

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
April 10, 2023 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on April 10, 2023 at the Bruce High School IMC. School Board President Roxanne Kemnitz read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Dan Kempen, Roxanne Kemnitz, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins and Andrea Vohs. Andrew Anderson, Steve Golat, and Dan Robers were absent. Also present were Administrators Patrick Sturzl, Carrie Wessman and Brad Cody.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Board President Roxanne Kemnitz.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to approve the February 27, 2023 Expulsion Hearing minutes carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to approve the March 1, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to approve the March 6, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes carried.

A Kempen/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the March 9, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes carried.

A Kempen/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the March 21, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$1,721,167.77 and expenditures of \$712,361.81 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

There were no Visitors to address the Board.

Roxanne Kemnitz updated the Board about the progress in our District Administrator search. Roxanne Kemnitz and Dan Kempen have been working on a contract to offer Jeff Walsh. Discussion on the contract will be moved to Closed Session.

Due to supply issues, Jim Booth would like to purchase the windows that are currently available and get a storage container for them until everything is available and the project can be completed. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to proceed with the window project and purchase a storage container carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve the retirement of Ronda Osuldsen carried.

A Kempen/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to purchase American Reading Company (ARC) curriculum for Kindergarten, First and Second Grades as well as the rest of the Fifth Grade curriculum carried.

Patrick Sturzl gave the Board information regarding additional cost and savings to the district and to staff members if deductibles were changed from the current Health Plan. He also informed the Board of a program called Simply One which would offer our staff members and the district additional savings if staff opted in. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to keep the current Health Plan with the addition of the Simply One option carried.

Patrick Sturzl informed the Board that Marshfield Clinic has raised the contracted rate to have an athletic trainer at school sporting events. He has been looking into some alternative providers as well as options that may be financially viable for the District. No action taken.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to move the Don Utter Memorial Scholarship CD to Cumberland Federal Bank carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to add two seasonal Custodial Staff Members over the summer carried.

A Kempen/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to pay the Trap Team Coach a compensation amount which is comparable to the School Play Director's pay carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to continue with the current Student and Athletic Accidental Insurance Policy carried.

Patrick Sturzl reported about how things have been going with the transition to Kobussen services. He told the Board that there were a few things that had been worked out early on in the transition but overall felt that everything was going smoothly. Larry Quinn was in attendance and spoke of his experience as a driver through the transition and about the differences in being able to directly communicate with those managing the bussing in-house verses having to go through a central office in another city. No action taken.

Patrick Sturzl gave the Board information about the current leasing of our busses to Kobussen and an option we had to sell the busses rather than continue those leases. No action taken.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to talk with the Forrester and Land Owner about the land locked 40 acres of School Forrest in the Town of Stubbs carried.

Andrea Vohs reported that Chris Hamel, Jon Hamel and herself had met to verify numbers from the April 4, 2023 Election. Those elected for a three year term on the School Board of Bruce are Andrew Anderson, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins and Steve Golat. A Vohs/Kempen motion to accept the Canvassers Report carried.

The May Regular Board Meeting will be held on May 8th, 2023 in the Bruce High School IMC.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

1. 3rd – 5th grade students are currently taking the state Forward exams.
2. Jump River Electric gave an electrical safety presentation on April 4th to the first and third grade classrooms – Thank you Jump River!
3. Leadership team met today to plan in-service dates for next year's calendar and to discuss the Color Run.

4. Color Run will be on May 12 this year. All donations are due by April 21.
5. Next Early Release date is April 27th.

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

1. Both the middle school and high school are doing state testing right now. Middle school held a pep rally to kick testing off. High school freshmen and sophomores will test this Thursday.
2. Prom is scheduled for April 22nd at the Adventure Awaits event barn in Weyerhaeuser.
3. We are very busy with spring sports, track has good numbers and their first meet is this Thursday. Baseball had their first game last Thursday against a tough Jefferson team. Unfortunately, we were not able to keep enough girls out for a softball team.
4. Good luck to Brooke Zeman and Katie Holman who will compete at the Future Business Leaders of America state competition April 17th and 18th in Green Bay. Thank you Mrs. Kelsey Anderson for being their advisor.
5. Seniors will try again to take their trip to the Mall of America this Wednesday. Thanks to Mrs. Fabbri for setting this up and Mr. Streck and Mr. Keeble for helping chaperone.

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

1. Sadly, another former teacher at Bruce passed away over the weekend. Diane Ness was a 5th grade teacher since January of 1986. She retired in 2013.
2. The WIAA annual meeting is on April 28th. Mr. Schmitz or myself will be attending.
3. Tomorrow, I will be at the Joint Finance Committee listening session to testify for small schools.
4. We received our waiver to start school early last month. The first day of school will be August 30th.
5. On Friday, I will be at CESA 10 to meet with members of the State Assembly and the State Senate to discuss further the state budget portion for education.
6. We have received \$10,000 from Suzan Logging. No logging has taken place yet.
7. The Village has a claim in on the baseball dugout.
8. Happy Easter to everyone. Hope you had a nice day.

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

A Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) carried at 7:45 p.m. by unanimous roll call.


A Kempen/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to return to Open Session at 8:32 p.m. carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to accept the Fall Coaching List as presented carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to approve the District Administrator Contract as written and offer it to Jeff Walsh carried.

A Kempen/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved May 8th, 2023