

**Minutes**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**November 8, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on November 8, 2021 in the Bruce High School IMC. School Board President Andrew Anderson read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Roxanne Kemnitz, Daniel Kempen, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins 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 6:32 p.m. by Board President Andrew Anderson.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to approve the October 11, 2021 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

A Kemnitz/Robers motion to approve the October 25, 2021 Special School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$43,394.12 and expenditures of \$639,447.16 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

There were two visitors to address the Board. The first being Morgan Robers, who thanked the Board for allowing students to have a more normal school year without mandated face coverings or strict policy on social distancing. She also brought up the fact that some teachers were already asking families for more school supplies and wondered why the budget didn't allow for more supplies for classrooms. The second visitor to address the Board was Brittany Howard, who would like to speak with the Board about some bussing issues as well as communication issues between administration, the Board and parents. A Special Meeting was set for Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30pm to talk with Brittany about these issues.

A Vohs/Robers motion to approve policy updates as recommended carried.

A first reading of new policy took place. No motion.

Carrie Wessman gave a report on the Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) and spoke about what was being done to increase lower scores in some areas in the Elementary School. A Robers/Kemnitz motion to approve the Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR) report carried.

There was discussion about the WASB Delegate Assembly Representative. The conference is in person and the meeting for the delegates is on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Board members were asked to check their calendars.

A Kempen/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to set up a committee to consider using the Rusk County Community Foundation for our scholarship accounts carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve maternity leave for a staff member carried.

The December Regular Board Meeting will be held December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Bruce High School IMC.

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

- Upcoming events:
  - Picture Retakes Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Elementary PT Conferences Thursday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> 1-7 p.m. and Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 8-noon
  - Veteran's Day program Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. in new gym
  - PreK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade concert – Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 p.m. in the new gym
  - Thanksgiving Break Nov. 22-25
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade concert – Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m.
- Thank you to Mrs. Solberg and Mrs. Heintz for meeting with Kris Rangel from CESA on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> after school to begin working on the new Elementary School-Wide Plan.
  - Teachers will begin the b.e.s.t screener for students after Thanksgiving break
  - The b.e.s.t (Behavioral Emotional Social Traits) is a universal screening platform for educators designed to build on the behavioral health of students while helping to identify students who may benefit from additional, positive behavioral support.
  - After screening is completed, it matches classroom-based interventions and best practices to student needs.

- A letter will be provided to parents regarding the screener at Parent Teacher Conferences
- After school program will begin for students on November 30<sup>th</sup>
  - For students in grades 2-5
  - Help with students who have been out for extended periods of time or for those who need some additional support in math and reading
  - Teachers will hand out letters at conferences to parents/guardians of students who could benefit from this program.
- Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy Thanksgiving! Happy hunting or shopping, whatever you prefer. As always, I am thankful for the school board and for supporting the education of our Bruce students.

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

- Middle school had conferences in October. They sent home a sheet of paper with students to fill out with their parents. It had their grades on it, how many demerits they had, what is going well this year and what they would like to work on. Staff planned meetings on four different days if parents wanted to meet in person.
- Speaker Ed Lanzer for the MSHS, it was a motivational speech and also touched on the importance of everyone.
- Freshman Respect Retreat went well. It was good to be able to have this again. The staff and students all talked about how meaningful it was.
- HS conferences have been going on and will finish up this week.
- The middle and high school leadership team met and discussed the goal of focusing on the transition between middle and high school curriculum and assessments.
- This Friday is our first virtual day all year. Chromebooks will be sent home to all those students who need one and have a computer contract turned in. They will be online for every class on Friday, get instruction and also have work to do for each class.
- This weekend is the Lakeland Honor Society banquet where they will welcome in new members. Thank you to Mrs. West for all her work with LHS.
- Band and choir concert on December 6 at 7 pm
- Thank you to Mr. Kalmon, Mrs. West and Ms. Brager who have been doing extra tutoring before and after school to help those students who need a little extra help.

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

- We will be publishing the notice election for the spring's school board elections. I will let you know who is up this next week.
- We received the new slide. Jim and Ryan will do their best to install before the weather gets too bad.
- Mr. Kahl had a new machine arrive. It is a 3D printer, a laser engraver and a CNC machine. This is a cribbage board that was made with the new equipment.
- The Geisler Fund now holds approximately \$945,000. The Class of 2017 was the first class to receive money from this scholarship.
- A Happy Thanksgiving to all of you. Safe travels to you and your families.

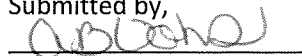
A Robers/Kemnitz motion to approve the administrative reports carried.

A Robers motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) carried at 7:20 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Robers/Kemnitz motion to return to Open Session at 9:11 p.m. carried.

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021