

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
July 12, 2021 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on July 12, 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 Kemnitz, Daniel Kempen, Jody Schweitzer-Hopkins and Andrea Vohs. Dan Robers was 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 Andrew Anderson.

A Kempen/Kemnitz motion to approve the June 14, 2021 Regular School Board meeting minutes with a correction to the Elementary Principal Report carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$647,499.18 and expenditures of \$975,551.30 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

One visitor addressed the Board. Andy Holman inquired about the vaccination clinic that had just been held at the school and inquired about whether or not the Board had approved that clinic. He also voiced concerns about how students would be treated if they were not vaccinated versus if they were vaccinated during the upcoming school year.

The Board discussed a proposed School Forest Land Exchange and formed a committee including Andy Anderson, Steve Golat and Daniel Kempen. The committee will look into the land exchange and share their findings with the rest of the Board so a decision can be made at the August meeting.

A Back to School Meeting will be held on Monday, July 26th at 6:30 pm at the Bruce School. Community members and staff will be able to give their input on guidelines for COVID for the upcoming School Year.

A Vohs/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the resignation of Nick Kearns from his Middle School Football and High School Baseball coaching positions carried.

A Kempen/Golat motion to hire Cassidy Irwin as a 3rd Grade Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year carried.

A Kemnitz/Vohs motion to hire Jenna Warren as a 4 Year Old Kindergarten Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to hire Renee Grambo as a High School Math Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Golat motion to hire Jodi Meinke as the Middle School Cross Country Coach carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to purchase a new International School Bus carried.

A Golat/Kemnitz motion to sell two used School Busses carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve Wegner Distributing's milk bid for the 2021/2022 School Year carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kemnitz motion to approve Bimbo Bakeries' bread bid for the 2021/2022 School Year carried.

A Kemnitz/Kempen motion to approve the Bruce School's participation in the Federal Lunch Morning Milk and Breakfast Program for the 2021/2022 School Year carried.

A Kempen/Golat motion to approve the resurfacing of the Parking Lot near the Elementary Playground carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to approve the Notice for Student Academic Standards in Effect for the 2021/2022 School Year carried.

A Kemnitz/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the renewal of the District Insurance Policy for 2021/2022 carried.

The Board reviewed changes with regard to the Student Handbook for the 2021/2022 School Year. No action taken.

The Board reviewed changes with regard to the Co-Curricular Code for the 2021/2022 School Year. No action taken.

The Board reviewed changes with regard to the Faculty Handbook for the 2021/2022 School Year. No action taken.

The Board reviewed changes with regard to the Employee Handbook for the 2021/2022 School Year. No action taken.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to accept the recommended updates to the School Policy carried.

Cheryl Gullicksrud from WASB presented some options for School Board training and highlighted some things we may want to look more in depth at. She gave us an overview of what we should be concentrating on in order to make the best decisions for our students. She left us with many resources we can utilize to become a more effective Board.

The August Regular Board Meeting will be held August 9th, 2021 in the Bruce School IMC.

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

- Successful Swimming Lessons ended on June 24th . Thank you to Todd Meinke and Bruce Kienast for transporting the students safely each day.
- Jump Start/Summer School for new PreK students August 9-19 M-TH from 8:30-11:30. Letters will be going out to families regarding the program later this week.
- New Student Registration is Wednesday, July 14th.
- In the process of completing the elementary standards-based performance reports for the 2021-2022 school year in Infinite Campus. Thank you to all the elementary teachers for the time invested in compiling the power standards for the new performance reports for PreK-5 by grade level.
- The Elementary Schedule is being finalized for 2021-2022 school year

Middle & High School Principal's Report – Laurie Leaf

- Ms. Detlaff and I attended a virtual conference on restorative practices, we are looking at getting all staff training next year.
- Thank you to Mr. West and Mrs. West who did summer school remediation.
- Thank you to Mr. Lehman for having another successful Environmental challenge.
- All new staff have been in and working on their rooms and curriculum, their enthusiasm is wonderful.
- Summer open gyms have been going well. It's great to have students in and excited about their upcoming sports seasons.
- The custodial staff is doing an outstanding job at getting our building ready for the start of the school year.

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

- We have our audit this week! Tiffany and I have sent all requested items to the accountants. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP like to start their audits with us because we are accurate and organized. Tiffany deserves a lot of the credit for preparing and organizing most of the materials.
- The biennial budget for the fiscal years of 2021–2023 has been signed by Governor Evers. It mainly contains small increases to transportation and special education aid. The governor kept some additional funding for schools in the budget. How that is distributed is yet to be determined.
- The summer maintenance programs are progressing with most on schedule. The window project may be delayed until after the beginning of school. Jim has the window project to be worked on after school hours or on Saturday's.
- I would like to thank Quinn Sinette for working with the custodial staff. He did a great job for us while making up some time.
- Students have been using the weight room and coaches are having open gyms with athletes. Summer contact days will start to pick up in July.

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

A Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) carried at 8:05 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Golat/Kempen motion to return to Open Session at 8:54 p.m. carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to accept the Support Staff and Bus Driver's Compensation as discussed carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to hire Dana Zebro as Head Cook carried.

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

Submitted by,

Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved August 9, 2021