully have a wrestling co-op on the December agenda.

As you now know, I was gone the week of October 28 to the WIRSA conference followed by the national NFARE conference in Savannah Georgia. Admittedly, I should have sent you a reminder about being gone for the week.

Thus far I have been a part of 11 IEP meetings and 1 SAT (student assistance team meeting). I believe we will have a couple more SATs in the near future.

So far we have one person who has requested to come look through the trophies which is scheduled for this Thursday. Hopefully, more people will show an interest.

I felt the Veteran's Day program was done extremely well and there was a nice attendance. Thank you to the staff and students who put forth the effort to say thank you to our veterans.

I am confident that this will be mentioned by others, but thank you to our fall coaches and I am looking forward to our winter seasons.

The Fab Lab being open to the public was mentioned at the meeting on Saturday. The committee is looking to meet next week on Wednesday to iron out the details.

Brian McCauley came on Tuesday and asked to be a volunteer wrestling coach after talking to Noah and Jim Wolff. He was all good on the background check. I will place him on the December agenda and ok him until that time.

I went to UW-Platteville to attend the Tri-State Math Instructors Semi-annual meeting hosted by Dr. Tim Deis a professor at UW -Platteville. Rachel and Tiffany have gone to these events on occasion. I have also signed on to a few grants through UW-Platteville which are designed to support future math and science teachers.

I am currently working on getting the WAVE system hardware moved and a couple of additional buttons. There is a budget line item in the construction budget for this purpose.

I have just started to reach out to companies to secure bids for the duct cleaning.

We (Tammy and I) worked with SpyGlass to see if we could realize any savings in our telecommunications. Please see the attached documents. They gave us a clean bill of health. The service did not cost anything, it would have only cost if they found some savings. Please see the attached documents.

Please see the attached bond reports for the construction work. Currently, it is predicted that a total of \$819,880.16 will be earned from the investments for the bonds and the \$850,000 loan.

It was noted that potentially Title funds will be reduced and some eliminated in the next administration at the federal level. Also, E-Rate is potentially going to be changed, both are significant to ours and most schools. Obviously, this is some speculation based on statements made at this time. We just need to be ready for possible changes. As an example it is expected that Title I may be reduced by 25% and Titles II and IV may go away.

**Erickson AD:** Fall seasons concluded. Congratulations to our HS boys and girls for the awards they received. Special mention to first team All-Conference recipients in Football Owen Seffrood, (Brady, Will and Piercen) on offense, Beau Bredeson and Owen Seffrood (Brady, Will, Bryce, Beau P) on defense. Owen was the offensive player of the year and Brady was the offense and defensive lineman of the year. Both Owen and Brady were voted to the All Region Team. We also had 2nd and Honorable mention individuals (Griffin Komprood, Riley Mosley, and Jacob Woodruff)

Girls VB had two girls on the Six Rivers East 2nd Team (Maddy Lange, Mya Milz) and one on honorable mention (Hailey Wellnitz)

Thanks to all of our coaches from the fall seasons. I'm grateful for the leadership given by Don Hawkinson and Kurt Ellefson, Kaylee Meyers, June Bartels and Morghan Mahoney at the middle school level and Desie Breadon and Rachel Wolff along their staffs at the high school level.

I attended the November Six Rivers AD meeting. Points of interest were the proposal to move JV VB start times to 5:30. That will need administrative approval, playing two more crossover MS girls basketball games so that each gender gets 6 games. As AD's we will work to make them the most competitive we can. I also spoke to Argyle about the spring deadline of softball and baseball coops just to make them aware that we need to have those conversations.

Thank you to our fall workers who consistently show up and take care of their duties. There are a couple of places that were harder to find help on a regular basis.

Winter sports are getting started. Most of you know that we will not have a JV girls' basketball team. Kaylee has 9 girls. 3 seniors, 3 juniors, 2 sophomores and 1 freshman. I have made alterations to schedules and officials.

Boys' basketball and wrestling start next Monday.

Darlington is discussing the wrestling coop at their Board meeting tonight. If they wish to continue, we'll get that process finished soon. If they do not, we will need to look at other options in order to continue the program.

I have reached out to all the neighboring districts except one to put in a girls basketball plea. There are obstacles but I'm doing what I can to make sure our girls continue to have basketball as an option at the high school level. One school expressed a desire to help but has some conference school opposition.

Our 2025-2026 schedules are getting finalized and I have a good start on contracting officials.

We will move our ticket booth to the main entrance for winter sports. This will allow entrance either at the lower level or through the "newly opened" staircase. Our efforts will be to curb the traffic under the south basket.

**Principal Milz:** Thank you to Parent's Club and BH Middle School Student Council advisor, Ms. Tara Kammes and our middle school student council for all of their work putting on the Fall Dance on October 31 for our students.

\* Thank you to Parent's Club and the room parents for putting on fun activities and food for our elementary students on October 31.

\* Thanks to Mr. Eric Amweg, Ms. Maggie Setterstrom, Mr. Mike Burke, Mr. Tony Petitjean, and Mrs. Rachel Wolff for helping organize and record our performances for our Veteran's Day program. Our guest speaker was Dan O'Brien from Darlington. I commend our students on fine performances and tribute to our local veterans.

\* Our junior class went to the Lafayette County Courthouse on Wed. , Nov. 13 for County Government Day.

\* Our middle school choir, which is largely made up of 7th grade students, participated in the Six Rivers honors choir at Monticello on Monday, Nov. 11.

- \* Our 8th grade band students will be attended an honors band performance in Monticello on Thursday, Nov. 14.
- \* Thank you to members of the Lions Club for providing free vision screening for our students on November 12.
- \* Mr. Duff-Bowers and Mr. Amweg began holding auditions for the spring musical, Freaky Friday.
- \* Mr. Behlke is taking members of the FBLA to UW Platteville on the 20th to participate in a business competition. He is also hosting a guest speaker on the 25th, Don Zimmerman, Senior Vice President of Retail Operations at the Bank of New Glarus is coming to talk to the seniors about banking and the importance of saving and investing when young.
- \* As noted by the district, November 21 is Substitute Teacher appreciation day.

Board of Education Report: It was note that Ruegsegger, Schliem, Dunlavey and Chambers attended the JAMB Board. School Website and messages posted on Facebook now require a link to be opened verse it all being on there without having to open a link Chambers will look into that. Also HUDL has been having issues and need to make sure that the Guest WIFI is off when doing live streaming as this was one of the main issues with the football games not being able to be streamed. Hudl has sponsors that advertise on it and it is disappointing when it is not working. Also the camera in gym is having issues and needs to be rebooted. Who is going to oversee scheduling the non-athletic events on HUDL such as Veteran's Day, graduations, concerts etc?

Public Comment was called for: None

The discussion was had about going to a referendum on April 1st, 2025. When Act 10 came into play took the cost away from students the District lost money. Decision will have to be made by the January 2025 meeting in time for April 2025 election.

No Action: Apptegy talked to the board via Zoom about the App, Website, and Social Media Management tool. It was talked that this would be nice but the price with an operational referendum in the pipeline it is not a good time. The yearly cost would be \$8025 subject to a 5% annual increase. The set-up cost is \$14,888 one-time fee.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Stauffacher to hire Noah Steinman as head wrestling coach. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to hire Jim Seffrood as Middle School Wrestling Coach. The motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve purchase of Baird Budget Forecast Tool at the cost of \$4000 for one year Chambers noted that this only used as a forecast tool in helping decided referendum numbers. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and second by Stauffacher to have Morghan Mahoney as Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded to Stauffacher to approve leasing the Field Painter at a cost of \$3000. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Ruegsegger to table the Black Hawk Procedures until the December meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to go into executive session at 8:50 pm president announced the purpose of the executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c, and f, Wisconsin State Status, YES- Baumgartner, Paulson, Stauffacher, Ruegsegger, Dunlavey, Figi ABSENT- Schliem.

The Board returned to open session at 9:28 pm

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve leave for Brianna Hagen to start March 2025 and allowing 12 weeks of leave. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to adjourn at 9:29pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk