

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2026



The meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson at 6:53pm in the upper commons. The following members were present Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Cali Schliem, Clayton Ruegsegger, Val Dunlavey and Jason Figi Also Present was Administration of Willy Chambers and Tammy Zimmerman and 14 Guest.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve to consent to agenda which includes the financial report as presented: which includes checks written, ACH payments, journal entries, cash receipts, and the cash reconciliation for the prior month, posting of the agenda, minutes from the January 14, 2026 meeting, resignation of Assistant Basketball Coach Payton Calow, resignation of Elementary Teacher Brianna Hagen at the conclusion of the current school year, approval of volunteer Boys Basketball Coach Josh Lehman. It was noted that we will have to Amend the motion that was made on November 12, 2025, meeting for the FFA trip and not rescind it. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report: Chambers: The food service audit was yesterday and today. The two ladies, Jen and Karla, were very complimentary of the work done in the district. There were some very minimal compliance items that we will be correcting in the next two months. They said this was the smoothest and most compliant review they have done in years. Kudos to Rhonda, Dar, Melissa, and Tammy!

We received a total donation from Larry and Cali Lelle and Delta Airlines of \$10,000. Mr. Lelle has requested that it be directed towards STEM education.

Attached is an email from Tara Kammes, which includes the following paragraph:

Black Hawk had 2 students, Olive Akins and Clara Ruegsegger, place in our county contest held back in December. Olive got 1st, which meant she moved on to the area contest in January. She also placed 1st at the area contest and will be moving onto state which will be held in March. Clara placed 3rd which means she did not move on but did win prize money from the county.

Milz: No Report for Board

Erickson: Winter sports are winding down. In basketball, due to attrition to injuries as well as some other issues, both teams have had to cancel some JV games.

WIAA tournament has gone to an electronic seeding format so our teams have had a report and have a pretty good idea of where they will be traveling but it is still dependent on a few more games.

The wrestling teams have competed very well all year. The girls will wrestle at regionals on Friday, and the boys will wrestle in Sectionals on Saturday. The WIAA tournament has changed formats this season with the elimination of the regional format for boys.

Congratulations to Brigitte Stauffacher who finished 4th at the girl's mega conference meet. Also, to Evan Sigafus who was the conference champion at 126, Dax Paquin who finished runner-up at 215 and Maddox Hocking (a Shullsburg student/athlete) who finished runner-up at 285. All of the kids comped very well, and we've been pleased with the progress they have shown.

Along with Argyle we had posted the baseball coaching position and between the schools we received one person interested, Chuck Bredeson. He is being presented for approval at the Argyle School Board meeting tonight.

Preliminary numbers for track are high, and practice starts in less than a month. Baseball and Softball begin in just over a month.

Thanks to all that support our programs by doing somethings that are needed behind the scenes and front line: Office Beth Zimmerman, Jen Schifel Programs, Milz help when needed, Melissa Paickkett cash boxes. Tammy Zimmerman Ticket takers Cindy Lucy, Shelia, Roger, Raylen, Don Hawkinson, RJ, Jack, Helen, Scott, Justin, Booter Club, Bus Drivers.

Starting to look at COOP for Boys Basketball.

Board of Education – Administration needs to do a better job of ensuring that all documents are loaded and ready for the Board to review by Monday prior to meeting. Continue to have issues with items not being loaded timely and sometimes not at all. It is the duty of the Board to approve items that are presented and not make an assumption. Question about leaving the consent the way the Board is okay with leaving the consent with hires and resignations as is in the consent but if someone at anytime wants discussion it can be moved as a separate item under discussion at the meeting.

Donated Items to the School District and Volunteer time:

Nikki Komprood	Warrior Table Cover	January
The Apple River State Bank	\$150	January
Willy Chambers	Snacks and Drinks for Warrior Care	January
Carol Reugsegger	Snacks and Drinks for Warrior Care	January
Melissa Pickett	Volunteered for taking tickets at the BBB vs Pecatonica 1-20-2026 game	January
Larry and Cali Lelle and Delta Arilines	\$10,000 for stem education	February

Staff	Activity	Date
Desie Breadon	weight room supervision	1-3 mornings/wk & 5 days/wk after school from November - May
Doug O'Brien	weight room supervision	1-3 mornings/wk & some days after school from November - May
Desie Breadon	game manager	12/12/2025
Brandon Behlke	weight room supervision	Substitute throughout the offseason when needed
Brandon Behlke	gameday assistance	Assistance with setting up for Audio/game prep during football season
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Brandon Behlke	DECA organizes activities	Trick or Can Event (DECA is a volunteer advisor role), JA activities (Titan, Stock Market Activity)
Brandon Behlke	clock operator	7/8 grade football game

Brandon Behlke	posters	design, create, and print posters throughout the school
Brandon Behlke	District TV admin	Manage announcement postings on televisions around the school
Brandon Behlke	Senior Slideshow	Organize and create a senior slideshow for graduation (January - May)
Brandon Behlke	Concessions	donated concession supplies
Brandon Behlke	Basketball	Volunteer assistant basketball coach
Brandon Behlke	teacher sub	Sub for others - no hours submitted
Gary Cooley	teacher sub	Sub for others - no hours submitted
Gary Cooley	metal and lumber donations	speak to people and businesses to secure donations
Gary Cooley	Concessions	try to help out with concessions - as many games as possible
Gary Cooley	repairs	wash and maintenance checks on school vans
Gary Cooley	transportation	transport all donations to school with a trailer
Gary Cooley	Auto Maintenance	Supply students with a vehicle and some automotive tools for automotive classes
Gary Cooley	lumber recycling	Pick up pallets and disassemble them for class projects
Gary Cooley	power tools	Find and purchase used tools for the Tech Ed program at no cost to the district
Gary Cooley	Brake Lathe	secured a donation for a Hunter brake lathe from Kaiser Ford - \$10,000 value, used
Gary Cooley	scrap lumber	haul and burn scrap lumber from the school
Gary Cooley	trailer	donate use of the trailer for the Homecoming Float
Gary Cooley	trash pickup	assist FFA with adopting a highway program
Gary Cooley	track	repair hurdles for Mr. Erickson
Gary Cooley	fundraisers	assist FFA and Tech Ed fundraisers
Gary Cooley	repairs	help students repair their vehicles

Public Comment was called for- None

Chambers went over went over Achievement Gap Reduction 2025-26 Fall Report

Cell Phone Policy- 1st time phone taken to office, 2nd time parent comes pick it up., 3rd offense phone is checked into office for 2 weeks, Concern that parents have to come pick it up. Discussion about the current policy is not working. The reason that this was brought up is if a parent does not pick it up it could sit in office overnight and over a weekend with students so dependent on phones as life lines it could create a situation that if something happened the student maybe would not have it in the event that an emergency did occur.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Baumgartner accept the retirement of Lisa Flanagan at the conclusion of the current school year. Thanks for your service to the District. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Ruegsegger to amend the motion made on November 12, 2025 for the FFA Leadership Conference and striking out the words requiring FFA/FFA Alumni to pay for teacher sub. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Schliem to allow the Black Hawk School District to serve whole milk once it is confirmed that it will be reimbursed for students who qualify which will not happen until 2026-27 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Student A Attendance waiver subject to obtaining student and parent signatures. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Student B Attendance Waiver subject to obtaining the student and parent signatures. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to hire assistant boys Basketball Coach Nate Eaton as recommended by Administration. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Skyward Contract from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher table the school calendar until next month regular meeting March 11, 2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to approve contract with Monroe Heating and Sheet Metal HVAC Service Contract from April 1, 2026-April 1, 2027, at a cost of \$9,181.00. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to set the organizational meeting at the Regular April Meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Stauffacher approve summer school from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm on Weekdays from June 8, 2026- June 26, 2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to convey to executive session 7:53pm president's announcement of the purpose of executive session under 19.85(1) items b, c and f Wisconsin State Statutes personnel- Motion carried on a voice vote YES- Dunlavey, Baumgartner, Stauffacher, Schliem, Ruegsegger, Paulson, Figi, NO-None, ABSENT None

The Board returned to open session at 9:10 pm

Act on matter deliberated in closed session. None

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 9:10 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Regular meeting March 11, 2026, at 6:00 pm.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk