

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APRIL 8, 2026



The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the upper commons by President Dee Paulson the following members were present Dee Paulson, Jim Baumgartner, Mindy Stauffacher, Clayton Ruegsegger, Jason Figi, Cali Schliem, Val Dunlavey also present was Administration of Willy Chambes, Cory Milz, Tammy Zimmerman, Eric Erickson and 5 guests.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Schliem 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 March 11, 2026, meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration reports: **Chambers:** I approved the technical corrections for the NEOLA policy revisions, Vol. 35 #1, as allowed by policy. Just as a reminder, these corrections are grammatical and minor wording corrections; they make no substantive change.

I have attached a Dear Colleague letter from Dr. Jill Underly discussing Assembly Bill 98, which Governor Evers is expected to (or maybe has by this time) sign into law. Assembly Bill 98 supports American Indian pupils wearing traditional tribal regalia at graduation ceremonies or school-sponsored events. It goes on to discuss similar requirements already in law.

I thank the Black Hawk Community Pride group for all of the work they did organizing information and disseminating it to the community. From my viewpoint, it was very well done and had a significant impact.

Thank you to the staff and the Board for persevering through the challenging times in waiting for the referendum to pass.

Thank you to the community for voting to support the needs of our students!

I have attached a copy of a document from CESA #3 showing the savings and access we have by being part of CESA #3.

I talked with Will Finnlinson from the IWorQ facilities management system. I have attached a quote, but I do not feel the system will serve the district well. If you would like, I can have Will present to the Board.

Title IA, Title II, and Title IV funds for the 2026-2027 school year are going up in total by about \$7500. From 3 or 4 years back, it is still down about \$29,000.

The unofficial results suggest that Mr. Clayton Ruegsegger will remain on the board, and Mr. Dustin Williams will join the Board. Thank you to Ms. Brenda Peterson for her efforts to run for the board and serve the community. New Board members take on the role officially on April 27, 2026

Thank you to Ms. Val Dunlavey for her service to the district as a Board member. I believe Val served the students and the community in a commendable manner.

I believe one of the significant challenges for the district is to continue to show the community that we are good stewards of their tax dollars. What does that look like? Possibly a revised vision? A strategic plan? Livestreaming meetings?

Milz:**Accomplishments**

3/27 – 3/29: Congratulations to the cast and crew of Little Women for their fine performance. Thank you to Mr. Duff-Bowers, Mr. Amweg, and Mr. Sniff for putting this on for our students. Special shout out to Isacc Cheatham for his work on the sound, set, and backdrop.

Shout out to FFA and our student body for their initiative in supporting a fellow classmate and area family who suffered significant property damage; the Penny War raised \$495.

Rebecca Neff was chosen by her peers as the March Employee of the Month.

Shout out to Kaitlynn Stegall for having her design chosen to represent the Browntown Foundry.

Events

3/27 – 3/29: Thank you to Ms. Kammes and her students for the Art Show display.

4/4: Thank you to all who supported the FFA pancake breakfast and alumni auction.

4/12 – 4/14: FBLA State is happening. Qualifiers include: Keira Brunner, Payton Stietz, Mason Schultz, Max Fox, Alyvia Ruegsegger, Jaci Kammes, Ryan Curran, and Tate Whalen.

4/14: Bringing in a portable planetarium for 3rd–8th graders to get an in-depth 3D experience of our solar system and galaxies.

4/18: State Forensics competition. Congratulations to our State Forensics qualifiers: Keira Brunner, Mya Milz, Payton Stietz, Alyvia Ruegsegger, Taylor Stegall, Gabin Salad, Sami Prescher, Jerzey Wiegel, Jaci Kammes, Maddy Place, Mason Schultz, and Josslyn Lewis.

4/24: FFA students will participate in the State CDE competition.

4/24 – 4/25: Black Hawk schools will host the Black Hawk Alumni Basketball tournament.

4/29: Large group music festival.

4/30: Mr. Breadon is taking MS students to the UW Platteville Science Expo.

Notices

Action Required: Finalize Board members for the 5/22 Graduation and 5/27 Promotion ceremonies.

Erickson: Bound, our software scheduling and contract software, migration has continued slowly.

- I will save the conversation about the talks of cooperative basketball programs for the later agenda item.
- Spring sports are heavily engaged with games, cancellations and juggling fields to get events in.
- MS numbers for track and field are about 30 for grades 6 - 8 boys and girls. Rachel Wolff is coaching them with the help of volunteers Michael Flanagan and a few others who have volunteered their time
- Thank you to Klondike Cheese and Melissa Brunner for their donations to the track and field program to cover the cost of new uniforms. Because of our numbers, we did not have enough uniforms for all of our athletes and the generosity of these entities enabled us to get uniforms for the entire team.
- I have heard positive feedback from the athletes participating in baseball and softball as well as the parents of those kids.

Board of Education Report:

Canvas of April Election will take place on April 10, 2026 at 2:00pm in District Office

Jim Baumgartner and Jason Figi will handout diplomas for High School

Jim Baumgartner and Cali Schliem will handout promotions certificates for 8th Grade

Paulson thanks to all who helped with community pride which was extremely helpful in getting the facts out to people.

Donations:

Willy Chambers	Food and Drink for Warrior Care
Kristin Reed (Mom of a 4th-grade boy)	Donated \$100 to the cheer program
Brooks Duff	\$200 of supplies donated for musical

Public comment was called for: Bud Strunz thanks to the taxpayers that supported the referendum and to look into the possibility of having meetings live streamed.

Potential Coop teams for Girls and Boys Basketball Erickson - WIAA contacted did not meet deadline ultimately only could coop in JV for next year. Meet with Juda concluded after the meeting that we pushed it off until February 1, 2027. All kids are currently in 8 at this time and 2 additional girls that are thinking about it. Boys numbers seem to be increasing. Question about having enough kids to be able to have a JV-Varsity match. Will continue to look at this going forward. If we would coop with another school for the 2026-27 school year we would not be able to play Varsity games only JV matches.

Sponsorship for items for the District: How would we do it if the cost was high for the project. The Board stated that we should continue to look at exploring the option. Could be different things that Businesses or Community members could sponsor there has been interest in this from community members and Businesses.

Potential coop with Warren for Cheerleading currently have about 9 kids in Warren that want to coop with us. Question that they do not have funding to establish program. Program was dropped in Warren they will not have official coach they would just have a driver to get students to practice.. No additional cost to our District if we decide to go with coop.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve warrior care student worker Pamela Foesch. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Taylor Omernik as paraprofessional. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to approve CESA #3 Cooperative Health Insurance proposal for 2026-2027, which is a 6% increase with a \$2000/\$4000 deductible, with an HRA of \$1750 for individual coverage and \$3500 for family coverage. The motion carried on a voice vote. Figi/Paulson Abstained

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Delta Dental for 2026-2027 with a rate increase of 7%. The motion carried on a voice vote. Figi/Paulson abstained

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve self-funded Vision Insurance which is 100% paid by the employee. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to rescind the school calendar motion that was made at the March 11, 2026. The motion carried on a voice vote. Motion at the March meeting was made by Figi and per Mr. Chambers that was a conflict.

Motion Baumgartner and seconded by Schliem to approve the 2026-27 school calendar for the 173-day version. The motion fails on a voice vote. Figi/Paulson abstained.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Schliem to approve the school calendar for 2026-27 school year with 174-day version. The motion carried on a voice vote. Figi/Paulson abstained.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to have organizational meeting April 29, 2026, at 6:00 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher, for the 2026-2027 school year, teachers will have 190 days of work, of which 184 days are assigned days of work and 6 days will be floating days off in exchange for professional hours worked by the staff above and beyond the regular teacher workday. The motion carried on a voice vote Figi abstained.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Dunlavey for the support staff to have 174 days of scheduled work, 2 scheduled days of in-service and up to 6 additional approved in-service days for 2026-27 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Schliem to approve open house on August 26, 2026, from 1:30pm-3:30pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Baumgartner to set the 8th Grade Promotion on May 26, 2027, at 7:00pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Stauffacher and seconded by Paulson to approve High School Graduation on May 21, 2027, at 7:00pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve having a restructuring meeting April 29, 2026 after organizational meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to approve policies as reviewed and presented by Policy committee the following policies had changes 0100, 0144.5, 1210, 1213, 1230.01, 2131.01, 2261.01, 2431, 3213, 4140, 4213, 5112, 5136, 5411, 5515, 5830, 6152.01, 6320, 6605, 6608, 6610, 7230, 7540.02, 7540.08, 8462, 8500, 9211, 9215, 9700.01. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve hiring assistant track coaches but splitting one assistant coach stipend 3 ways. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to convey to executive session at 7:15 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, Stauffacher, Schliem, Ruegsegger, Paulson, Figi, Dunlavey.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Stauffacher to return to open session at 9:09pm. Motion carried on a roll call vote. YES-, Baumgartner, Stauffacher, Schliem, Ruegsegger, Paulson, Figi, Dunlavey.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the preliminary non-renewal notice to Spanish Teacher Mr. David Kinney Motion carried on a roll call vote YES-, Baumgartner, Stauffacher, Schliem, Ruegsegger, Paulson, Figi, Dunlavey.

Motion Dunlavey and seconded by Schliem to adjourn at 9:11 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

Next meeting Organizational April 29th, 2026 at 6:00 pm

Next Regular Meeting May 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm