

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
May 8, 2023 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on May 8, 2023 in the Bruce High School IMC. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Steve Golat, Daniel Kempen (via phone), Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins and Andrea Vohs. Roxanne Kemnitz and Daniel 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 Vice President Steve Golat.

The first order of business was to reorganize the officer slate.

Kempen nominated Roxanne Kemnitz for President. There were no other nominations. An Anderson/Kempen motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Roxanne Kemnitz for President carried. Kempen nominated Steve Golat for Vice President. There were no other nominations. An Anderson/Vohs motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Steve Golat for Vice-President carried.

Anderson nominated Andrea Vohs for Clerk. There were no other nominations. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Anderson motion to cast a unanimous ballot for Andrea Vohs for Clerk carried.

Anderson nominated Daniel Kempen for Treasurer. There were no other nominations. A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to cast a unanimous vote for Daniel Kempen for Treasurer carried.

School Board Vice President Steve Golat read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins /Kempen motion to approve the April 10, 2023 Regular School Board meeting minutes carried.

The financial report with revenues of \$223,178.43 and expenditures of \$662,846.59 were reviewed and filed for audit.

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

There were no Visitors to address the Board.

An Anderson/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the letter of resignation from Jon Fields carried.

An Anderson/Vohs motion to hire Caroline Hickethier for the High School English position for the 2023/2024 School Year carried.

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire Rick Vollendorf for the High School Math Position for the 2023/2024 School Year carried. Kempen abstained.

An Anderson/Kempen motion to move the Alumni Scholarship Funds to the Rusk County Community Foundation carried.

A Kempen/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to deposit the funds from the Bruce Alumni Scholarship Fund CD to the Rusk County Community Fund when it comes due in June of 2024 carried.

Patrick Sturzl presented on how the District has spent ESSER funding. A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve the ESSER Budget carried.

An Anderson/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the Open Enrollment Applications into the District as listed carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Kempen motion to accept the Open Enrollment Applications out of the District as listed carried four to one.

Discussion with regard to a Meet and Confer with Support staff resulted in Kempen and Vohs representing the Board at this meeting.

An Anderson/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the Summer Work Schedule for Tiffany Gerber as requested carried.

An Anderson/Kempen motion that Andrea Vohs represent the Board as Delegate to the August 3rd CESA 10 Meeting carried.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will take place on June 12th in Exeland at the Exeland Rod & Reel Club.

No action was taken in regards to signers to the Chippewa Valley Bank Account as all Officers will remain the same.

A Vohs/Anderson motion to approve a FMLA request carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to approve the updated Maintenance and Custodial Job Descriptions carried.

Elementary Principal's Report- Carrie Wessman

1. Norma from ARC (American Reading Company) was here on Friday, May 5 to work with elementary staff regarding the IRLA toolkits and setting Power Goals for individual students.
2. FFA will sponsor the Petting Zoo for elementary students on Wednesday, May 10 in the morning. A big thank you to the FFA and Mr. Behrends for the fabulous breakfast they served for staff before school on May 2.
3. 4K and K will be participating in a fun Bubble Walk in the afternoon on May 10th.
4. PreK-2 Concert will be on May 11th at 2:15 p.m.
5. Ms. Krezinski will be having a Track and Field Day for grades 3-5 in the morning of May 19.
6. May 19th is the next Early Release.
7. Summer School – June 12-15 and June 19-22 online registration is now open. Swimming lessons will also be the same two weeks and buses will transport students to Ladysmith right after summer school.
8. I was informed that the Elementary School has been awarded the Project Lead the Way grant for the next three years. There will be teacher trainings/PD offered and curriculum for grades PreK-5th grade.

Middle & High School Principal's Report – Brad Cody

1. This Friday(12th) will be our Earth Day project work time and in the afternoon will be our Color Run. Thank you to Ms. Wessman and Mr. Strek for organizing this activity. It is our main fundraiser for activities.
2. We held an assembly on April 28th with Terrence Talley. The theme was “don't give up”, it was entertaining to start and ended up being very moving.
3. Seniors will have their award banquet this Wednesday at the Buckhorn in Exeland.
4. Next Tuesday we will be hosting the annual respect retreat at the Nathaniel Lutheran Church. Flambeau, Holcombe, Winter and us will all be attending.
5. Mr. Kalmon and Mr. Thome took the senior ice fishermen on their annual trip.
6. The middle school music department will have their spring concert next Wednesday(17th) evening.
7. The trap team participated in a trap shoot in Black River Falls on Saturday.
8. The 8th grade promotion will be held on the 31st, 6:00 PM
9. High School Graduation is set for Friday the 26th at 7:00 PM

District Administrator's Report – Patrick Sturzl

1. I would like to thank Mr. Behrends for having the FFA flower sale this week. The students are always very excited to buy their mother a plant for Mother's Day.
2. Dan K., Jodi, and Andrea will be again reviewing the employee handbook. I will let Jeff know you have worked on this in the past.
3. The elementary after-school program has ended for the year. I would like to thank Ms. Moore, Ms. Bischel, Ms. Gindt, Ms. Schueller, Ms. LaRock, Ms. Johnson, Ms. Solberg, Ms. Felland, Ms. Acuna and Ms. Heintz for their efforts helping our students. In the middle school Ms. Sturzl provided some after school instruction, and in the high school Ms. West provided math instruction.
4. The end of the year is upon us. Graduation is set for May 26th.

An Anderson/Vohs motion to approve the administrative reports carried.

An Anderson/Vohs motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved June 12, 2023