

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BLACK HAWK

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MAY 13, 2026



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

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher 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 April 8, 2026 and April 29, 2026, meetings. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Administration Report: **Chambers:** Congratulations to Mr. Kinney. I know he has been offered another job, which he has indicated to me that he plans to sign a contract for. I am also aware that he has several other interview opportunities if he so chooses.

As you are aware, the legislature is voting on a bill to spend down the budget surplus, which will provide additional funding for special education, reduce property taxes (Via General School Aid), and put money back in the hands of taxpayers. The measures will not negate the need for the referendum dollars, but they will help in the following ways. The special ed increase will assist with our funding shortfalls by about an additional \$30 to 35 thousand dollars next year. The property tax relief will lessen the burden on the taxpayers to cover the referendum. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates that dollar amount to be \$141,252.

I talked with Jason Makos today at 1 PM about the effects of the adjustments made by the proposed bill, assuming it passes through all the phases.

I know I said this last month, but thank you to the community for supporting the referendum and allowing the district to maintain the current level of programming, except for Lisa and David's positions.

The high school athletes did an amazing job running the middle school meet last night!

We will be interviewing for the elementary position on Tuesday evening.

As you will see in Mr. Milz's report, and likely already know, this time of year is extremely busy, and we have a lengthy agenda so I will end my report at this time.

Milz: Shout Outs

- FBLA qualifiers for nationals in San Antonio, TX (July) Keira Brunner, Payton Stietz, Alyvia Ruegsgger
- Gifted and talented art students. Taliesin Student Showcase for architecture on May 14. Sammy Prescher, Dani Martin, Freya Haas
- Mrs. Bredeson is inviting "Brad the Book Guy", Brad Van Epps, to present his monthly love of literacy TikTok from her classroom in April CESA 3 initiative to increase student reading in their leisure time.
- National Honor Society inducted new members in April: Sammy Prescher, Kaitylyn Stegall, Payton Stietz, Jerzey Wiegel, and Mason Schultz.
- Six Rivers Math Competition, Black Hawk H.S. team- 7th overall out of 14 teams. 5th in geometry, 5th in Algebra II.
- Mason Schultz, All-Conference in Algebra II- Ryan Curran, All-Conference in Geometry
- Teachers implementing parent/grandparent activities at school - The 5th grade invited "Books for Breakfast" in April
- 4K invited "Muffins with Mom" on 5/7/26.
- Mr. Bredon took some middle school students to UWP for the STEM Expo. Black Hawk M.S. had 3 teams place in the Power 600 in the event.

Events

- 5/1 BH 6th graders attended Yellowstone Flint Cap "Bloody Lake" Rendezvous
- 5/13 Elementary Spring Concert
- 5/14 BH 6th graders will go to Gratiot Sportsman's Club to participate in various outdoor activities.
- 5/14 BH Seniors taking a senior trip to Great America.
- 5/14 BH 4th graders going to Day At The Dairy, hosted by Highway Dairy outside of Darlington.
- 5/15 MS/HS Spring Concert, 7 p.m.
- 5/18 HS. Academic Awards program
- 5/18 Red, White, Blue Day is part of Wisconsin's Act 95 schools celebrating 250th anniversary of our nation's founding
- 5/20 BHHS Track sponsors Elementary Olympics, 12:30 p.m.
- 5/20 Senior Scholarship Night, 6 p.m.
- 5/21 BH 8th graders, Freshman Orientation, 5:30 p.m.
- 5/22 Graduation, 7 p.m.
- 5/26 MS Academic Awards program
- 5/27 8th Grade Promotion, 7 p.m.

Thank You's

- FFA Officer team and BH students for raising \$500 for the Broge barn fire support.
- Mrs. McCauley for organizing the Bogo Book Fair to promote reading in leisure time to our students.
- Parents' Club for Staff Appreciation days in May, and for financially supporting our elementary and middle school May field trips
- Paraprofessionals for Teacher Appreciation Day in May
- Walmart for Teacher Appreciation Day donated items
- Dan and Deb Powers for letting FFA use the facility for FFA Breakfast
- Brandon Behlke for donating his time to support the FabLab grant on a Wednesday night of each month.
- Jim Baumgartner and members of the Gratiot Sportsman's Club for continued sponsorship of 6th-grade field days.
- David Kinney for his service to the district, beneficial to our E.L.L. students and for his dependability.

Erickson: We are coming off of a busy few weeks of hosting events here at Black Hawk. Early May had us hosting two baseball and one softball game. I appreciate all the work RJ did to get the fields prepped and lined. Also, thank you to Sheila Bredeson and the Forensic team for running concessions for those events. We hosted a high school track meet and a middle school track meet in the last week. Again, a thank you to all the people who come together to make those events run at a high quality level. The high school boys won their 11 team invitational and Shane Wand and [Aiden Mosley](#) were voted Hurdler and Thrower of the Meet by coaches.

On Monday, I will announce our nominees for scholar athlete as well as a few kids that are on the academic all-state track and field team.

On May 21, following the freshman orientation meeting, I am hosting a meeting for a parent/guardian and students who plan to participate in sports in 2026-27. The purpose of the meeting is to go through all paperwork that is required for participation. I will also discuss the activities code of conduct. I'm trying to stream-line the paper trails for all of the required documentation.

We are looking to host another free WIAA physical opportunity here at the school over the summer. This will be an option for families to get physicals for the upcoming sports seasons in 2026-27 and will take place on June 25 from 8-10. I will promote this at the meeting next week as well.

Coop Communication:

- o Football - The Coop renewal will be due in October. I have reached out to Warren to get that process started. While doing so, I was informed that Stockton had approached them with the idea that down the road they may want to form coops across the board in all sports. There is no discontent on Warren's part, they are simply going to talk to Stockton.
- o Girls Basketball - I contacted all bordering districts to see if there would be any consideration for a coop. All stated there would not be. I also talked to Warren and they said they would be talking to

Stockton. Because of the crazy nature of the month of May on the school calendar, I have delayed holding the community meeting until the summer

I am meeting with the HUDL representative on Friday to discuss the future of our package including costs

Board of Education Report: Officially welcome Dustin Williams to the Board

Klondike Cheese- Melissa Brunner	\$500 for High School Track and Field Uniforms
Amber and Tracy LaDow	Donated Time for taking tickets for the 3/29/2026 musical performance
Tara Breadon	Donated Time for taking tickets for the 3/27/2026 musical performance
Baustin Bowers	Donated Time for taking tickets for the 3/28/2026 musical performance

Public comment: Was called for Payton Calow talking about class size with 26 kids possibility of hiring a teacher to replace to if that is not an option then a stipend for the large class size. Kristine Petitjean talked on having all 22 students last year and the performance of students. 13 students now are ahead of where they were last year ahead of last years students.

Discussion items:

Football Coop with Warren board is in agreement to continue with COOP

Pollution Control Insurance will not pursue it at this time.

Class Ratios Stipend for Large Class Sizes more preparation for more work. How would it be figured per student, class size, cost \$, many questions about others and could be a snowball effect. Bring more information to board for next meeting as a discussion item.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Williams to approve FBLA Overnight Trip to San Antonio, Texas from June 27-July 2, 2026. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Willams seconded by Figi to approve overnight Trips for FFA Officer Camp/State FFA Convention, Officer Camp June 1-3, 2026 at Whitewater, June 15-19, 2026 State FFA Convention at Alliant Energy Center Monona, Nation WHEP July 23-25, 2026 at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The motion carried on a voice vote

Motion by Schliem and seconded by Figi to approve posting for 2 positions of 180 hours custodial summer help. Paulson Abstained. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Stauffacher and seconded by Baumgartner to approve paying the Assistant coach track stipend to the following split three ways Brandon Behlke, Kaylee Flanagan, And Mike Flanagan JR. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Williams to approve moving forward with naming rights but have contracts that are general and able to use for all donations. This is a work in progress and final details will have to be made at upcoming meetings. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Figi to approve revised Academic and Career Planning Program as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Schliem to approve assistant track coach going forward but if numbers become low to not support it then it will not happen. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to approve 2026-27 prom venue at Koning Lane on April 24, 2027. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi seconded by Stauffacher to approve Bank of New Glarus for short term borrowing if needed loan amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 at an interest rate of 3.95%. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Paulson to approve paying the Village Inn for board Dinner prior to next board meeting. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Baumgartner to approve writing checks to business that do not accept our credit card. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Paulson and seconded by Baumgartner to approve the contract with Lamers for Vehicle Repair, Maintenance and Rental from August 1, 2026-July 31, 2027. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi seconded by Stauffacher to approve contract with TC Networks for July 1, 2026-June 30, 2031. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi seconded by Williams to approve support staff letter of intent and extra curricular contracts for 2026-27 school year as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to approve teacher contracts as presented for 2026-27 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to approve the Bookkeeper contract as presented for 2026-27 school year. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Figi and seconded by Baumgartner to not pay the final payment request for \$10000 to Sjostrom and Sons until all final lien waivers are signed. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Williams and seconded by Figi to table HVAC System for OT/PT Room until the June Meeting because the two bids are different. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Motion by Baumgartner seconded by Figi to approve contract for School Psychologist for 2026-27 school year as presented. The motion carried on a voice vote.

May 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm will be the date to meet with staff to get feedback from the current school year.

Meet with Lisa Flanagan/ Brianna Hagen May 27, 2026 at 3:30 pm to give feedback from their employment.

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Figi to convey into executive session at 7:41 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, Figi NO-NONE ABSENT Ruegsegger.

The board returned to open session at 8:55 pm

Act on matters deliberated in closed session. NONE

Motion by Baumgartner and seconded by Stauffacher to adjourn at 8:56pm. The motion carried on a voice vote.

Submitted by,

Jason Figi, Clerk

Next regular meeting June 10, 2026