

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
December 12, 2022 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on December 12, 2022 at the Bruce High School IMC. School Board President Roxanne Kemnitz read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Steve Golat, Roxanne Kemnitz, Daniel Robers and Andrea Vohs. Also present were Administrators Patrick Sturzl, Carrie Wessman and Brad Cody. Daniel Kempen and Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins were absent.

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

A Golat/Robers motion to approve the November 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$191,959.59 and expenditures of \$728,102.08 were reviewed and filed for audit.

An Anderson/Golat motion to approve the vouchers payable carried.

The Board has tabled any action regarding Early Retirement Provisions for new employees.

Roxanne Kemnitz shared with the Board the information she has gathered about the process of finding a District Administrator to replace Mr. Sturzl. Fran Finco from WASB presented information via video about the process and the timeline we should be looking at. He also gave information about hiring a consulting firm to help with some or all of that process. Board members were able to ask questions of Fran. After some discussion the Board decided to ask WASB to price out some consulting options.

Administration presented on our District's School Report Card. They highlighted many positives in our School as well as where we will be looking to strengthen our students in the future.

An Anderson/Robers motion to accept the bid from Suzan Logging to log the Pondell Road School Forest carried

A Golat/Anderson motion to hire Kevin Zeman for Drivers Education carried.

A Vohs/Robers motion to accept the updates to the Emergency Operation Plan as presented carried.

The seats up for Spring Election are Jodi Schwietzer-Hopkins, Andy Anderson and Steve Golat.

The January Regular Board Meeting will be held on January 9th, 2022 in the Bruce High School IMC.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

1. The PreK-2nd grade concert on November 17th had a wonderful turnout of family and friends. It was an amazing performance by the students. A big thank you to Mr. Kaduce and also to Mr. Fields for his help with sound set up and Mr. Hecimovich for the piano transition music and to the staff for assisting.
2. Elementary Leadership team met on November 28th to discuss early release, After School Achievers, interventions, and the possibility of an author visit. A request was made by a member to look at offering more professional development on behavior management and social/emotional support and training.
3. Staff were able to collaborate regarding curriculum and assessments on the early release December 2. The elementary Student Assistance Team (SAT) also met on this day to discuss some students and brainstorm ideas to help support students and teachers.

4. Thank you to Bob and Sheryl Kelley for once again donating a homemade Barbie dollhouse in remembrance of Jayna Kelley. Jayna's caring spirit and memory is continuing on through others.
5. Thank you to Christie Mountain for being so generous with offering ski lessons and passes for our third through fifth graders. Andrea and Steven came today to demonstrate to the fourth graders on how to operate the ski equipment and to get the ski boots and skis on and off. They will be back again tomorrow to demonstrate to the third and fifth graders. The third through fifth grade classes go to Christie Mountain on December 20 for their lessons.
6. Friendly reminder of the Children's Gift Shop on Wednesday with set up tomorrow after school and of the Grades 3-5 Holiday Concert on Friday at 2:00 p.m. We hope to see some of you there.
7. Happy Holidays to you and your families. I hope you enjoy the time with family and friends. Thanks for all you do to support the staff and students at Bruce School.


Middle School/High School Principal's Report – Brad Cody

1. First trimester ended November 18th and we saw a very low number of failing grades. We had 33 students receive a GPA of 3.75 or higher and 30 students on the high honor roll receiving a 3.0 or better GPA.
2. Mr. Strek has volunteered to take our students with a 3.75 or higher to a Minnesota Timberwolves game on January 12th.
3. Middle School students and staff enjoyed hot chocolate and rolls for earning a rating of Significantly Exceeds Expectations with a score of 89. This was the 5th year in a row of earning this distinction.
4. Middle school students will be having their positive rewards trip to Rands Bowling Center in Rice Lake on December 21st.
5. The high school choir and band had their Holiday Concert on December 5th with a grade turnout.
6. Mr. Manosky set up a field trip to the Bruce Telephone Co. for our tour of their facilities explaining the history of the internet and fiber optics for computer science week.
7. Our juniors took the pre-ACT test on Friday the 2nd
8. Student council just finished up our Chris-Mits and a Charity Drive collected for families in need.

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

1. The district was notified we will be receiving \$332,139 for AGR. An increase from last year.
2. The Geisler Scholarship distribution is \$33,211.00 for the class of 2023. The fund has still grown even though the market has dipped. The district has awarded \$151,296 in scholarships. A big thank you to Joe Geisler for his generous donation.
3. Phil Grassman visited the district today for a security assessment. He was very complementary to the district. Phil said he expected our school to be very secure and it was throughout his assessment. We are planning an evacuation drill for this Spring.
4. Merry Christmas to everyone and a Happy New Year.
A Robers/Kempen motion to approve the administrative reports carried.
A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved January 9th, 2023