

**MINUTES
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on August 10, 2020 in the Bruce High School IMC. School Board President Daniel Robers read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Daniel Kempen, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins (arriving at 6:39), Whitney Trott, and Andrea Vohs. Steve Golat was absent. Also present were Administrators Patrick Sturzl, Carrie Wessman, and Laurie Leaf.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Daniel Robers.

A Anderson/Vohs motion to approve the July 13, 2020 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$244,396.65 and expenditures of \$511,627.67 were reviewed and filed for audit.

A Kempen/Trott motion to approve the vouchers payable carried.

Several visitors to address the board had questions and concerns about the upcoming school year. Board, administration, staff, and parents were all part of the conversation.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve the Student Handbook with no changes for 2020-21 school year carried.

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the Faculty Handbook with staff additions for the 2020-21 school year carried.

A Vohs/Anderson motion to approve the Co-Curricular Code with no changes for 2020-21 school year carried.

A Kempen/Trott motion to approve the Employee Handbook with no changes for the 2020-21 school year carried.

No action regarding Open Enrollment Transportation. Administration is waiting for a decision from DPI.

A Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve School Bus Driver Darlene Wundrow's retirement carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Trott motion to approve Head Boys Basketball Coach Jason Lehman's resignation carried.

A Anderson/Vohs motion to authorize the District Administrator to fill emergency vacancies before the school year and approve at the next board meeting carried.

A Anderson/Kempen motion to approve the Back to School Plan carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to approve the Online Learning Handbook and Contract carried.

A Anderson/Trott motion to hire a full-time Kindergarten teacher to divide the class into three groups carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to hire a full time Instructional Aide carried.

A Vohs/Trott motion to hire a part-time Health Aide position carried.

A Anderson/Kempen motion to hire Joelynn Frisch as the Middle School Social Studies teacher carried.

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to continue the contract with Loren West as the Facebook Coordinator with recommended increase carried.

A Trott/Vohs motion to hire Ed Lanzer as the Head High School Boys Basketball Coach carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve the budget adjustments to close out the 2019-20 school year carried.

A Anderson/Trott motion to raise the daily substitute pay to \$120/day carried.

Discussion with no action regarding the 1st reading of the Title IX Nondiscrimination Policy 2266 carried.

Discussion regarding the Finance Manager Contract was moved into closed session. Anderson removed himself during discussion. Upon returning to open session, a Kempen/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the Finance Manger Contract carried.

Discussion regarding the Technology Director Contract was moved into closed session. Upon returning to open session, a Trott/Vohs motion to approve the Technology Director Contract carried.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal's Report-Carrie Wessman

Ms. Wessman would like to thank all of the members on the reopening teams. They have been working hard at brainstorming safe plans for reopening. A special thanks goes to Public Health, Amanda Weinert and Dr. Allen for their time and guidance in developing these plans.

Jump Start 4K started today and goes through Thursday of this week. It was heartwarming to be able to greet and register 26 of the newest Bruce Raiders. We currently have 33 students enrolled for PreK. Mrs. LaRock, Miss Rassbach, Mrs. Calkins, and Mrs. Ann Scoles did a fabulous job working with the students.

As of today there are 24 elementary students signed up for virtual learning for the upcoming school year. The deadline for registering for virtual learning is August 27th.

The transportation team will meet again on August 13 to finish bus routes. Thank you to all of the families who have volunteered to transport students. The Equity Team will meet at 2:00 on August 13th. Volunteers from the Equity Team and various connects from the team are making extra masks for students. Most of the other reopening teams will meet after Raider Rebound to reflect and revise. Reviewing and adjusting will be an ongoing process throughout the school year.

Middle & High School Principal's Report-Laurie Leaf

Reopening team meetings have been going well. There are changes quickly coming but staff are great about ideas and making changes work.

Mrs. Leaf completed Educator Effectiveness training the end of July

There are currently 10 high school and 5 middle school students wanting to do virtual learning.

Staff members Kristel Calkins, Melissa Detlaff, Curt Strek, Molly Webster, James Kahl, Doug Schmitz and Mrs. Leaf met last week in a virtual workshop for Wisconsin Redefining Ready Workshop. The team is working on a template for a College and Career Readiness Scorecard. This is an in-depth way to show that our students are prepared for life beyond school. We have a 2 year plan and will have another meeting in October.

Staff orientation last week got staff into their classrooms and to meet the new staff.

The Leadership Team will meet tomorrow to go over the year and start any in-service planning and goals for the year.

There will be no open house this year due to COVID. Raider Rebound will be August 24-27. The first official day of school is Monday August 31. Staff have been coming in a lot the past few weeks getting their rooms ready.

August 20th there will be a sub orientation to go over how the school looks this year.

District Administrator's Report-Pat Sturzl

Mr. Sturzl is working on the budget. We have preliminary data from DPI. This year we are still waiting for the final 2020-2021 budget information from the state.

The summer maintenance programs are progressing and should be complete by the beginning of school.

Mr. Sturzl spoke with a district resident about trading a school 40 for one of his 40's. There is a specific process with property acquisition, sale and trade. He would like to look at the two properties with a board member or two present.

Mr. Sturzl was happy to see a great turnout for the Jump Start 4K program.

The next meeting will have discussion regarding a referendum on the agenda.

A Trott/Vohs motion to approve the administrative reports carried.

A Anderson motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85(1)(c)(f)(g) at 10:26 p.m. carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A Trott/Vohs motion to return to open session at 10:39 p.m. carried.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

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A Trott/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to adjourn at 10:41 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,


Whitney Trott (Clerk)

Approved September 14, 2020