

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 12, 2020 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on October 12, 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 (present by phone), Daniel Kempen (present by phone), Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins, and Andrea Vohs. Steve Golat and Whitney Trott were 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 Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the September 14, 2020 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$608,523.66 and expenditures of \$593,594.33 were reviewed and filed for audit.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to approve the vouchers payable carried.

There were no visitors to address the board.

The current Back to School Plan was reviewed with no action taken.

Discussion with no action regarding the potential land exchange. Board members will be looking at the properties when more leaves have fallen.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to proceed in preparing a resolution for an operation referendum carried.

A Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to purchase a new school bus carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the resignation of Linda Wilson as Custodian carried.

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the resignation of Mark Zimmer from Middle School Boys Basketball Coach carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to approve Terry Joyner as Part Time Custodian carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to approve Molly Webster and Scott Webster as Middle School Boys Basketball Coaches carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to accept the proposed 2020-21 budget carried.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal's Report-Carrie Wessman

The assessment window for screening is open for elementary. Teachers are currently utilizing FastBridge assessments and PALS. Virtual students will be scheduled for Fridays.

We had a successful picture day. Retake day is in November.

HOUSE shirts arrived for new students and third graders. Students were excited to receive shirts.

Educator Effectiveness is taking place. Teachers have completed Self-Review and PPG. SLO statements are due by October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mini observations will start this month.

The next early release is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is continual work on technology platforms. Vertical curriculum alignment, benchmarks, proficiency levels and formative assessments will be topics.

Middle & High School Principal's Report-Laurie Leaf

School is going well with the additional cleaning. Kudos to staff for spraying chairs and desks and cleaning computers between each class.

Virtual Fridays are going very well. Students know that we are treating this as a regular school day and are showing up ready to learn. It has also been very nice for the staff to have the afternoon to connect with those who are needing more help and also to get the extra materials for the online learners ready as well as their classes.

Homecoming week was a success. The High School student council had dress up days and a virtual pep rally with skits and sports introductions. Thank you to Mr. Streck who is co-chairing with me.

Middle School parent teacher conferences will be handled by paper. Parents will receive a sheet with current grades, behavioral information and goals for the year. Parents will sign the papers and send it back to the school. Parents can choose to meet virtually. High School will be going over the Academic and Career Planning guide with students and then contacting the parents and going over that information with parents. A teacher can request a conference with a parent if they feel they need to. This will be done throughout the month of October.

LHS will be organizing a blood drive on Thursday. Students will help do check-ins for the drive.

A letter will be going to parents regarding change of education, either going to 100% virtual or switching from virtual to in person. Decisions on the change will have to be made by November 17<sup>th</sup>.

District Administrator's Report-Pat Sturz

The third Friday September student count has been submitted to the DPI. The count is up 4 students from last year.

The DPI will have the most recent revenue worksheets available for school districts on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

The school district's annual meeting will be held October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the cafeteria

All signs point to the mill rate being very close or lower than last year. That means the school district portion of the tax bill will likely be lower.

An update was received from the Health Cooperative. We are in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year with Security Health. We have an 85% loss ratio which is great for members of the cooperative. We will be having an RFP this year with insurance providers.

Last week it was reported that the district had two cases of COVID. One case is recovered and the other is on the way to recovery. Both cases were isolated.

We received 40 computers about 10 days ago. We are still waiting on 40 more. Hopefully they will be here in early November. We should have ample devices for K-12.

The federal summer food service program will be continued for the entire school year. This means all students will eat breakfast and lunch for free this school year.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to approve the administrative reports carried.

A Vohs motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85(1)(c)(f) at 8:03 p.m. carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A Anderson/Kempen motion to return to open session at 8:37 p.m. carried.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

There was no action as a result of closed session.

A Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Director)

Approved November 9, 2020