

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2025



The board meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the upper commons by President Dee Paulson. The following members were present Val Dunlavey, Dee Paulson, Mindy Stauffacher, Jim Baumgartner, Cali Schliem, Clayton Ruegsegger and Jason Figi. Also present were Willy Chambers, Cory Milz and Tammy Zimmerman also present were 4 guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to consent to agenda which includes Agenda, Financial Report and minutes from July 2025 meetings. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report:

Chambers: Congratulations to Dee Paulson for achieving Level 1 in the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Member Recognition Program. Dee will be recognized at the Fall Regional Meeting. Unfortunately, it is the same night as our October Board meeting. Thank you to Dee and the rest of the board members for your dedication to the Black Hawk School District.

I was interviewed by Jason Makos from WEKZ radio. Most of the interview focused on the budget and potential referendum in the spring. Jason plans to continue conducting interviews.

Mr. Milz has organized and is running a raffle to support the fireworks for the homecoming events. I believe he would welcome Board members to purchase or sell tickets for the cause.

I received an email with a copy of a podcast that will go live on August 29th by Lighthouse Therapy. Janet Courtney from Lighthouse Therapy and I had a conversation related to education.

We received confirmation that our REAP grant (federal grant) was awarded today for \$36,485. This is a grant we typically receive every year.

I will meet with Steve LaVallee next week for the next policy update. There is a folder with technical corrections that I will be reviewing and approving. This is the notice that I have to give to the Board that those corrections will be made.

I will be in Stevens Point tomorrow for a Calendar and Contact Committee Meeting.

I only have four students "committed" to the VLN Education option. I will be calling the families that could be engaged to see if there is still interest or not. There is enough involvement for the option to be profitable for the district.

Milz: 1. Moved trophy cases to the hall where concessions will be served. Fire safety marshal recommendation. We are also looking to put the individual recognitions in the hallway by the stairs of the west gym entrance. Possible BH Hall of Fame in that hallway as well, looking to form a committee.

2. Thank you to the Bidlingmaiers, Cory and Kerrie, for donating 2 steers for an athletic department fundraiser. Selling hamburger at Riecher's for \$4 a pound. All proceeds go to football, basketball, baseball, and volleyball.

3. Thank you to Carl Huschitt and Huschitt Show Cattle, as well as Andrew Ritchie and Avon Meat Locker for donating a steer and the processing for our Homecoming fireworks show. We have a raffle underway to raise the funds needed to support the cost of the fireworks. Thank you to Jerry Scott and Boom Boom Fireworks for continuing to offer us this display at a reduced cost.

4. Thank you to Bank of New Glarus, Gratiot and Woodford State Banks for their gifts of \$800 each for our Student of The Month recognition program. This has been a tradition for over 25 years.

5. This Saturday, August 16, is the Day at The Park activities and fundraiser organized by Jaime Berget and the BH Parent's Club. Check it out, proceeds go to Homecoming fireworks and the purchase of playground equipment/toys.

6. Want to thank and recognize Kayla Foster and the local fire departments for organizing a Back-to-School collection of school supplies for families in need. Pack The Bus --- neat idea, and big shout out.

AD Report August 2025

- Summer is closing out and fall seasons have gotten underway.
- Summer hours were spent meeting with coaches to discuss the past and upcoming seasons.
- I met with wrestling coaches to discuss and establish a new wrestling schedule. We have a solid start but will continue to try to add meets.
- We have some gaps in JV and MS officials, but they are small compared to previous years.
- Some holes need to be filled with coaches. I've talked with head coaches and some possible interested individuals. We're fortunate to have head coaches who have been proactive and very helpful in filling these positions.
- I'd like some input to ticket-taking at home football games here at South Wayne. We only have two regular season games here, but last year, there was concern about people standing outside the fence in the parking lot.
- Coaches Mike Flanagan and Cory Milz have both been inducted into their respective Coaches Hall of Fames, and I'm planning on recognition for both of them. Coach Milz at the home football game vs Potosi-Cassville, and Coach Flanagan when the Darlington Girls play here in January.
- I want to thank all the workers we've had in the past and with a few not returning this year, I've contacted some potential replacements.
- Season Sporting posters are in the works again.
- A Huge thank you to the boosters on their work to secure funding for Hudl again this year.
- Beth has continued to organize our transportation and I'm grateful for all she does to get our student-athletes to the places and on-time for all the practices and events.

Board of education report: Buses can fill up at the Pec Coop non manned station between the hours of 7:45am-9:00am Monday-Friday it will be done as an inhouse charge just like at the other station.

Pat Baumgartner donated money to get new radios for the Paras. Thanks to Pat for her continued support of Black Hawk Schools.

Val - Cesa 3 meeting last week all schools declining enrollment and provide and optimize forms on our website. Enrollment recently asked questions. Jamie Nutter watches live board meeting in the CESA area to be able to better understand what is happening in the Districts and CESA when asked about reducing cost when using their services. CESA does not make any money on services they are at cost to the districts. MS Haack from Barneveld talked about passing referendums 1st one failed and what they changed to go back and have a successful one.

On August 6th Dee, Jim and Jason put the banner on Bus # 64 and took it out to Roger Jackson's. This was planned out to with family, and it was very touching for the family and Roger. The banner was paid for by the board members.

Warrior Care funding through Fund 80 to partially fund program could be a possibility.

Handbook changes accrued leave verse earned leave time. Just wording change.

Part-time custodians position the Board is okay with using students if they apply for the position.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the resignation of Morgan Mahoney as paraprofessional. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Ruegsegger to hire Scott Cernek as Middle School Football Coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Stauffacher to hire Bud Strunz as Bus Driver. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Dunlavey to hire Helen Lincicum as part time custodian. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion Baumgartner seconded by Figi to sell parcel #131.0176.000 to sell to Russel Herbst at a sale price of \$4950 by way of Wisconsin Surplus. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to sell parcel #131.0001.0000 to Russel Herbst at a sale price of \$2100 by way of Wisconsin Surplus. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to sell parcel #016.0135.5000 to Russel Herbst at a sale price of \$12150 by way of Wisconsin Surplus. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to sell parcel #131.0143.000 to Donald Boebel at a sale price of \$6650 by way of Wisconsin Surplus. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Dunlavey to approve Policy #118.15 Attendance Waiver. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve the wrestling cooperative agreement with Warren/Shullsburg/Black Hawk as presented Black Hawk will be host. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Stauffacher to approve the Alliant Energy Easement on the southwest corner of the school property as outlined by Alliant Energy. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Dunlavey to approve rental agreement with The Village of Gratiot use Agreement/Fee at a cost of \$5000 for the 2025-26 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote. Brian McCually questioned how we are going to split the cost for use of the Gratiot Building as wrestling club is spending money on remodeling a couple rooms to make it easier to use for Wrestling Practice.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Baumgartner to approve the student at risk programming for 2025-26 for 11 students. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to approve short term borrowing if needed from Woodford Bank for up to 2.5 million if needed at a rate of 4.75%. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve ACH payments to current vendors to avoid late payments fees. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve paying Warren 1/2 of Turk Tank Invoice. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Stauffacher approve open house on August 25, 2025, from 3p-6p. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi seconded by Baumgartner to convey to executive session at 7:31 pm. YES- Baumgartner, Figi, Ruegsegger, Schliem, Paulson, Dunlavey, Figi NO- None, ABSENT- None

The board returned to open session at 8:23 pm

Act on matters deliberated in closed session. None

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:23pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Regular meeting is September 10, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

