

**MINUTES  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 7, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on December 7, 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, Steve Golat, Daniel Kempen (present by Zoom), Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins and Andrea Vohs. Also present were Administrators Patrick Sturzl, Carrie Wessman and Laurie Leaf. Trott was absent

The board meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Board President Daniel Robers.

A Anderson/Golat motion to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup> Regular School Board meeting minutes with the correction of Steve Golat being not present carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$149,126.36 and expenditures of \$543,723.86 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

There were no visitors that wished to address the board.

The current Back to School Plan was discussed. A Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to allow Administration to make the call for the week after Christmas virtual decision by December 16, 2020 carried.

The board was informed of the new CDC guidelines outlining the quarantine timeline for a person who has had contact with someone that has tested positive for Covid-19. Amanda Weinert updated the Board as to how our current quarantine period works and the possible effects of the new guidelines. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Golat motion to allow teachers to come back after 8 days with PCR testing at day 6 or 7 and to allow students to return at day 11 if masked or day 15 if unmasked. Kempen and Vohs opposed.

Discussion and Action with regard to School Land Exchange was tabled.

Discussion with regard to a Resolution Authorizing the School District budget to exceed the revenue limit by \$400,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes. A Kempen/Anderson motion to approve the Resolution as written carried.

Discussion with regard to a Resolution providing for a Referendum Election on the question of the approval of a resolution authorizing the School District budget to Exceed Revenue Limit by \$400,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes. A Kempen/Vohs motion to accept the Resolution as written carried.

Carrie Wessman reported on the Elementary AGR Report. A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the AGR Report carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Golat motion to approve Kevin Zeman as the Drivers Education Instructor carried.

The Board discussed extending the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. A Kempen/Vohs motion to extend the Families First Coronavirus Response Act through January 11, 2021 and readdress in the 2021 year carried. Anderson abstained.

Administration informed the Board of a student wishing to exceed 18 credits in the Start College Now Program. A Anderson/Golat motion to allow the student to exceed 18 credits carried.

The board seats up for Election are Dan Kempen and Whitney Trott. No action.

**Administrative Reports**

**Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman**

Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences had 90% attendance via virtual/phone calls. Virtual Conferences allowed more flexibility for scheduling with parents & teachers could spend longer amounts of time conferencing as needed.

Data Day was on November 13<sup>th</sup> and went well. Teachers reviewed assessment information, regrouped intervention/enrichment groups and established goals for targeted areas. Gains have been made since September due to in-person instruction.

The Music Department recorded songs per class and will send the link to classroom teachers to put on Google Classroom for parents to watch.

100% Virtual Students numbers are 28 Elementary students this trimester. 8 Elementary students have returned to in-person instruction from virtual this trimester and 2 Elementary students have switched to virtual instruction from in-person.

December Doors-Holiday Spirit in the School this month. Happy Holidays to you and your families!

#### Middle & High School Principal's Report – Laurie Leaf

The first trimester ended well and trimester 2 is off to a great start. Attendance during virtual week was very good. Staff had great lessons and discussions with students despite being virtual.

Tomorrow the junior class will be taking the pre-ACT. They should get the results back in a few days.

In trimester 2 our virtual numbers in both the Middle School and High School have stayed about the same (10 in Middle School and 27 in High School).

The FFA's fruit sale went well; they are delivering next week with no contact delivery.

Ms. Detlaff and I are working with CVTC on getting our students certificates by the time they graduate. We have CVTC doing a Zoom meeting with our 8-11 grade students starting next week to talk about the different certifications that they will offer. They will be offering more online/virtual classes next year. They also offer classes in the summer that could be offered with our summer school.

HS Student Council is once again doing Chris-mits and hope to be able to supply presents for at least 2 families in our school.

Mr. Hecimovich is working on recording the MSHS band and choir and will be emailing those out to parents.

Last week two of our students received their HSED through WITC. We should have two more this week who will achieve that as well. I am very proud of these students as they have worked very hard to get it done by the end of the year.

#### District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

We received \$4,483.43 from focus on energy from the second light installment. We should receive half of that amount from Xcel Energies.

The Geisler Scholarship distribution is \$30,220 for the class of 2021. The fund has grown by \$98,000 and we have awarded \$118,085 in scholarships. A big thank you to Joe Geisler for his generous donation.

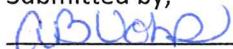
The insurance cooperative reported that we were at 103.9% loss ratio. We are down from last year's 111.6% loss ratio. The cooperative has helped keep our rates low. The last report for the entire group had the loss ratio at 85%.

Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year.

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

A Golat/Anderson motion to adjourn at 8:31 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (acting Clerk)