

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
January 10, 2022 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on January 10, 2022 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 (via phone), 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 6:32 p.m. by Board President Andrew Anderson.

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the December 13, 2021 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$1,003,000.20 and expenditures of \$569,924.21 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

There were no visitors to address the Board.

Kevin Smith from the Rusk County Community Foundation presented information regarding the foundation's background and performance. We will continue to look into the option of putting some of our scholarship funds into the Rusk County Community Foundation.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kemnitz motion to approve the Open Enrollment Space Availability for the 2022-2023 School Year with designated Special Education spots as presented carried.

A Golat/Kemnitz motion to approve the CDC Quarantine Time Recommendations with additional language carried.

A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve Jake Johnson as Head Baseball Coach and Justin Lauber as Assistant Baseball Coach carried.

Mr. Sturzl, Dan Kempen and Dan Robers shared information about contracting out bussing services. We have received transportation proposals from Gilberson Transit and Kobussen. Mr. Sturzl will go back to those companies to get clarification about extracurricular activity transportation and report back to the board.

We discussed the option of co-ops for Cross Country and Girls Basketball.

The February Regular Board Meeting will be held February 14th, 2022 in the Bruce High School IMC.

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

- Children's Gift Shop
 - Thank you to Mary Arts, Deb Witkiewicz, Roxie Kemnitz, janitorial staff and the 10 additional volunteers who helped set up for the gift shop after school on December 14th
 - Thank you to Mary Arts and the 35 volunteers who helped on December 15th
 - Thank you to Dana and the kitchen staff for preparing extra meals and salads for that day.
- Holiday Concert on December 20th
 - Thank you to Mr. Kaduce and Mr. Hecimovich for another successful concert in grades 3-5.
 - Thanks to the high school TA's (Cheyenne Noble and Melayna Anderson) for live streaming the event so people who weren't able to attend were able to enjoy the concert from home.
- Thanks to Carol Newton for bringing the Bright Smiles Dental program back to Bruce last week.
- Letters were sent home to elementary parents last week regarding the b.e.s.t screener results and some helpful suggestions/tips
- Vision screening for elementary students will be on January 20th
- Thank you to staff for the extra support in helping cover classes and combining classes when we have been short on subs

Middle & High School Principal's Report – Laurie Leaf

- Mrs. Tremblay met with 8th grade students today to go over scheduling for the 2022-23 school year.
- We will be meeting with 8th grade parents this Wednesday in the IMC at 5:30 to go over scheduling and any questions. The following Wednesday is for any other parents that may have questions.
- Thank you to Mr. Strek and Mr. Popowich who accompanied high school high honor students to the Minnesota Timberwolves game on the 27th. Students received a gift and then were able to shoot from the free throw line after the game.
- LHS is having a blood drive on Wednesday January 26.
- Thank you to all the staff who have been helping fill in wherever they are needed. It is much appreciated!

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

- Friday will be the January count day for students.
- I have not decided yet if I am going to attend the state education convention this year since we do not have a representative from the board attending.
- I received an email regarding the insurance cooperative. We are at a 98% loss ratio as a group. This we year we will be asking for proposals from other carriers. I will keep the board updated.
- We will look at next year's school calendar soon. Let me know of any concerns you may have.
- The climbing wall will be up and ready for use soon! Another fun activity for the students to do during the winter months.

A Robers/Golat 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 Kemnitz/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to return to Open Session at 8:16 p.m. carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to pay early Retirement Compensation Benefits of \$120 for unused sick days up to a maximum of 100 days carried. Anderson abstained.

A Golat/ Robers motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved February 14, 2022