

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025



The meeting was called to order by President Dee Paulson at 6:00 pm in the upper commons. The following board members were present Dee Paulson, Mindy Stauffacher, Cali Schliem, Clayton Rusessegger, Val Dunlavy and Jason Figi. Absent Jim Baumgartner. Also, present was administration of Willy Chmabers, Cory Milz, Tammy Zimmerman.

Motion by Fig and seconded by Stauffacher to consent to agenda which includes minutes from the August 2025 meeting, financial report as presented, agenda and posting of the agenda.

Administration reports: Chambers: We discussed addressing the ACH policy in the past at a Board meeting. After talking to Steve LaVallee from NEOIA and receiving clarification on the wording, we do not feel that a revision is needed. He clarified that the policy was addressing the agreement with the district's bank, which we do correctly through our current processes. Since you passed a motion allowing for ACH payments in general last month, the district will proceed with ACH payments in alignment with policies.

I have been placed on the WASDA Legislative Committee as a voting member for CESA #3. I will have to attend a couple of meetings this year for the role; most of the meetings are during conferences, which I typically attend.

I am running for the WIAA Advisory Council, which requires two meetings a year. The position became open after the last meeting. If I were to get voted in, I could turn it down if the Board is opposed to my serving in that capacity.

Currently, we have 5, possibly 6, students enrolled in Black Hawk Virtual School. We also have 4 students taking individual courses in the system.

I thank Melissa Pickett for her efforts to assist the Warrior Care operations. She has filled in on occasions when staff were not available. She has also made suggestions to help operations run more smoothly.

There have been 11 alternate open-enrollment applications in and 9 out. Out of the 11 in. A family chose to place one of their children in homeschooling. The parents said their goal was to get the child in a brick-and-mortar school in the next year or two. I will give you a more complete report on open enrollment once we have gone through the third Friday.

I received a call today asking about our 4K program from a Monroe School District staff member.

It was brought to my attention this morning that the Back Yard Campground had worked with the Green Bay Packers to come down and sign autographs and so forth. I believe this is a great event for the community. The activity will happen on September 20th in alignment with Homecoming. Nancy asked if they did their thing at the football game, which Eric relayed to me this morning. Unfortunately, there is a fundraiser attached to it for Gilbert Brown's Foundation. That said, our fundraising policies 5830 and 9700 include the statement below.

"Because the District cannot accommodate every organization that desires to solicit funds for worthy purposes, the Board shall not permit any organization not related to the district to solicit funds on District property."

Milz: 1. Would like to thank Brandon Behlke for presenting information to our staff during the in-service about the practical use of A.I. in the classroom and A.I. tools.

2. Elementary Events this month

- a. 4th and 5th graders will be attending Rural Safety Days in Darlington on Thurs., Sept. 18.
- b. Our 5K and Ech/4K classes will be taking their annual field trip to a pumpkin patch, Heidi's Happy Acres, on Sept. 19.

3. Middle School Events this month

- a. 8th graders went to the Platteville Historical Re-enactment on Friday, Sept. 5.

4. High School Events this month

a. FFA

- 1. Green County Soil Judging, Sept. 10
- 2. Tri County Soil Judging, Sept. 24
- 3. World Dairy Expo, Sept. 30

b. Business/Yearbook/FBLA

- 1. Students from the yearbook went to Josten's kickoff event on Sep. 9 to learn about the new features in the platform that creates the yearbook outline.
- 2. Senior Mock Interviews scheduled for Sept. 17. We thank the area business leaders who are coming in to hold the interviews.

c. American Player's Theatre, English department taking students to Spring Green on October 1.

5. Congratulations to the following individuals who are serving as Homecoming Court this year:

Freshmen- Chase Pickett and Josslyn Lewis

Sophomores- Lucas Stietz and Kylie Saidat

Juniors- Trent Bidlingmaier and Paityn Fritchen

Seniors- Spencer Hay-Skattum and Mya Milz

King and Queen- Cooper Baumgartner and Keira Brunner

6. Would like to thank BH Parent's Club, Jaime Berget, and everyone who helped out with their Day At The Park event. Thank you for the donation to the Homecoming Fireworks fund. Also, thank you to Parent's Club for sponsoring our "Gotcha" program and its monthly recognitions.

7. Thank you to Bank of New Glarus, Gratiot and Woodford State Bank for their continued financial support of our Student of The Month program.

8. Friday, October 24, BH Career Awareness Day. Looking for speakers from all career cluster

Erickson: Fall season sports have started and in full swing. The number of participants has been steady in both the high school and MS fall season. We have hopes this will continue into winter and spring.

- Much of my time doing AD work has been spent in the form of communication.
 - Coaches - I have met with coaches to discuss expectations that are WIAA-based.
 - Officials - confirming officials in both the immediate events and future contests.
 - Workers - we have some great individuals who have worked for our events. I have been asked by other schools at our conference what our pay rate is for workers, with the intent of their having holes to fill and wanting to increase their pay.
- I continue to have gaps in communicating schedules to the various outlets.
- Met with Arbiter to determine if new offerings can be utilized here at Black Hawk

- Continuing to build schedules for Wrestling
- Working with students to get their involvement in our sport offerings. Numbers of participants is a large problem in our conference and other schools of our size and geography.

Board of Education Report: Question was asked for breakdown for football 28 Varsity players. Thanks to the South Wayne Fire Department for collecting items back to school items with fill the bus. Question about having summer to school for Freshman only to be able to better kick them off for school year.

Kevin Mullen from Baird gave a presentation about projection budgets for the current and future years of the district. Going as we currently into the next years we are going to continue to reduce fund balance. Mr. Mullen then discussed different structural options for referendum and considerations for the Board when deciding on an amount to ask the public to approve. First, he clarified that the state funding was dependent on the amount of money spent in the prior year, not on funds levied or whether it was a recurring or non-recurring referendum. He then discussed different ways to structure the amount requested. The Board can ask for a flat amount for a number of years (e.g. \$500,000 for 4 years) or step it up over the same time period (e.g. year 1 - 350,000, year 2- 450,000, year 3 - 550,000, year 4- \$650,000). The amount asked depends on the immediate funding needs and the desire, and the speed at which the Board wishes to rebuild the fund balance.

Money takers for football games add ticket takers to help in managing entrances. Block off one driveway entrance and have ticket takers together. This would help in managing people that are sitting in the parking lot that may not have paid.

Forms online for school year start. The district is looking to have all forms online with the ability to fill out and submit them by the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year. Mr. Chambers will investigate Skyward's capacity to perform those tasks. He will also investigate the cost of the service, if available.

Motion by Dunlavey seconded by Stauffer to approve attendance waiver for Student A based on obtaining parent signature. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Stauffacher and seconded by Dunlavey to approve attendance wavier for Student B. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to approve attendance waiver for Student C. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Paulson to approve attendance wavier for Student D. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Dunlavey to approve Handbook Language change as presented, Mr. Chambers will take care of miss spelled words. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Eric Amway at a 50% employment contract. Mr. Amway will not be at school every day. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Schliem to hire Noah Stienman as Head wresting coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Fig and seconded by Dunlavey to approve Warrior Care workers in the mornings Pagie Strunz, Carol Ruegsegger, Brigitte Stauffacher(student), - afternoons Teri Bird, Megan Scott, Kristen Ladow(student). The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Stauffacher to approve hiring Scott Patton as parttime custodian. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Schliem seconded by Ruegsegger to approve overtime pay as recommended by Bob Butler. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Dunlavey and seconded by Figi to approve hiring and posting an additional paraprofessional to replace one that resigned, and the needs have not change. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and second by Paulson to rescind the sale of Parcel # 131.0143.000 to Donald Boebel. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Stauffacher and seconded by Stauffacher to relist parcel # 131.0143.000 with Wisconsin Surplus and have an end date of October 8, 2025. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Dunlavey to adjourn at 7:48 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Next Regular meeting will be October 8, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk