

BLACK HAWK SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 10, 2026



The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the upper commons by President Dee Paulson the following board members were present Mindy Stauffacher, Jim Baumgartner, Cali Schliem, Dee Paulson, Clayton Rusessegger, Dustin Williams Absent Jason Figi Also present was Administration of Willy Chambers, Cory Milz, Tammy Zimmerman and 12 guests.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Williams 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 May 13, 20, and 27, 2026 meetings. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Reports: **CHAMBERS:** The district has ordered and received 4 additional 2-way radios to use in assisting with our special needs demands.

The district has ordered a changing table to assist with our special needs children. Along with the table, the needed accessories have been ordered.

I have not secured comparable quotes yet for the HVAC options for the current OT/PT space. I will try to have them for consideration at the End of Year Meeting.

I am hopeful that in the near future, the Board will be able to put out to the staff and community what the succession plan for my role is, so that all can understand what administration will look like next year.

Throughout my time working alongside Mr. Milz, we have maintained a professional relationship built on mutual respect and a shared commitment to student success. While we have occasionally approached challenges from different perspectives, those discussions have strengthened our decision-making and kept our focus on what is best for students, staff, and the community. Our ability to collaborate effectively and work toward common goals has resulted in a productive and positive partnership.

Even though it was a much shorter time, the year I worked in my current capacity with Mr. Mortimer was rewarding and similar in nature to the working relationship with Mr. Milz.

My letter of resignation explains my sentiments more fully, but I want to thank the staff, the community and the various Board members over my twenty-nine year tenure for the opportunity to serve the district in various roles. I will remember these opportunities fondly. Thank you. Dawn and I have an accepted offer on a house in Elroy and are working on selling ours.

MILZ:

? 7th Grade World Fair was held on Friday, May 22. 7th graders hosted their annual World Fair in the commons for the elementary and middle school students, as well as a few guests. Deep appreciation to the students and Mr. Burke for orchestrating these presentations.

? Thank you to the Parent's Club for funding our end-of-year elementary and middle school field trips, alongside their continued sponsorship of the Gotcha Program incentives, like the Bounce House/Culver's custard elementary reward.

? Thank you to all the school officials who made the 2026 Graduation Ceremony a success, as well as 8th grade Promotion (little hiccup there).

? We thank the Woodford State Bank and the New Glarus Bank branches in Gratiot for their consistent financial support of our Student of the Month Program.

? Thank you to the band students and Mr. Amweg for their performances at the Gratiot VFW Memorial Day Service.

? Congrats to Shane Wand and coaching staff representing Black Hawk at the WIAA State Track Meet at UW-La Crosse.

? The 2026 Summer School session officially launches on Monday, June 8 and will run through the last day of classes on Friday,

June 26. America 250 is the theme.

? FFA Leadership & Conventions: * The FFA Officers have an Officer Camp using the from June 3 to June 5.

? Select FFA students and Ms. Nehs, will travel to Madison for the State FFA Convention from Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19.

? The Six Rivers All-Conference Basketball events are scheduled for Friday, June 19, with the Six Rivers Volleyball All-Star Showdown following on Friday, June 26.

? Our annual sports physicals day is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24.

? FBLA National Travel: Rounding out the month, our FBLA national qualifiers will be heading out to San Antonio, Texas, from Saturday, June 27 through Friday, July 3.

? Note that the main gym floor refinishing project is scheduled to take place from Monday, July 6 through Saturday, July 18. To guarantee the quality and safety of the finish, there will be absolutely no student, staff, or athletic facility access during this entire block. Open gym skills sessions will resume on Monday, July 20.

As we move into the heart of our summer operations, I want to express my appreciation to our teachers, office staff, bus drivers, support staff, building and food service crew, and substitutes.

We have a dedicated staff that wants to see Black Hawk succeed in our mission of developing solid citizens.

ERICKSON:

- Our track teams finished with several highlights including Spencer Hay-Skattum, Dax Paquin, Aiden Mosley, Shane Wand, Taylor Stegall, Mya Milz, Emily Curran and Makaylah Curran all qualifying from regionals for the sectional meet. Shane Wand emerged by qualifying for the state meet in the 110 Hurdles where he finished 13th.

The boys team had a very successful season finishing 2nd in the Six Rivers Conference Meet with Dax Paquin, Aiden Mosley and Shane Wand all being crowned as individual champions.

- The baseball team showed some growth with improvements made throughout the season. We had five boys participating in the coop. Cole Dunlavey was the only athlete from the team to receive post-season honors as he was named to the all-sportsmanship team.

- The softball team also improved with a nice run of wins as well as a playoff victory. Two Black Hawk girls participated in the Coop.

- Congratulations to our graduates Mya Milz and Jacob Woodruff who were our WIAA nominees for Scholar Athlete for 2026.

- There was a good turnout for the Sports Meeting on May 21. I was able to communicate the necessary information to parents and athletes for participation in the 2026-27 school year.

- We will host another free WIAA physical opportunity here at the school on June 25. AT the meeting on the 21st a number of families have already signed up have their physicals completed here at the school. I greatly appreciate Lafayette County Memorial

- Our contract with HUDL ends at the end of July. Prices have gone up to \$11,000 which will need to be funded by donations from individuals, businesses and from team programs. One caveat to the new contract is the inclusion of a third camera. We will need to determine what is the best use of that and there are several options. The Booster Club - who has been amazing in supporting our school and programs – are spearheading the process to secure the funding.

- We have several coaching vacancies that are in the process of being filled. Some will be acted upon tonight. Others have garnered a deeper search, namely the Head Boys Basketball position. I'm very grateful for the efforts, time and passion Coach Michael Flanagan has put into the program and also for his work to steady the transition as he has continued to serve the teams during the summer.

- Along with Coach Kaylee Flanagan, we are planning a community meeting to discuss the future of our girls basketball program much like we did two years ago.

- Our teams are beginning summer leagues, summer programs and attendance at off season workouts has been really good at this point.

Board of Education Report- Paulson Thanked Mr. Chambers for his years of service in Education to the District.

Public Comment was called for: None

Information was given to the Board about large class sizes and a stipend that could be associated with them if the Board would choose to go that route.

Chambers gave a quote to the Board for Schoolmessenger SafeArrival/SafeSecure Program, but Beth Zimmerman is not interested in the program.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Williams to approve the WIAA Membership and allow the Superintendent to sign necessary documents with associated with being a part of the WIAA. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Williams to approve a student request to graduate being one credit short of the required for Black Hawk. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve the naming rights of the sports tower in Roger Jackson's name. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Schliem to approve setting the Reduced Breakfast fee at \$.30. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Schliem to approve the sale of whole or 2% milk for breakfast and lunch. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Ruegsegger and seconded by Baumgartner to approve Jenny Schiferl to work the first 2 weeks of summer school. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Baumgartner to approve paying out Lisa Flanagan 403b based on the employee handbook on June 30, 2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to approve Shelia Bredeson as assistant Volleyball Coach. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Williams to approve hiring Sammi Prescher and Dar Foster as summer custodial help. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Schliem to approve hiring Mariah Kendall as Elementary teacher. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Baumgartner to approve continuing to lease the turf tank to painting of the football fields. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Ruegsegger to set the end of the year meeting for June 29, 2026 at 6:00 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Schliem to approve the activities code handbook as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Williams to approve the coach's handbook as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Schliem to approve the MS/HS handbook discussion was had about switching the wording as used in Darlington except 2nd offense is 1 week and 3rd offense will be 2 weeks. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Baumgartner to approve 2026-27 handbooks as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Ruegsegger to not move ahead at this time with Internet backup services. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Schliem to convey into executive session at 7:40 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 Stauffacher, Paulson, Baumgartner, Schliem, Williams, Ruegsegger NO-NONE ABSENT Figi

The Board Returned to pen session at 9:00 pm

Act on matters deliberated in closed session.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Williams to approve teachers' negotiations as follows to allow steps and lanes. Lanes will be awarded to the teachers that have earned and requested the lane movement. The staff who can move 2 steps, due to the salary freeze in 2025-2026 are allowed to move up to 2 steps. A new step will be added at the bottom of the salary schedule and the new figures will be 3% higher than the previous step in that lane. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Baumgartner to approve support staff negotiations as follows: Paraprofessionals are given a 3% increase on steps 1, 2 and 3, step 4 is increased by \$.50 from Step 3 and Step 5 is \$.50 more than Step 4. Paras who are able to move 2 steps are able to due to the salary freeze in 2025-2026. The other support staff are now granted the additional steps 4 & 5. All support staff are now on the same salary schedule and will be given a 3% increase on steps 1, 2 and 3, step 4 is increased by \$.50 from step 3 and step 5 is \$.50 more than step 4. Support Staff who are able to move 2 steps are able to due to the salary freeze in 2025-2026. Bus drivers pay will increase to \$77/daily route and 3% increase on extra-curricular hours. Athletic Director, Nurse and Extra Curriculars will stay the same. However, extra-curriculars will be granted up to the 2 steps if earned due to the freeze in 2025-2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Stauffacher and seconded by Williams to approve the District Bookkeeper with a 3% increase and a one-time 3% increase for longevity. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve Principal with a 3% increase. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Schliem to approve increasing the part-time custodian position to 28 hours per week. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Paulson to adjourn at 9:04 pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Mindy Stauffacher, Acting Clerk