

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
May 12th, 2025 5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on May 12th, 2025 in the Bruce High School IMC. School Board President Roxanne Kemnitz read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Craig Chafer, Steve Golat, Roxanne Kemnitz, Brittany Leer, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins (via phone) and Andrea Vohs. Also present were Administrators Jeff Walsh and Carrie Wessman.

The board meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Board President Roxanne Kemnitz.

A Vohs/Chafer motion to approve the meeting agenda carried.

A Vohs/Golat motion to approve Vouchers and Payroll carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to approve the April 7th, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes with an amendment to attendance, and the April 10th, 2025, the April 15th, 2025 and the April 30th, 2025 Special meeting minutes carried.

Administrator Reports:

District Administrator Report

1. Last Wednesday, the Senior Banquet was held at JS Supper Club. Seniors were presented with awards and scholarships. It was well attended and was a very nice evening for the seniors to take their next steps toward graduation.
2. We are beginning our next Steps this week with Nexus. We will have the administrative committee meeting this Thursday to look at what is coming forward from the User Groups moving forward to make sure that we keep the community's wishes for what we are updated. We also concentrate on staying on budget for the projects.
3. I met today with American Deposit Management about the sale of our bonds to banks throughout the state. With their investments, they will be looking at a profit through interest for about \$290,000. As next month goes by, I will provide the information with the Board and ask, at some point, for approval of this.
4. As we move toward the end of May, our athletic teams will be competing in the regional sectional and possibly state qualifying events in baseball and track. Good luck to these athletes and coaches.

Elementary Principal's Report

1. During the in-service on April 21, the elementary staff worked on aligning the new Reveal math curriculum and standards to match the performance reports for next year.
2. The fourth and fifth grade classes visited the Robers' farm on April 29 th . Thank you, Morgan and Dan, for sponsoring the trip and providing students with insight and exposure to farming and agriculture.
3. Heisler photography took elementary class pictures during the morning of April 30. Students will get a free classroom picture by the end of the school year.
4. The new character trait of grit was presented at the Elementary Assembly on May 5.
5. Second grade traveled to Wilderness Walk on May 7 th for their field trip. They had a beautiful day and they were the first school visit for the new season.
6. The School Improvement Leadership Team met on May 9 th to continue planning for transitioning to next year. The next meeting will be on June 10 at 1:00 p.m.
7. The 3 rd -5 th grade spring concert is on May 14 at 2:15 and the 4K-2 nd grade concert is on May 15 at 2:15. Mrs. Mataczynski is doing a wonderful job subbing and planning the concerts. The concerts will have a Disney theme.
8. Fourth grade will travel to Exeland Friday morning for the annual Outdoor Expo sponsored by the Exeland Rod and Gun Club.

Middle School/High School Principal's Report

1. We held an assembly for our freshman respect retreat on April 16th at the Nathaniel Lutheran Church. Holcombe, Winter and us all attended.
2. Prom was held May 3rd at Adventure Awaits in New Auburn. It was a beautiful venue and a huge thank you to Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Fabbri for organizing and James Kahl for providing the music. Thank you also for chaperoning Mr. Hayes, Mr. Keeble and Ms. Hansen.
3. Seniors held their award banquet last Wednesday the 7th at the JS Supper Club. Thank you Lori Villiard for putting the banquet together and Mrs. Suttan and Mr. Keeble for being advisors.
4. Wednesday (21st) will be our Earth Day project work time and our seniors last day.
5. The middle school music department will have their spring concert Wednesday(21st) evening.
6. High School Graduation is set for Friday the 23rd at 7:00 PM
7. The 8th grade promotion will be held on the 28th, 6:00 PM
8. Last day of school will be Friday, June 6th

The next order of business was to reorganize the officer slate.

Golat nominated Roxanne Kemnitz for President. Schweitzer-Hopkins nominated Chafer. There were no other nominations. A Robers/Vohs motion to close nominations and cast a vote for the seat carried. A paper ballot vote resulted in a 5 to 2 vote in favor of Roxanne Kemnitz.

Robers nominated Steve Golat for Vice President. There were no other nominations. A Robers/Leer motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Golat for Vice-President carried.

Robers nominated Andrea Vohs for Clerk. There were no other nominations. A Robers/Golat motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Andrea Vohs for Clerk carried.

Robers nominated Jody Schweitzer-Hopkins for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. A Golat/Leer motion to cast a unanimous vote for Jody Schweitzer-Hopkins for Treasurer carried.

A Robers/Golat motion to accept the retirement of Brad Cody as Middle School/High School Principal with thanks for the many years of service to our District carried.

A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the contract as written and hire Anthony Bosco as District Administrator carried.

Mr. Walsh reported on the open enrollment in and open enrollment out numbers for the 2025/2026 school year. A Chafer/Vohs motion to accept the open enrollment numbers as read carried.

Ms. Wessman gave the board a report on AGR progress, explained the data and answered questions about the report. A Robers/Vohs motion to accept the AGR report carried.

Administration discussed action that would need to be taken with regard to third grade promotion due to Act 20. The Board was presented with examples of policy changes and this item will be placed on the June Regular Board Meeting agenda for action.

Woody Keeble addressed the Board about the possibility of cooping with neighboring schools for Softball and Baseball next spring. He reported the numbers we could expect to play these sports in upcoming years. A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to allow our Athletic Directors to look into opportunities to coop with other Districts carried.

Taking possible action on Administration Job Descriptions will be tabled to the June Regular Board Meeting.

A Golat/Robers motion to waive elective credits for 2 Senior Students and give an alternate Bruce Diploma to a Junior Student carried.

A Leer/Robers motion to approve a School Start Waiver Resolution carried.

Visitors to address the Board:

Kevin Mullen from Baird Public Finance addressed the Board regarding referendum financing options. He presented information about interest rate trends, a possible financing timeline and options the Board could consider.

Woody Keeble addressed the Board in regards to the Superintendent Search and where he saw gaps in the process. Mr. Keeble feels the Board made a mistake in its decision. He does not think the Day in the District or the survey that followed, which asked staff, students and community members who were involved in that day to give input, was an effective tool. He reminded the Board about the weight of the decision of hiring a Superintendent, especially at this time, as our District moves forward with referendum money.

A Robers motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c) carried at 7:08 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Robers motion to return to open session per statute 19.85 (1)(c) carried at 7:44 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,

Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved June 9th, 2025

