

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

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on March 6, 2023 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, Dan Kempen (via phone), Roxanne Kemnitz, Daniel Robers and Andrea Vohs. Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins was 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 Golat/Anderson motion to approve the February 13, 2023 Regular School Board Meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$929,704.42 and expenditures of \$671,695.84 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

Visitors to address the Board were Mr. Kahl and members of the robotics team. They demonstrated what they have been working on and spoke about their preparations for an upcoming event which will take place March 22nd through March 26th in Cedar Falls Iowa.

Roxanne Kemnitz updated the Board about the progress in our District Administrator search. There are two interviews set for Thursday March 9 at 1:30 pm with a Special Board Meeting beforehand at 1:00 pm. No action taken.

Discussion with regard to Staff Evaluations was moved to Closed Session.

A Robers/Vohs motion to approve the State Robotics Trip to the University of Northern Iowa carried.

Jim Booth presented on a projects list for the Board to consider. An Anderson/Robers motion to approve the Summer Work Projects as printed carried.

Discussion with regard to Spring Coaches was moved to Closed Session.

A Vohs/Anderson motion to approve an activity account for the Future Business Leaders of America carried.

The April Regular Board Meeting will be held on April 10, 2023 in the Bruce High School IMC.

Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

1. Fourth grade had a fun week traveling to the Ice Age Center on February 21st and then skiing for their second time this season on February 24th. Thanks again to Christie Mountain for sponsoring the Hometown Hill Program.
2. 4K screening went very well on February 24th. We had 20 families participate. Our next screening will be on March 24th. We have 10 more students scheduled for this day.
3. The elementary students had a great week of reading activities and dress up during Read Across America week.
4. Thank you to Mrs. Janota and Mrs. Cegler for another successful Book Fair on March 2nd. The Bruce School received \$2,400 profit for the Book Fair and sales were over \$5,000. This is the first time we hit this amount! When you go over \$3,500 Scholastic gives you back approximately 50%! A lot of children attended with their parents. It was enjoyable to see all the participation and students leave with books.
5. Fifth grade will head to Christie Mountain for a full day of skiing on March 10th and third grade will participate for a half day on the 10th.

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

1. Juniors will be taking the ACT tomorrow March 7th and have been participating in many activities to help do well.
2. Seniors will be working on many projects while the juniors test, filling out scholarship applications, working on portfolios, and working with Ms. Hansen on planning for next year. Freshman will take a tour of Northwoods Tech College in Rice Lake on Career Day while the sophomores are heading to tour UW Stout campus. Thank you Ms. Hansen for all your planning.
3. Congratulations to Ronan Garcia for making it to the State Wrestling Championships. He won his first match then lost his next two. Great job Ronan and coaches Ralston and Keeble.

4. The boys basketball team finished their season on Saturday losing to Thorp in the Regional final. This was the furthest a boys team here at Bruce has made it in a long time. Congratulations to the boys and their coaches Lanzer and Trott.
5. The girls team finished their season with a win over Birchwood, great job girls and coaches Frisch and Krezinski.
6. Middle school held their positive consequence reward at Christie Mountain. Students earned the reward through great behavior and hard work. Thanks to Christie Mountain for hosting this event.
7. MS and HS extended the second trimester by 3 days to help with all the missed days due to inclement weather.
8. Baseball, softball and track will be starting this week and after spring break.
9. Good luck to our forensics team as they head to districts, Kaylee Butterfield, Krysta Knop, Ashton Teshchendorf and Erica Rutherford and advisor Mr. Kalmon.

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

1. Our workers compensation rate is nearly the same as last year. We went from a 1.02 to 1.18 for next year.
2. The dental rate has remained the same as last year. Our dental insurance is through Delta Dental.
3. An update on 2 items the district is being monitored by DPI. Monitoring is not an audit or because we are doing something drastically wrong. First, we are being monitored by DPI for our ESSER funding. We have worked with CESA regarding all of our federal funding. We need to share our data and how we have used the funding. Second is special education. There are 15 areas in special education that are monitored. We are working with Lindsey Schubert to provide all the information for DPI.
4. A review of the ESSER funding for the board. We have used the majority of the funds toward instruction. We have used the funds for regular instruction, after school instruction, and for summer school. Part of the ESSER funding is required for instruction. The district has then used the Fund 10 saving for projects over the past two years.
5. Happy St Patrick's Day to everyone.
6. Susan Sztokowski, Arson Druwe Jr., Bob Weinert and Mary Jane Brockman have passed away.
7. Maintenance will be cutting down and removing a tree and wiring for the C & C machine in the shop.

A Golat/Robers motion to approve the administrative reports carried.

An Anderson motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) carried at 7:12 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

An Anderson/Golat motion to return to Open Session at 8:34 p.m. carried.

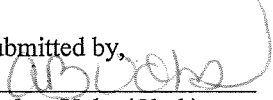
A Kempen/Vohs motion to accept Staff Evaluations as read carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to accept Staff Contracts for the 2023/2024 School Year as listed carried. Anderson abstained.

An Anderson/Vohs motion to accept Spring Coaches as presented carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 8:37 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,


Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved April 10th, 2023