

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2020 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on November 9, 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 (present by Zoom), Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins, Whitney Trott, and Andrea Vohs. 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/Kempen motion to approve the October 12, 2020 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

A Vohs/Anderson motion to approve the October 26th Special School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$57,341.54 and expenditures of \$604,835.51 were reviewed and filed for audit.

A Kempen/Trott 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. Administration believes the current structure is going well. Amanda Weinert was available by phone to answer any questions. It was recommended that the students take the week after Thanksgiving break as a virtual school week. A Anderson/Kempen motion to approve the school district to have one week of virtual school carried. Robers voted no.

Discussion with no action regarding the school land exchange. No action at this time. More research on access points to the current land was recommended.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve an operational referendum for \$400,000/year for five years in the 2021 spring election carried.

The board was updated on the food service program. There has been an increase in student lunches in the high school and middle school since more food choices have been offered. Students have also been able to eat in different areas of the building that has increased participation.

A Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to increase substitute support staff compensation to \$15 per hour carried.

A Trott/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve Hannah Brager as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach carried.

A Trott/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to designate Dan Kempen as the WASB Delegate Assembly Representative carried.

After returning into open session, a Trott/Vohs motion to approve the District Administrator Evaluation carried.

After returning into open session, a Vohs/Kempen motion to approve a staff appreciation and recognition compensation carried. Anderson abstained.

Discussion regarding the Township of Murry performing a right of way cutting on school 40 property. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Anderson motion to instruct the township to leave the cut wood on the property outside of the right of way carried.

The December Regular School Board Meeting will be changed to December 7, 2020.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal's Report-Carrie Wessman

60 students received flu shots on November 5th. Thank you to Public Health for guidance and assistance with contact tracing and supporting the school in making difficult decisions.

The Rusk County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council-Youth Justice Committee meeting is November 10th. They will be reviewing the truancy procedures and planning for local schools.

Picture retake day is November 11th.

Data Day for Elementary is November 13th. Information from this day will be shared in December.

November 13th is World Kindness Day. Kindness improves our quality of life in the workplace as well as in the community. During this difficult time, it is especially important to be kind.

Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences are being held virtually or by phone. Many have already met with parents or are scheduling times with parents now through November 20th.

Planning and preparation for classrooms that need to go virtual is taking place. Based off of feedback from last spring from parents and staff we have scheduled blocks of time for reading and math in the elementary so grade levels don't overlap if we need to go virtual for an extended period of time.

Middle & High School Principal's Report-Laurie Leaf

The WiRR committee had a virtual learning conference discussing how to link all of our information in Infinite Campus to the report card. Ms. Detlaff is working on linking all of that information together.

Thank you to Mr. Strek for organizing the virtual Veteran's Day program. Thank to Mr. Hecimovich for the band and choir, Mr. Peterson for his IT help, and Tom Michaud for the gun salute. It will be shared on Facebook and also played in class this Wednesday.

Winter sports in the middle school are off to a great start. Mr. Schmitz has done a great job at getting the protocol to the MS students and parents ahead of time and will do the same as each sport starts.

Congratulations to Hailie Granica who was the Kiwanis Student of the Month for November.

The LHS had a blood drive in October. It went well even with the limited amount of people that were allowed to attend. The Red Cross was very thankful for us having one.

Last month was School Board appreciation month. Thank you for all your time that you put into our great school.

District Administrator's Report-Pat Sturzl

We will be publishing the notice of election for the spring school board election.

Jim Booth and I looked at the electric bill. We have saved conservatively \$500 a month/\$6,000 a year.

The AGR funding came in and we received \$43,000 more than expected.

We had a fire inspection last Friday. The inspection went well and had no significant findings.

I would like to have the December board meeting on December 7th. We are able to publish as we always do with enough notice to the public for a different date.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

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

A Trott motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85(1)(c)(f) at 8:10 p.m. carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to return to open session at 9:32 p.m. carried.

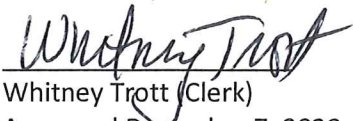
Action as a Result of Closed Session

After returning into open session, a Trott/Vohs motion to approve the District Administrator Evaluation carried.

After returning into open session, a Vohs/Kempen motion to approve a staff appreciation and recognition compensation carried. Anderson abstained.

A Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Whitney Trott (Clerk)

Approved December 7, 2020