

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
January 11, 2021 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on January 11, 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 (present by phone), Steve Golat, Daniel Kempen (present by Zoom), Daniel Robers and Andrea Vohs. Also present were Administrators Patrick Sturzl, Carrie Wessman and Laurie Leaf. Trott and Schweitzer-Hopkins were absent.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board President Daniel Robers.

A Golat/Kempen motion to approve the December 7th Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$804,043.34 and expenditures of \$501,205.81 were reviewed and filed for audit.

A Kempen/Vohs 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. A Vohs/Golat motion to require students to quarantine for 14 days if they have had contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 carried.

The board was updated with regard to the Spring 2021 Operational Referendum plan. No action was taken.

A Kempen/Golat motion to extend the Family First Coronavirus Response Act until the end of the 2021 school year pending any further legislation carried. Anderson abstained.

Discussion regarding the probability of more students exceeding 18 credits in the Start College Now Program was discussed as well as all the opportunities that are available to our students. A Golat/Vohs motion to increase the Start College Now Program from 18 credits to 21 credits carried.

Administration informed the board on space availability for Open Enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year for both special education and regular education. A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve open enrollment per space availability with no available space in special education carried.

Discussion regarding two resolutions that are up for consideration at the upcoming delegate assembly. Daniel Kempen is the Board Delegate and will be voting on two resolutions that include a resolution on a Sales Tax to support education and a resolution on the topic of Native American logos. No action was taken.

Discussion and action with regard to Early Retirement Benefits was moved to Closed Session.

A Anderson/Vohs motion to approve Joelynn Frisch as Middle School Girls Basketball coach carried.

A Anderson/Golat motion to approve the swimming co-op with Ladysmith, Flambeau and Lake Holcombe carried.

Lots were drawn for the Spring Election. The first name to appear on the ballot will be Daniel Kempen. The second name to appear on the ballot will be Roxie Kemnitz.

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

Eight Elementary students have returned to in-person education this trimester from virtual.

Seven mini observations were completed in 2020 and I am so impressed with the teachers I have observed and their ability to teach virtual and in-person at the same time and manage all the technology glitches and different environments.

Elementary Staff has started discussions on positive takeaways that we can implement next year.

Staff has been reviewing Curriculum/Power Standards and teaching the non-negotiables for January-May.

There was a Leadership Meeting on Wednesday after school to discuss January early release and ideas for the remainder of the year.

Student Pictures are now uploaded on the HOUSE app. A demo of the app was given which showed what it looks like as well as how the app works.

Middle & High School Principal's Report – Laurie Leaf

Mr. Kahl is supervising a new club, E sports where students play a game online with other students. This is a new and upcoming sport. The team is doing very well for their first year, 2nd in conference and 5th in the division. E sports is more than just Video Games, it is the growth and learning such as the creation and practice of "soft skills", including communication, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity.

Ms. Detlaff and I have been working on getting scheduling ready for next year and will be starting that process by the beginning of February. She has been working hard with NTC, CESA, and WITC to offer certificates to our students. Freshman Fast Forward (5), Financial Services Customer Representative (4), Healthcare Receptionist, and Mechatronics Basics (4). There is certain criteria for the students to meet in order to be able to do these certificates. We are excited to offer these. A lot of these are included in the CTE TIG grant, where our school gets money back when students receive a certificate from a tech school.

I have completed 9 mini observations, lots of classroom walkthroughs. Staff are doing a great job balancing between live/virtual and teaching and maintaining a safe distance from students yet keeping students engaged in their learning.

Ten students are virtual for MS this trimester, two students came back in person.

Thirty three HS students, six came back in person, two went to home school. I would assume our numbers for the HS and MS will stay the same for the 3rd trimester. Ms. Wessman and I have a letter we will be sending to parents regarding the change of education, either going to 100% virtual or switching from 100% virtual to in person. Decisions on the change will have to be made by February 12.

Sports have been going very well. There have been a few games that have needed to be rescheduled due to the other schools and quarantine. Mr. Schmitz has done a fantastic job keeping us all up to date on daily changes.

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

Friday was the January count day. Customarily, Jeanne did a great job getting this ready. We are down 3 students from the beginning of the year. Compared to last year at this time we are up 10 students.

Next week is the annual School Board Convention. It will be virtual this year. Dan will be representing us at the delegate assembly. I sent you the link again for the conference. Let me know if you are interested and I will sign you up.

We will begin to look at next year's calendar. At the moment, we are planning to run school as we have in the past. We will plan traditional summer school and the start date for the next year will be September 1st. We should have a calendar for the March meeting.

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

A Golat motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) carried at 7:45 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Golat/Vohs motion to return to Open Session at 8:09 p.m. carried.

Action as a result of closed session

A Kempen/Golat motion to increase the payout for unused sick days by \$45 up to 90 days with the option to designate as a stipend or a contribution to HRA with notification of retirement by March 1 2021 carried.

A Golat/Anderson motion to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,

Andrea Vohs
Andrea Vohs (acting Clerk)

Approved February 10, 2021