

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
April 11, 2022 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on April 11, 2022 in the Bruce High School LMC. 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, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins (via phone) and Andrea Vohs. 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/Robers motion to approve the March 7, 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes carried.

A Kempen/Kemnitz motion to approve the March 21, 2022 Special Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$1,438,970.29 and expenditures of \$580,191.35 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

During Visitors to Address the Board Whitney Trott spoke about the upcoming Post Prom event which will be a lock in in the School Gymnasium with games and a hypnotist. Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins also spoke to the fact that the current Junior and Senior classes have little money in their class accounts due to not being able to fund raise much during Covid.

Forester Jeffrey Groeschl presented a recommendation on three parcels of School Forest land which include the Pondell Road Tract, the Glendale Road Tract and the Hause Road Tract. He explained his findings and answered questions from the Board regarding his field inspections and recommendations. A Robers/Kempen motion to move ahead with the Groeschl Forestry Consulting, Inc recommendation on all three parcels carried.

A Kemnitz/Golat motion to accept the resignation of Cassidy Irwin carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to accept the resignation of Kim Webber carried.

The Board spoke about next year's High School Girls Basketball Program. We will continue to recruit girls and try to get a team together for a Summer League in which our current 8th graders can play with the High School girls.

A Kempen/Golat motion to increase the number of college credits our High School students can obtain to 24 credits carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to hire two additional custodial staff for summer work carried.

A Robers/Kemnitz motion to approve two sections of 4K for the 2022/2023 School Year carried.

A Kempen/Golat motion to continue with 1st Agency for the Student and Athletic Accidental Insurance carried.

A Kemnitz/Vohs motion to approve the Summer School Program carried.

A Kemnitz/Golat motion to approve Sierra Bauch for the 2nd Grade Teaching Position for the 2022/2023 School Year carried.

A Golat/Vohs motion to approve the ESSER Budget carried.

The May Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 9th, 2022.

A Kempen/Golat motion to approve the Canvasser's Report and Certificate of Determination carried.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

- Safety Drills
 - ALICE lockdown and evacuation drill on March 29
 - Tornado Drill on April 7
- Recap on Elementary Leadership Meeting from April 4
 - Community Outreach
 - What are some ways that the staff/students can help foster positive relationships with the community? Ideas shared included, bringing back Grandparents' Day for 4K, starting pen pals with nursing home residents or facetime with those pen pals, bringing in law enforcement more frequently to read with children or to speak to the class, planning an activity for your class on Earth Day or another day to connect with the community more than picking up garbage ~ doing some sort of project that gives back to the community.
- Academic Team
 - We want to set up students for success in closing the gaps due to external factors. Members who have volunteered to be part of this team are: Kim, Renee, Anna, Kristel, Cory, and Carrie. Our first meeting will be in May and will be focused on specific students who are far below grade level due mainly to absences.
- Social Media Concerns
 - How do we offer parents and students information about social media? Ms. Bischel has started a google doc listing popular social media platforms (snapchat, Tik Tok, etc.) and a brief description of what it is along with recommendations for parents to help them become aware of what their children are using. Ms. Bischel also mentioned that some schools require their students to take a digital citizenship class where students are educated on the pros/cons of using popular apps and social media. Roxie offered to make information available to parents regarding the use of technology that enables parents to block inappropriate games and online platforms. Also, information can be shared with parents about how to use the technology to turn on/off the WIFI to better help parents manage what their children are doing online. The compilation of this information will be ready in time for the Open House in the fall.
 - Thank you to Mrs. Janota for making Library Appreciation week special for students last week!
 - Thank you to Ms. Nohr for making pinatas for the Easter Egg Hunt in Bruce on Saturday.
 - Thank you to the Friends of the Library for the Easter Bag treats for 4K and Kindergarten.
 - Thank you to Ms. Warren's kindergarten class for coloring Easter pictures to share with some nursing homes.

Middle & High School Principal's Report – Laurie Leaf

- Congratulations to our valedictorian Alex Granica and our salutatorian Sammy McEathron.
- Congratulations to Jake Thome our boys delegate for Badger Boys state as it will be held this summer at UWEC

- Congratulations to Sammy McEathron for being selected as a DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Good Citizen for 2022 based on her outstanding history of academia, dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.
- Prom will be on April 23 and the Color Run will be on May 18 at 2:40 starting at the track.
- Leadership meeting discussed our next step and planning goals, Color Run and Earth day, and book study books for next school year.
- Tomorrow we will start interviewing for the HS Science position.
- Skills USA had two students compete at state, Elijah Hendrick who placed 4th in photography, and Mike Tarsa who placed 5th in Job Interview and 10th in Woodworking display. Congratulations to both! Thank you to Mr. Kahl and Ms. Nohr who helped out.

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturz!

- The building was inspected this February. One item Jim Booth and I are working on is the weight capacity for the mezzanine in the woods and metals shops. Jim Booth and I searched high and low for the plans. We could not find them. Therefore, we need to have an engineering firm evaluate our structure. Jim found a firm in Rice Lake that can perform the necessary analysis. This will cost \$11,900.
- The WIAA annual meeting is on April 27th. Mr. Schmitz will be attending virtually.
- We will have our first baseball games and softball games this week!
- We have three student teachers in the building. Rebecca Abbiel in kindergarten, Montana Shiltz in MS ELA, and Jesslynn Sitko in HS Social Studies.
- We received our waiver to start school early last month. The first day of school will be August 31st.
- Happy Easter to everyone. Hope you have a nice day.

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 8:09 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Kempen/Kemnitz motion to return to Open Session at 8:45 p.m. carried.

Action as a result of closed session

A Golat/Kemnitz motion to approve the Fall Coaches as presented carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved May 9th, 2022