

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2019  
EXELAND ROD AND GUN CLUB**

A regular school meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on October 14, 2019 at the Exeland Rod and Gun Club. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by board president Andrew Anderson. Members present were Anderson, Golat, Robers and Vohs. Kempen, Schweitzer-Hopkins and Trott were absent. Also present were administrators Sturzl, Villiard and Wessman.

Mr. Anderson read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting.

A Robers/Vohs motion to approve the September 9, 2019 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$565,649.60 and expenditures of \$573,756.60 was reviewed and filed for audit.

A Golat/Robers motion to approve the vouchers payable carried.

Richard Tuisl from Westlake Enterprises in Ladysmith spoke to the board regarding employment opportunities in Rusk County.

Open Enrollment transportation was tabled.

Administrative contract was moved to closed session.

Spring 2020 Operational Referendum was tabled.

A Golat/Robers motion to approve an FFA trip to Indianapolis October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

A Vohs/Golat motion to approve the resignation of Shawna Scherer.

A Vohs/Robers motion to approve a one year contract for Sam Fink for a physical education teacher.

A Golat/Vohs motion to approve Scott Webster as a MS boys basketball coach.

A Vohs/Robers motion to approve a Facebook contract with Loren west.

Mr. Sturzl presented the 2019-20 Budget, no action taken.

A Golat/Vohs motion to nominate Dan Kempen for WASB Delegate.

Compensation Plan was tabled.

Administrative Reports

Director of Instruction's Report-Carrie Wessman

- Mental health screeners have been implemented in the MS/HS. Elementary is using SABERS. These screeners are able to identify students that may show some risk and need additional support.
- The early release on September 26<sup>th</sup> was very successful. Staff were able to dig into assessments using Fastbridge and ACT Aspire to plan intervention and enrichment groups.
- Mrs. Westrich, Mrs. Leaf, Ms. Deitheloff, Mrs. Schueller and Ms. Wessman will be attending A Learning to Lead Series on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The series covers coaching with the 4 critical questions of PLCs at work.
- Paraprofessionals will be offered a book study regarding effective support in inclusive classrooms. Deb Bartels and Ann Scoles will be attending a paraprofessionals conference in Madison on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Public Health will be here on Wednesday October 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 p.m. giving flu vaccinations to students. As of today 65 students have signed up.
- Progress grades will be due for trimester on October 18<sup>th</sup> which was pushed back one week to be closer to conferences. MS/HS conferences will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Principal's report-Larry Villiard

- Our new staff all seem to be off to a great start. We are pleased we have everyone in place now with the addition to our newest member, Mr. Fink in phy. Ed and he is doing wonderful.
- Ms. Detlaff held a financial aid night for senior parents last Wednesday and she felt she had a good turnout with good information. This is always a helpful night for parents, especially if it is their first child headed for college.
- Picture Day went very smoothly again and I thank all the staff for following the schedule and students for their cooperation.

- Last Friday we had two student ambassadors from UW Madison present Bucky's Classroom to our 7<sup>th</sup> graders in the IMC at 8:30. The presentation was also streamed live to 7<sup>th</sup> graders at Barron and Flambeau. We will have two more sessions one at each of those schools in then a final session on campus at UW Madison. Our next session will be November 15<sup>th</sup> live streamed from Flambeau. The two young ladies gave our students some excellent information about the UW, did some short interactive activities with them and answered questions about college life and college academics and activities.
- October 15<sup>th</sup> is our annual Freshmen Respect Retreat at Nathaniel Lutheran Church along with freshman from Flambeau and Winter.
- On Wednesday our high school student council and honor society students will take part in the Lakeland Conference Leadership Day at WITC.
- Our Honor Society students will hold a school and community wide Red Cross Blood drive next week on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- MS and HS parent/teacher conferences are coming up also next week on the 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. MS school staff will be in their classrooms and all high school staff will be in the big gym.
- Our elementary conferences will be held on November 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Our annual Veteran's Day program will be held on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the big gym.

District Administrator's Report-Pat Sturzl

- Our third Friday September count has been submitted to DPI. The count is up 13 students from last year.
- Tomorrow, October 15<sup>th</sup>, the DPI will have the most recent revenue worksheets available for school districts.
- The annual meeting for the district will be on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the HS cafeteria.
- All signs point to the mill rate being very close to last year. That means the school district portion of the tax bill will be close to the same amount.
- On October 16<sup>th</sup> Mr. Sturzl has a health cooperative meeting. This is the second year of the 2 year contract. We will be having an RFP this year with insurance providers.
- The Wisconsin Rural School Alliance is having their annual convention on October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be a job fair on the 29<sup>th</sup> for us to set up a booth and Mr. Sturzl would be able to talk with potential job candidates.
- The board will need to discuss the March school board meeting in November. The March meeting falls on the Monday of spring break

A Golat/Robers motion to approve the administrative reports carried.

A Golat motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85(1)(c)(f)(g) at 7:26 p.m. carried by unanimous roll call vote.

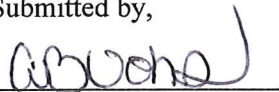
A Robers/Golat motion to return to open session at 7:38 p.m. carried.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

The board discussed the contract for the Principal in closed session. Upon returning to open session, a Golat/Robers motion to approve the contract carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs

Approved November 11, 2019