

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on April 12, 2021 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, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins, Whitney Trott, and Andrea Vohs. 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 Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to approve the March 8, 2021 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$1,120,816.31 and expenditures of \$475,040.30 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

A Trott/Golat motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85(1)(f)(g) at 6:33 p.m. carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to return to open session at 6:41 p.m. carried.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

There was no action as a result of closed session.

Visitors addressed the board. Kyle Craemer and Kim Schueller made statements on their opinions or concerns about masking.

The current Back to School Plan was discussed by board and administration. A Vohs/Kempen motion to continue masking policies carried. Robers and Trott opposed.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion carried to allow symptomatic-free quarantined students to return to school on day 11 of quarantine with stipulations of masking, maintaining 6' spacing and provide personal transportation to school. Robers opposed.

A Trott/Golat motion to approve Brad Cody's resignation from high school assistant football coach carried.

A Trott/Anderson motion to approve Ryan Thome's resignation from middle school football coach carried.

A Trott/Kempen motion to approve Shad Strom's resignation from high school girls basketball coach carried.

A Anderson/Kempen motion to approve the hire of Carlie Crotteau for the physical education position for the 2021-22 school year carried.

A Anderson/Vohs motion carried to authorize the district administrator to post vacant positions as needed.

A Kempen/Golat motion to continue the district's student and athletic accidental insurance policy with 1st Agency carried.

A Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to assign Andrea Vohs as the CESA 10 delegate carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to continue the Shared Services Agreement for the eSucceed Charter School carried.

The board discussed Fall Sports Coaches in closed session. Upon returning to open session, a Kempen/Trott motion to approve the fall sports coaches as listed carried.

The board discussed the need for additional interventionists in the district. A Trott/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire a 1.5 interventionist for the 2021-22 school year carried.

Ms. Wessman presented the summer school program to the board. A Vohs/Kempen motion to approve the Summer School packets carried.

A Kempen/Trott motion to allow staff to carry over more than 10 days of vacation from the 2020-21 school year carried. Anderson abstained.

A Kempen/Anderson motion to approve two seasonal custodial staff positions at 20/week carried.

There was no action in regard to the May Regular Board Meeting. The meeting will take place on May 10, 2021.

A Trott/Golat motion to approve the Canvasser's Report and Certificate of Determination carried.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal's Report-Carrie Wessman

All of the scheduled 4K Round Up screenings are completed. 14 of the 17 known students are registered and completed.

Elementary state testing for 4th grade started on April 6th and runs through April 21st. 3rd grades tests April 13-15th, and 5th grade tests April 27-29th.

Crisis Prevention Intervention Training is being held from April 9th to April 16th. Eight staff participated in the refresher training and eight staff members are taking the initial training.

Elementary staff looked at drafts of math standards, newly adopted ELA standards on April 1st. Staff met by grade level to discuss Power Standards and updated changes. SBG Performance Reports by grade level for next year.

This week is Tornado Awareness week. Staff will review proper procedures and safety locations by individual classrooms.

Swimming Lesson Registration Forms went home with registration due by May 7.

Middle & High School Principal's Report-Laurie Leaf

The leadership team discussed Earth Day. We are planning on May 26th to have a partial Earth Day for middle and high school. The team discussed possible book studies for next year.

Testing for middle and high school starts this week and will go through the first week in May. Thank you to all the staff who have worked incredibly hard to make up for the time lost last year.

The LHS banquet will be inducting new members this week.

Prom was postponed until April 24th. Thank you to Ms. Brager and Ms. Johnson for organizing prom.

The senior banquet will be on May 12th.

Choir and band will have a concert on May 19th.

Parents are planning 8th grade graduation on May 26th.

Ms. Detlaff is working with Rusk County Health and doing personality tests with middle and high school students.

Congratulations to Matt Blodgett for receiving the CVTC Scholarship.

District Administrator's Report-Pat Sturz

Jim Booth and I walked through the building last Thursday with representatives from Bartingale, the HVAC company we work with. We looked at how to improve the air quality in the building. We already have many good things in place. We will initially begin to work on the exhaust of the air. That can be programmed and put in place rather quickly.

We are able to use merv-13 filters in our 3 large air exchange systems in the building. The merv-13 filters are able to filter out viruses.

On Thursday, Jim Booth and I will attend a meeting with the village to discuss the road construction in front of the school and on Main Street.

We are currently in a membership audit. The Bruce School District has increased enrollment a little from last year by at least 10 students last fall.

I would like to thank the community again for passing a referendum to exceed the revenue limit for the next five years. The support will help us continue a great education system.

I had three members of the community that I would like to thank. Morgan Robers, Luke Krumenauer and John Manosky. The three went to town board meetings with me to speak on behalf of the district and explain the upcoming referendum.

Thank you to Whitney Trott for her time serving on the board. Whitney began serving the board in 2011. Even before she was on the board, she was an active member of the Bruce School and Community 1st group.

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

A Anderson/Golat motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85(1)(c)(f) at 8:18 p.m. carried by unanimous roll call vote.

A Anderson/Golat motion to return to open session at 9:03 p.m. carried.

Action as a Result of Closed Session

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The board discussed the need for additional interventionists in the district. A Trott/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire a 1.5 interventionist for the 2021-22 school year carried.

A Golat/Trott motion to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,
Whitney Trott,



Clerk

Approved May 10, 2021