

**Howard-Winneshiek Community School District
School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 4:30 pm - Elementary/Middle School Library**



District Vision: Our vision is to discover, develop, expand passions, creativity and strengths.

District Mission: Our mission is to prepare and empower our students to think creatively, serve, contribute and succeed locally and globally.

Agenda/Minutes

1. Call to Order
 - a. 4:30 p.m. - Mr. Einck welcomed everyone.
2. Members present: Lear Clubb, Kiaya Ruroden, Tyler Wedemeier, Kris Einck, Brenda Lentz, Kathy Rice, Lori Kerian, Evan Kimber, Robyn Lane, Terra Bigalk, Neal Bentley, Todd Coulter
3. Approval of Agenda
4. New Business
 - a. Construction Update (by Superintendent Einck)
 - i. The auditorium is currently being renovated, new seating, sound system, stage floor refinished with new curtains. Completion tentatively January 2027.
 - ii. Two additions will be added to the west side of the high school. North addition will be 5-6th grade and south addition will be high school classrooms.
 - iii. High School Office/secured entrance and Elementary Office/secured entrance will be started soon.
 - iv. Tentative timeline was shared by Superintendent Einck.
 - b. Major Educational Needs (Mr. Bentley)
 - i. Multiple Learning Pathways - The different Pathways were explained.
 1. Traditional Classroom Setting

2. HLC - Hybrid Learning Center
 3. Online Learning - There is an eligibility process with the student and parents. Subject is the online programming platform used for the curriculum for grade 6-12. This is offered grades 7-12.
 4. ALC - Alternative Learning Center - Intensive behavioral and social-emotional supports are required.
 - c. Curriculum, assessment, and instruction
 - i. HS pathways need to be revised to align with the state standards for graduation class of 2028.
 - ii. Social Studies standards have new state standards released January 2026
 - iii. HS English is required to be posted online for the public.
 - d. Elementary Updates (Mrs. Lentz)
 - i. Building Goals
 1. Maintain reading proficiency at 76%.
 2. Maintain math proficiency of 76%.
 3. Reviewing and evaluating English curriculum.
 4. Social Studies/Science has new standards and are being reviewed.
 5. Behavior and Social Emotional is a district initiative. Classroom observations show discipline is improving.
 - ii. Building Updates
 - e. Middle School Updates (Mr. Wedemeier)
 - i. Building Goal
 1. 80% at grade level on ISASP
 - a. Reading Fall 63% and Winter 65%
 - b. Math Fall 67% and Winter 71%
 - ii. Building Updates
 1. Small group and targeted instruction are our focus
 2. Working on assessments and intervention practices
 3. 5-8 writing strategies and skills practice opportunities
 4. OpenSciEd Curriculum 5-8 is utilized
 5. Career Focused connections through Work Based Learning opportunities
 - f. High School Updates (Mr. Bentley)
 - i. Building Goals & Updates
 1. Social Studies - Aligning instruction to Iowa Core SS Standards
 2. Success Team - Social Emotional Behavior Health
 3. Science, Fine Arts, CTE - Formative Assessments
 4. Math - Revising Instructional Pathways
 5. English - High Quality Instructional Materials
5. Announcements
- a. Tentative meeting dates for next year:

- i. Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 4:30 - Discovery Center
- ii. Wednesday, March 24, 2027 at 4:30 - High School Library

6. Adjournment - 5:21 p.m.