

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JUNE 30, 2025



The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the upper commons by President Dee Paulson. The following Board Members were present Dee Paulson, Clayton Ruegsegger, Val Dunlavey, Cali Schliem and Jason Figi. Absent was Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher. Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers and 1 guest.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Figi to consent to agenda which includes the agenda and posting, and financial report as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration report: **Chambers:** Boss Flooring has started the replacement of the flooring in the remaining classrooms. As you recall, Shaw flooring is covering 100% of the cost of the replacement.

Summer School went well.

The Board approved forming an informational committee for the pending referendum. I believe it would be prudent to start forming the committee and planning to share the message. Even though we do not know the amount needed or what the legislature may do to limit options, getting a start now on the process is vital.

Two options that I believe should be discussed in depth are dissolution or consolidation. I do not like either option. 1. I do not believe the state will allow dissolution to happen, but some of the voters need to know/here what that process looks like. 2. Consolidation is a big question mark. Do other schools want to consolidate? Does it save money (not a lot of studies support savings)?

Then we need to look at cuts in order to keep the school going if the next referendum were to fail.

Staff need to be educated on the plans so they can share accurate information.

In July, some of the agenda items that will be recommended to be on the agenda include: Student handbooks, School-owned Gratiot Property, Curriculum purchase, possible teacher contract, and co-curricular eligibility standards.

Board of Education Report: Paulson attended the TIFF meeting in Gratiot. Figi mentioned that with talking to Steve Monson they are looking at having in house charges being done with cards in which would only work at the in town stations. Hopefully it will happen before school starts.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to approve the preliminary budget for 2025-26 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote. The board is very concerned about the financials for the upcoming year and having to borrow from the State Trust. Future referendum.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Schliem to move ahead with starting the Warrior Care Program for 2025-26 school year. Couple of things to change in wording is Behavior issues change to potential removal from program. This is going to currently be funded from Fund 10 it was questioned about using Fund 80. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Dunlavey to adjourn at 6:40 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk