

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

## REGULAR MEETING

### OCTOBER 9, 2024



The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Dee Paulson in the upper commons. The following members were present Dee Paulson, Val Dunlavey, Clayton Ruegsegger, Cali Schliem, Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, and Jason Figi also present was Administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz, Tammy Zimmerman and 3 Guest.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to consent to agenda which includes financial report, September minutes, and posting of agenda. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration report:

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**Chambers:** Thank you to Kody Grove, Ron Vick, RJ Paulson, and the Forreston School District for arranging the use of the component from the Forreston Turf Tank to paint our field. See the attached picture.

Thank you to Ms. Wolff for all of her work in supporting our students in the homecoming activities.

Thank you to Mr. Erickson for the effort he has been putting into the AD work to make things flow better for the students and community in our athletic events.

I was extremely impressed with the choice the football program made in supporting Matt Hagen.

I will be checking into the status of the wrestling co-op with Darlington.

Jim Seffrood and Noah Steinman have indicated verbally that they would like to continue in their coaching roles. Once we receive the paperwork we will place it on the agenda for Board consideration.

**Milz:** Thank you to Parent's Club, B.H. Booster Club, B.H. H.S. Student Council and Mrs. Wolff for making Homecoming 2024 a fun event. Thanks to Jason Herbst and the Jerry Scott for a wonderful fireworks show. Thank you to the community members who donated money towards the cost of the fireworks show. Long term plan for financing continued tradition - we will see. We understand district funds aren't available for this.

Thank you to Gratiot, South Wayne, Cadiz, Woodford fire departments for hosting our elementary students last week during Fire Safety week.

October 2nd - Custodian Appreciation Day. We thank R.J., Jack, and Matt for the work they do for our district. R.J. during the school day is quick to help out when needs arise, which is greatly appreciated. R.J. and Jack were selected as our September Employees of The Month for all of their hard work assisting teachers getting their rooms set up and furniture, etc. moved around.

Want to thank Mr. Tim Wolf and The Vault for assisting with our Employee of The Month Recognitions. We give a \$50 gift certificate this year with half of the amount coming from my principal's budget and Tim donating the other half.

4K and 5k classes went on their annual field trip to attend the Vesperman Pumpkin Patch farm field trip in Lancaster.

Ms. Nehs and FFA students attended the World Dairy Expo on October 1.

Mr. Burke and Mr. O'brien took their social studies and U.S. History classes to Aztalan State Park on October 2 to compare and experience ancient Mississippian culture that they have read about to what the state archaeologist (former) talked to them about at the park.

Teachers are preparing for fall parent-teacher conferences on the evening of October 17 and morning of October 18. Thank you to Mrs. Wills for preparing a scheduling document for elementary parents.

Middle school students will be holding a Fall Dance on Thursday, October 31 at 1 p.m. Thank you to Parent's Club for helping support the dance for our middle school students. Additionally, elementary classes will be holding Parent's Club Halloween parties on October 31.

Ms. Crotty has scheduled Brian Kenney on Tues., October 15 to work with our elementary students on teamwork, positive cooperation, and social skill building.

Our juniors are scheduled to take the Pre-ACT on Wed., October 16.

Professional collaboration early release time on Friday, October 11 will have teachers focusing on team student learning objectives. The purpose of these SLO's is to collaborate on common instructional strategies and assessments to bring about student growth in academic achievement in either literacy or mathematics. We will also be looking at target groups of students who are not categorized as proficient on state standardized tests and discuss strategies to move them into proficiency.

**AD Erickson:** Fall seasons are concluding and we are getting close to post-season. I've asked coaches to be certain that all scores are updated with WIAA so that post-season seeding will be appropriate.

Middle School basketball started for girls. Kaylee Meyers is coaching and has about 13 girls. That number may vary in the coming days and includes 6th graders. She did a great job of organizing and recruiting young ladies.

Boys MS starts next week. Looks like 14-16 boys.

Thanks to Mr. Milz who has been willing to allow us the ability to have two time frames for practice at Gratiot. Overlapping seasons did not effect that last year.

I've moved the staging area for officials into the conference room of the office to allow them to utilize the shower if they want.

I have some concerns about a second set of ticket takers for winter-season contests. If we utilize the "stair entrance" on the west side, we'll need another table and overseer there.

Hudl issues continue.

Channel 27 will be down tomorrow to do a feature on our girl's flag football group.

I've reached out to Darlington to begin the talks of the wrestling coop renewal. We would like to continue but if that is not mutual, we'd like to look so that it can happen with another school in the area.

I have had a request from a couple of students to look into Cross Country. I will discuss that further with them and just do some looking to see what that might look like.

Board of Education Report - It was requested that we review Policy # 0166 at next regular meeting.

Public comment was called for: NONE

Board of Education Report: NONE

Fire Alarm Charge Change - Went over the fire alarm charge as the original change was a \$22,000 added expense. The actual change order cost is not known yet. But the District has no option but to pay for it per Chambers.

Operational Referendum- Talked about going with a reoccurring or non-reoccurring. Talk about how it would work. Several Districts are going to an operational Referendum in November in the State. Will be a discussion item in November.

Prom: Location and other arrangements but it was talked about how many miles away it was. The venue in Davis lets students do what they want as far a venue and is all set up. Concern with that it is far away and concern with travels option of finding something in District no action just discussion.

Baseball and Softball Coops - The Village is working on improving the ball fields. Powers will be assisting in helping using the money that has been raised through fundraising. The Board talked about how we need to make sure that we stay at the 50/50 games and practices for the Spring 2025 season.

Open enrollments - More open enrollment out than in. The differential has increased with more students going out. There has been a vast array of why they have left. Some kids go to private make friends and make friends and stay with them. Some families known that they live in District and will never attend school here due to child care and other issues easier to take to Monroe where work is. The District has lost some due to starting at Black Hawk and then moving to a neighboring District to finish school.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to approve revisions to the following policies 0164, 0174.1, 21231, 2340, 3120.08, 3431, 4120.04, 4162, 4431, 5200, 5430, 5460, 5505, 5610, 5610.03, 6423, 7540.05, 7544, 8500, 8510, 8531, 8540, 8550, 8660, 9210. (These were discussed at September Policy Committee meeting) The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi seconded by Baumgartner to approve Annual Meeting Agenda for October 23, 2024 as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Baumgartner approved using Fund 80 for Expenses for 4K program if funding is lost 4K would revert back to 1/2 day if /Fund 80 funds are not allowed to run the program 2024-25 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve using Fund 80 Funds for Expenses in running the Middle School Sports for 2024-25 if funding is lost program would be dropped. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Schliem to approve Dani Curran as Volunteer Cheerleading. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Ruegsegger to approve purchasing a bus at \$123,000 on a 3-year lease to own. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Dunlavey to table doing all support staff evaluations until after executive session. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Dunlavey keep all State, Conference, Regional trophies all other trophies people can have but must pick up by January 31, 2025 after that they will be disposed of. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to convey to executive session at 8:29 pm personnel 19.85(1) (C) president announced of the purpose of the executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c and f Wisconsin State Statutes. YES- Baumgartner, Dunlavey, Schliem, Ruegsegger, Stauffacher, Paulson, Figi NO-NONE

The board returned to open session at 8:51

Act on matters deliberated in executive session- NONE

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:52 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk