

Minutes  
Regular School Board Meeting  
August 9, 2021 6:30 pm

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, Steve Golat, Roxanne Kemmitz, Daniel Kempen, Dan Robers, Andrea Vohs (via phone), and Jody Schweitzer-Hopkins. 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 Golat/Kempen motion to approve the July 12, 2021 Regular School Board Meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$405,410.89 and expenditures of \$433,780.71 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

4 Visitors addressed the board: Kyle Craemer discussed the negative effects of masks. Anna Brockman discussed her concern for the comments a coach made to students. Pam Kley added to Kyle's comments on the negative effects of masks on children. Mike Robers asked the board to review the Open Enrollment In and Out for the school.

A Kemmitz/Kempen motion to approve the final draft of the Student Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year carried.

A Golat/Kemmitz motion to approve the final draft of the Faculty Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year carried.

A Kempen/Golat motion to approve the final draft of the Co-Curricular Code for the 2021-2022 school year carried.

A Kempen/Golat motion to approve the final draft of the Back to School Plan for the 2021-2022 school year with one addition regarding the 14-day quarantine period carried.

Discussion was held regarding the School Forest Land Exchange. After looking into it further, the committee felt the timber value of the current land was worth more than the proposed trade. They discussed with the other party the idea of compensation of the timber value or timber rights for a number of years after exchange. The other party was not interested in this idea. No action taken at this time.

A Robers/Golat motion to accept the resignation of Loren West carried.

A Kempen/Kemmitz motion to accept the resignation of Tracy Woodmansee carried.

A Golat/Kempen motion to hire Ross Weinert at High School English Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year carried.

A Kempen/Kemmitz motion to authorize District Administrator Patrick Sturzl to fill teaching vacancies until the next School Board meeting where they will be reviewed carried.

A Robers/Kempen motion to hire a full-time custodial staff member instead of a part-time staff member carried.

A Kempen/Kemmitz motion to approve installing a Climbing Wall on the South end of the "Old" Gym using ESSER funding carried.

A Kemmitz/Golat motion to approve the Budget Adjustments to close out the 2020-2021 school year carried.

The September Regular Board Meeting will be held September 13, 2021 in the Bruce School IMC  
Elementary Principal's Report – Carrie Wessman

- Summer School is off to a great start! 80 students on the first day! IT was wonderful to see the smiling faces of the students and the excitement for being back at school with friends.

- Teachers: Jump Start-Ms. Warren and Mrs. LaRock; 5K/Kindergarten – Mrs. Cooley, Mrs. Fabbri, and Mrs. Ann Scoles; Grades 1-2 Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Gindt; Cooking: Mrs. Johnson; Sports We Love: Ms. Crotteau; Robotics/STEAM: Mr. Kalmon; Art: Mrs. Nohr and Mrs. Nagel; Outdoor Adventure: Mrs. West and Ms. VandeLoo
- Thank you to all of the teachers and helpers for summer school. Thanks to the janitorial staff for getting all of those locations ready before today and a BIG thank you to Mrs. Moore for being the summer school coordinator
- Mentors have been assigned to new staff members. Administration met with new staff members on August 3 in the afternoon.
- Leadership Team met on August 3 planned in-service time and schedule for the upcoming school year. Teacher in-service for the beginning of the school year is August 24-26.
  - New Vision & Mission Statements:  
 Vision: The Bruce School District provides a student-centered environment with educational opportunities inspiring students to achieve their full potential.  
 Mission: The Bruce School District strives to create a collaborative learning community focused on results promoting student growth.  
 Goal for 2021-2022: Moving Forward #Like a Raider
- Substitute teacher training day on August 11 at 9:00 a.m.
- Open House Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 4-7

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

- Nine staff, new this year or last year, participated in a PLC conference. The staff watched and discussed the video's together. Thank you to Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Sturzl who helped lead the conference. Staff that worked here last year commented that they understand more why we do what we do.
- Leadership meeting followed by lunch with the new staff. At the meeting we changed slightly the mission and vision statements **Mission: The Bruce School District strives to create a collaborative learning community focused on results promoting student growth. Vision: The Bruce School District provides a student-centered environment with educational opportunities inspiring students to achieve their full potential.** And we have a goal/expectation for the year: Moving forward #likearaider
- Mrs. Fabbri, Mrs. Kalkins, Mrs. Trembley, Mr. Strek and myself participated in the Wisconsin Redefining Ready training and made a plan for the year.
- Next week we have training with CESA on team teaching and implementing it throughout the school.
- Open house is from 4-7 on August 26 and we hope to see everyone!
- Thank you to the custodial staff who are doing a great job of getting our building ready for the first day of school.

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

- I ran some revenue worksheets with the preliminary data from DPI. The general aide estimate has increased by over \$300,000. The likelihood of the school tax portion of the property tax will go down.
- The summer maintenance programs are progressing and should be complete by the beginning of school. I would like to thank the custodial crew for their hard work this summer.
- We had a great start to the August summer school program.
- We received confirmation of \$27,875 for the REAP grant.

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

A Robers motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) carried at 7:43 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Robers/Golat motion to return to Open Session at 8:53 p.m. carried.

Discussion was held with regard to a Facebook Contract. No action was taken.

A Kempen/Robers motion to approve the final draft of the Employee Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year with one correction to the School Bus Driver rate carried. Andy Anderson abstained.

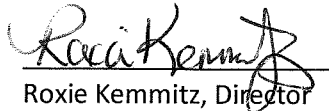
A Robers/Golat motion to approve the Financial Manager contract carried. Andy Anderson abstained.

A Golat/Kempen motion to approve the Technology Director contract carried.

A Kempen/Kemmitz motion to approve the Administrative Contracts carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Roxie Kemmitz, Director

Approved September 13, 2021