

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
May 10, 2021 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on May 10, 2021 in the Bruce High School Gym. School Board President Daniel Robers read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Steve Golat, Roxanne Kemnitz (present by Zoom), Daniel Kempen, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins and Andrea Vohs. Also present were Administrators Patrick Sturzl, Carrie Wessman and Laurie Leaf.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Board President Daniel Robers.

The first order of business was to reorganize the officer slate.

Kempen nominated Andrew Anderson for President. Golat nominated Daniel Robers for President. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to close nominations carried. Voting was done by ballot. Vohs counted ballots and the vote was a 5-2 favor of Andrew Anderson for President.

Robers nominated Golat for Vice-President. There were no other nominations. A Vohs/Kempen motion to close nominations carried. A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to cast a unanimous vote for Steve Golat for Vice-President carried.

Robers nominated Roxanne Kemnitz for Clerk. Kempen nominated Andrea Vohs for Clerk. A Robers/Golat motion to close nominations carried. Voting was done by ballot. Schweitzer-Hopkins counted ballots and the vote was a 5-2 favor of Andrea Vohs for Clerk.

Golat nominated Daniel Kempen for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. A Vohs/Golat motion to close nominations carried. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to cast a unanimous vote for Daniel Kempen for Treasurer carried.

Board President Andrew Anderson took over the meeting.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to approve the April 12, 2021 Special School Board meeting minutes carried.

A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the April 12, 2021 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to approve the April 22, 2021 Special School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$312,753.08 and expenditures of \$569,150.12 were reviewed and filed for audit.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to approve the vouchers payable carried.

Visitors addressed the board voicing concerns and opinions regarding what they feel is best for their children and/or students. Some also voiced concerns and opinions on the process of reorganizing Board Officers. Visitors were given three minutes each to speak. Visitors that spoke are listed as follows:

Austin Menard, Jon Fields, Kyle Craemer, Andrew Holman, Summer Granica, CJ Cordell, and Mike Robers.

A Robers/Golat motion to accept the letter of resignation from Suzanne Coleman carried.

A Robers/Kempen motion to accept the letter of resignation from Brad Cody carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to accept the letter of resignation from Larry Quinn carried.

Kyle Craemer was given ten minutes to speak with regards to a Back to School Survey for the 2021/2022 School Year. No action was taken.

A Golat/Robers motion to hire Logan Kaduce for the Music Position for the 2021/2022 School Year carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to hire Kelsey Anderson for the Business Education Position for the 2021/2022 School Year carried.

Discussion with regard to a Meet and Confer with Support staff resulted in Anderson, Kempen and Schweitzer-Hopkins representing the Board at this meeting.

A Robers/Kempen motion to approve the Service Agreement with EO Johnson carried.

A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the Open Enrollment Applications as listed carried.

A Vohs/Golat motion to approve the Summer Work Schedule carried.

There was no action in regard to the June Regular Board Meeting. The meeting will take place on June 14, 2021.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Golat motion to make the Board President, Treasurer and Clerk Signers for the Chippewa Valley Bank Account carried.

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

During Spring Assessments Elementary teachers are finishing up FastBridge, PALS, and benchmark assessments this week. Data Day is Friday, May 14th and teachers will be reviewing scores and collaborating with the grade above/below for planning in the fall. I will be sharing the results at the June board meeting.

FFA will be hosting an outdoor petting zoo for elementary in the a.m. on May 18.

Grades 3-5 will be celebrating HOUSE points and the HOUSE winner on May 20 at the end of the day.

On May 27 elementary classes will celebrate a successful school year by participating in various activities. This is the last day of school for students. I once again want to thank the teaching and support staff for all of their dedication and hard work this past school year. Although there have been many challenges throughout the year, they continue to focus on the students and the many positive moments there have been along the way.

Middle & High School Principal's Report – Laurie Leaf

Congratulations to Ella Luettgerodt for being selected as the WILS (Wisconsin Leadership Seminar) delegate. Last year it was postponed so the delegate from the last year, Tori Petrus, will be attending virtually this year with Ella.

Huge thank you to all the middle and high school staff who were able to get state testing completed! They have all put so much into this year to make up for our lost time.

Preparations for a modified Earth Day are underway for May 26. MS will do activities in the morning and HS in the afternoon.

Senior banquet is Wednesday.

We have a success story for truancy court, it has helped a student get to school and will be graduating this year.

Finishing up the last few mini observations for EE, will start meeting with staff about their final evaluations.

MS and HS met for English and math to discuss next year's classes.

Mr. Kahl, Ms. Detlaff and I met with someone from CESA to help increase our participation in Youth Apprenticeship and doing job shadows.

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

We will be having interviews on Wednesday for the special education position.

The bus inspection last Monday went well. Only 2 minor repairs to the buses were needed and fixed prior to the inspector leaving. I would like to thank Jim Wester, Todd Meinke, and Steve Popowich for their work preparing the buses for inspection.

The boiler project is complete. We replaced one boiler for the new section of the building. We also fixed the exhaust system. We will no longer have an ice build-up as the elementary students go out and return from recess.

Jim is ordering the lights for the project this summer. The plan is to finish the hallways and the band room.

Another project to be discussed will be the playground equipment. We have some dated equipment and Connie Gudis and I would like to make a presentation at the meeting next month.

The state budget will be debated more as the fiscal year closes. The indications are the state revenue will exceed anticipated revenues for the 2019 – 21 budget. Looking ahead to the next budget, I hope the education portion at least remains unchanged or sees some increases. An increase in special education spending and per pupil categorical aid would benefit every district.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/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 7:55 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Robers/Kempen motion to return to Open Session at 9:56 p.m. carried.

Action as a result of closed session

A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve a modified retirement request for a staff member passed.

A Kempen/Golat motion to approve unpaid leave for a staff member passed.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 9:57 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved June 14, 2021