

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**MAY 11, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on May 11, 2020 in the Bruce High School IMC. Anderson read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Steve Golat, Daniel Kempen, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins, Whitney Trott, and Andrea Vohs. Also present were Administrators Patrick Sturzl and Carrie Wessman. Larry Villiard was present via teleconference. Laurie Leaf was also in attendance.

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

Trott nominated Daniel Robers for President. Kempen nominated Andrew Anderson for President. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to close nominations carried. Voting was done by ballot. Kempen counted ballots and the vote was a 4-3 favor of Daniel Robers for president.

Trott nominated Steve Golat for Vice-President. There were no other nominations. A Trott/Anderson motion to close nominations carried. A Trott/Anderson motion to cast a unanimous vote for Steve Golat for Vice-President carried.

Kempen nominated Whitney Trott for Clerk. There were no other nominations. A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to close nominations carried. A Vohs/Kempen motion to cast a unanimous vote for Whitney Trott for Clerk carried.

Trott nominated Daniel Kempen for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. A Golat/Anderson motion to close nominations carried. A Trott/Vohs motion to cast a unanimous vote for Daniel Kempen for Treasurer carried.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by board president Daniel Robers.

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the April 7, 2020 Special School Board meeting minutes carried.

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

A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the April 14, 2020 Special School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$142,526.47 and expenditures of \$496,071.12 was reviewed and filed for audit.

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

Robers spoke on behalf of a visitor to address the board regarding staff pay rate.

A Golat/Anderson motion accept the proposed summer work schedule carried.

An Anderson/Kempen motion to approve the student insurance bid from 1<sup>st</sup> Agency for the 2020-2021 school year carried.

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the third trimester grading structure for high school students carried.

Discussion with no action in regard to a future meet and confer with support staff. A date will be set once contact is made with support staff.

A Kempen/Golat motion to hire Hannah Brager for the high school science teaching position carried.

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire Wayne North for the high school science and math teaching position carried.

The board discussed senior graduation options. A Golat/Vohs motion to set a graduation date of June 6, 2020 carried by a 6-1 vote.

Administrative Reports

Director of Instruction's Report-Carrie Wessman

- We are on week nine of meal and homework delivery during COVID-19. Six routes deliver 354 breakfasts and 354 lunches. The last homework packet distribution will be the week of May 18<sup>th</sup>. Last homework pickup date will be May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Interviews will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> for next year's PreK position. Sarah Pintens, Natasha Rassbach, and Katie Welch will be interviewed. All are early childhood certified.
- We are working with Kevin Zeman to determine virtual classroom instruction for driver's education this summer. So far 24 students are signed up and paid.

- Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week. I would like to recognize the impressive plans, flexibility, and communication with students of our teaching staff during this difficult time. It is not an ideal situation for all involved and I am extremely grateful for their hard work and dedication.

#### K-12 Principal's Report-Larry Villiard

- Our weekly Zoom meetings with students and staff are going very well. I commend them all for doing such a great job.
- We have set a deadline for Seniors to submit all work for May 15<sup>th</sup>. I have asked staff to enter senior grades by May 20<sup>th</sup> so we know who all has passed for graduation, hopefully all of them. However, I have told staff that if an actual graduation ceremony isn't going to be held until July or August we will surely accept late work for those who will do so.
- All the senior banners are up. A big thank you to Mr. Sturzl and the village employees for their help finishing the job and to Mrs. Leaf for helping me assemble the brackets. I also have yard signs for each of them that we intend to give them at the ceremony but if we can't have one we will deliver them personally to their homes. Each Senior also has a personal congratulation on the school sign.
- I have been spending about two hours per day training Mrs. Leaf. I am trying not to overwhelm her and she is a fast learner. She will be very ready to take over the position. I also want to give Carrie some training on updating the school sign and making one call messages as that can help both of them do less work than one person doing it all. It is nothing hard but just several steps to follow and only takes practice.
- We plan to finish up all student's work by the end of May and have teachers post grades the first week of June. We will need to plan a text book return and staff check out.
- Student and faculty handbooks are ready for next year. No major changes to either of them. I told Mrs. Leaf she may want to get a student committee to go over the student handbook, and perhaps make some changes for the future.

#### District Administrator's Report-Pat Sturzl

- We will be having interviews on 05/12/20 for the 4K position.
- Our FCE teacher, Kyla Bergstrom, has finalized today she will be accepting another position in Rice Lake. I will accept her resignation and the board will approve in June. I will post the position tomorrow.
- The lighting project will be finalized this week. The entire third floor has new LED lights. In addition, the stairwells have LED lights with battery back-up. The project cost is about \$30,000. We do get a Focus on Energy rebate between \$6,000 and \$7,000.
- Condensation was discovered during lighting installation in Mrs. Thompson's room. We will need some tuck-pointing work done on that wall. Jim Booth estimates approximately \$4,000 expense.
- The roof project started this week. They will be fixing any areas that appear to be weathered and then apply a silicone sealant. The project should be completed this week. The whole roof will have been recovered or resealed recently. The oldest section to have been worked on is the roof over the old gym. That may need to be considered to have work on it in five years according to Jim Booth.
- The state budget will be facing a shortfall due to the economic slowdown. This year should close out well for the district. It appears to be closing out according to plan. We have seen some savings due to the shutdown.

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

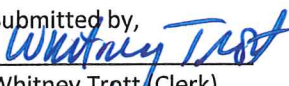
A Trott motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85(1)(c)(f) at 8:00 p.m. carried by unanimous roll call vote.

An Anderson/Golat motion to return to open session at 8:15 p.m. carried.

#### Action as a Result of Closed Session

Discussion regarding the administrative contract was moved into closed session. Upon returning to open session, a Schweitzer-Hopkins/Anderson motion to approve Laurie Leaf's contract as presented was carried.

A Golat/Trott motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,  
  
 Whitney Trott (Clerk)  
 Approved June 8, 2020