

**Minutes**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**June 14, 2021 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on June 14, 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 and Andrea Vohs. Also present were Administrators Patrick Sturzl, Carrie Wessman and Laurie Leaf. Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins and Steve Golat were absent.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President Andrew Anderson.

A Robers/Kemnitz motion to approve the May 10<sup>th</sup> Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$50,645.80 and expenditures of \$551,357.25 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

Two visitors addressed the Board. Tammy Zimmer inquired how someone goes about getting on the agenda for a Regular School Board Meeting and Mike Robers expressed concerns about the number of students who open enroll out of our district as well as the three minute time limit on visitors who address the Board.

Kyle Kraemer spoke in regards to a Survey for the Back to School Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year. Kyle does not see a need for a survey at this time and would like the public to be involved in setting guidelines for the 2021-2022 School Year. No action was taken.

A Kempen/Kemnitz motion to approve Andrea Vohs as the CESA 10 Annual Delegate carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to accept the resignation of Wayne North carried.

A Kemnitz/Kempen motion to accept the resignation of Nicole Cole carried.

A Vohs/Robers motion to accept the resignation of Natasha Rassbach carried.

A Kempen/Kemnitz motion to hire Justin Lauber as a Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year carried.

A Vohs/Robers motion to hire Ronda Acuna as a Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year carried.

A Kemnitz/Kempen motion to hire Annamarie Bischel as a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to hire Angie Tetner as an Interventionist Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to hire Cassie Suten as the FCE Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year carried.

A Robers/Kemnitz motion to hire Kim Weber for the Girl Varsity Basketball Coach carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to hire Justin Lauber for the High School Assistant Football Coach carried.

A Vohs/Kemnitz motion to approve CMS4 as our School website platform carried.

The Board reviewed the list of students who have applied to open enroll out of our district. A Kempen/Vohs motion to recognize the open enrollment out list of students carried.

A Robers/Kemnitz motion to approve an FFA Field trip to the U.P. carried.

A Kempen motion to approve Dana Zebro as Head Cook did not carry.

A Robers/Vohs motion to approve the recommended ventilation project carried.

The Board was presented photos of our current Lower Elementary Playground equipment and discussed options for improvement. A Kemnitz/Kempen motion to approve improvements to the Lower Elementary Playground as discussed carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve a \$100,000 transfer to Fund 46 carried.

A Robers/Kemnitz motion to approve our Varsity Sports for WIAA Sports Membership carried.

Carrie Wessman reported on the end of the year Achievement Gap Reduction with gains in many areas. A Robers/Vohs motion to approve the end of the year Achievement Gap Reduction report carried.

Administration would like a Board Committee to discuss the Employee Handbook. Dan Kempen, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins and Andrea Vohs will meet with Pat Sturzl to look over the Employee Handbook and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

The July Regular Board Meeting will be held July 12, 2021 in the Bruce School IMC  
Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

- o Grades 3-5 HOUSE celebration was held on May 20<sup>th</sup>
  - AMISTAD – 2,822 points earned during the 2020-2021 School Year
  - ALTRUISMO – 1,929
  - REVEUR – 1,902
  - ISIBINDI – 1,894
  - The top three students: Isabelle Solberg- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade with 313 points, Blake Nyhagen – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade with 289 points, Shelbi Pedersen – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade with 288 points
- o Swimming lessons started 6/14/2021, 67 Students were allowed to take swimming lessons and we were full.
- o I met with Director of SPED/new elementary SPED teacher on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the new fifth grade teacher on June 9<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- o We are interviewing for the PreK position on 6/16/21.
- o New student registration will be on June 16<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- o Summer School will be the weeks of August 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- o We will find out in August if we will receive the ~~AGE~~ Grant that was applied for.

Middle & High School Principal's Report – Laurie Leaf

- o Graduation was on May 22 and it went very well. Thank you to Ms. Webster and Mr. Kalmon.
- o HS band and choir concert was small but sounded amazing! Great job to Mr. Hecimovich and all the students.
- o Earth day was a big success as the middle and high school students did projects around town.
- o The 8<sup>th</sup> graders received their schedules and were shown around by juniors and then the 8<sup>th</sup> grade took 5<sup>th</sup> grade around. Big thank you to Ms. Detlaff who got the schedules done.
- o Book study next year on Teach like a Pirate by Dave Burgess or End of Molasses Classes by Ron Clark for any staff wanting to participate. Ms. Detlaff and I will be attending a virtual conference on restorative justice at the end of June.
- o In the high school we had 36% of the students achieve high honors (3.35 or above).
- o Thank you to everyone who made this year a success. We had a wonderful year with many great memories and successes both academically and in clubs and sports.

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

- o We have a math teacher for high school to approve at the July regular board meeting. We have a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade position to fill. There are some support staff positions we will fill in August.
- o The summer cleaning and maintenance are going well.
- o Our audit will be the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- o As I have mentioned to you, the state budget looks like it will take some time before it gets settled. July 1<sup>st</sup> the legislature submits a budget to the governor. I will keep you posted on the process.

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

A Robers motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) carried at 8:04 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Robers/Kempen motion to return to Open Session at 8:28 p.m. carried.

No action was taken as a result of closed session.

A Robers/Kemnitz motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved July 12, 2021