

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
November 13, 2023 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on November 13, 2023 in the Bruce High School IMC. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Roxanne Kemnitz, Daniel Kempen, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins (via phone) and Andrea Vohs. There was a quorum. Also present were Administrators Brad Cody, Jeffrey Walsh and Carrie Wessman.

The board meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board President Roxanne Kemnitz.

School Board President Roxanne Kemnitz read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting.

A Vohs/Robers motion to approve the meeting agenda carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to approve the items on the consent agenda carried.

There were no visitors to address the board.

Elementary Principal Carrie Wessman gave an overview on the AGR report. A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the AGR Report carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to designate Jeffrey Walsh as the signer for the following accounts: Activity Account, Kyle Kempen Memorial Scholarship, Bruce Alumni Scholarship at Chippewa Valley Bank carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to pursue the early planning process for the District's future with Nexus Solutions carried.

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire Brent Labrie as Varsity Boy's Basketball Coach carried.

The board discussed the option to hire a part-time Agriculture teacher with an experiential license which would need DPI approval. No action taken.

Administration reported that our Special Education Department has been flagged for non-compliance. They discussed the action that will be taken and the improvement plan that we will follow. No action taken.

A Kempen/Anderson motion to select Roxanne Kemnitz as the WASB district delegate carried.

The December Board Meeting will take place on December 11th, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

A Robers/Anderson motion to adjourn at 7:55 pm carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved December 11th, 2023

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District Administrator Report

1. If you saw the Ladysmith News this week, you should have seen that our students did well on the Forward Exam last spring. We scored higher than the schools in our county and Lake Holcombe. Great work for all staff, students and Board Members in providing the tools our students need to excel. Hopefully we can build upon this success to grow even more. Just remember, this is a snapshot in time, so one test does not tell the whole story.
2. Girls basketball started on the 6th of November. They have about a dozen players out. They have a scrimmage next week against Luck. Good Luck to the girls throughout the season. Good luck to Joelynn Frisch and Karlie Koprass on a successful, learning season.
3. Monday the 13th of November, the boys basketball team starts practice. Welcome to the new coaches Brent LaBrie , and Pat Morgan. Good luck to the boys and coaches on a successful, learning year in basketball.
4. Friday, November 10, 2023, we had a very nice Veterans Day assembly. The students were outstanding, and the band, choir and readers and presenters did a wonderful job. Special thanks to Curt Strek for organizing the performances and Gary Hecimovich and Logan Kaduce for preparing the band, HS Ensemble, and MS choir for their performances. We also had a nice gathering of local veterans from the VFW here to take part in the presentation of the flag, the invocation, and the retiring of the colors. Thanks to all who had anything to do with the assembly.
5. Coming up, of course, is the Holiday Season. Good luck to those hunting for deer or for hunting bargains next week. Then we have a short few weeks with the Christmas break coming beginning December 22.

Elementary Principal's Report

1. ARC reading update – Throughout the month of October, elementary students have been recognized for achieving 100 steps (25 Hours) for extra reading outside of the classroom. Students receive a free book, balloon, treat, and certificate. For 200 steps students are also receiving a free book, certificate, and giant candy bar. When the steps double the students will receive more recognition and awards. We are promoting a culture of reading and writing and it is what we do every day.
2. The Elementary Leadership Team met on October 13th.
3. An idea that came about from the Elementary Leadership Team was to implement a program to recognize positive character traits. Each month staff will reveal to students the trait of the month. Students will then be nominated for Raider of the Month. Each class will nominate a student that did an outstanding job in practicing the trait. This month it is GRATITUDE. Students are sharing gratitude within the school and community by writing appreciative letters and notes. It has been a bright spot in the day for many staff and heartwarming to see and hear about the special way others have felt due to the gratitude being displayed.
4. The 4K-2nd grade fall concert will be on Thursday, November 16th at 2:30 p.m. We are looking forward to listening to the students share all that they have been learning in music.
5. Parent Teacher Conference attendance from October for the elementary school was 94%. We thank all of the parents and guardians who attended to collaborate with staff.

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MS/HS Principal's Report

1. We hosted a CTE advisory beginning meeting with our CTE teachers the night of parent/teacher conferences with numerous area businesses. The meeting was held for the school to connect with area employers on how we can partner to help prepare our students better for employment opportunities.
2. Parent/Teacher conferences were held and it was reported many positive conversations were taking place.
3. Congratulations to Zoey Kemnitz for qualifying for the state cross country meet in Wisconsin Rapids. She placed 35th in state after a second place finish in sectionals.
4. The football team ended their season with a win over Frederic for a 5-4 winning record.
5. We hosted the division 4 volleyball sectional final and received many compliments on our staff and facility.
6. The school drama club performed the play "Dorothy Meets Alice" this past weekend. The students did an outstanding job and thanks to Mr. Snyder for being our advisor. This was our first play in 4 years here at Bruce.
7. Our FBLA attended the Mini Business World competition in Chippewa Falls on November 2nd with advisor Ms. Anderson.
8. The Bruce Chapter of the Lakeland Honor Society held its annual banquet November 5th at the Buckhorn in Exeland. Thanks to them for hosting and Mrs. West for preparing the event and Andrea Newman for being our guest speaker.
9. Halloween was a great time with the high school student council hosting a dress-up contest which was well attended and the middle school had their Halloween dance which is always a fun time for the students.