

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
September 11, 2023 6:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on September 11, 2023 in the Bruce High School IMC. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Steve Golat, Roxanne Kemnitz, Daniel Kempen, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins 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 6:31 p.m. by Board President Roxanne Kemnitz.

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

An Anderson/Vohs motion to approve the revised meeting agenda carried.

There were no visitors to address the board.

A Kempen/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the August 14, 2023 Regular School Board meeting minutes with one correction carried.

The board reviewed the financial report. No action taken.

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

A Vohs/Anderson motion to hire Jeanne Nelson as dishwasher carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Golat motion to hire Chassity Johnson, Justin Lauber and Woody Keeble as a team of athletic directors carried.

No snow plowing bids have been submitted. No action taken.

The board received an update on logging bids and planned work. No action taken.

The board had a second reading of the Faculty Handbook changes. A Golat/Kempen motion to approve the changes to the Faculty Handbook carried.

The board had a second reading of the Student Handbook changes. A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Robers motion to approve the changes to the Student Handbook carried.

The board had a second reading of the Employee Handbook changes. A Golat/Robers motion to approve the changes to the Employee Handbook carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to approve Policy 0167, allowing for policy approval after one reading carried.

A Vohs/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve policies for the Board 32.1 – po 0131; 0100; 2210; 3112; 3215; 4215; 5200; 5330; 5340; 5410; 5512; 5517; 5571; 7434; 7440; 8600 carried. Kemnitz abstained.

A Kempen/ Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to not allow bussing of non-resident students to other private or public schools.

The board discussed the transportation cost of resident students to Northwoods Technical College in Rice Lake and to Our Lady of Sorrows in Ladysmith. Mr. Walsh will explore some possibilities to reduce the cost to our district. No action taken.

An Anderson/Golat motion to add an account for the Class of 2027 to Fund 21 carried.

Any resolutions for the WASB Annual Conference need to be submitted by September 15, 2023. No action taken.

The board heard Administrative reports from Ms. Wessman, Mr. Cody and Mr. Walsh.

A Robers motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c)(f) carried at 7:19 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

An Anderson/Golat motion to return to open session at 7:57 p.m. carried.

Action as a result of closed session

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Golat motion to accept the winter coaching positions as listed with the exception of the Varsity Boys Basketball coach carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Robers motion to dismiss Ed Lanzer as Varsity Boys Basketball coach carried.

A Golat/Anderson motion to approve the base pay schedule as listed carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved October 9th, 2023

Elementary Principal's Report
September 11, 2023

1. Kate Stucco from ARC worked with elementary staff on August 22 regarding
2. the new ELA curriculum.
3. The elementary had 93% attendance for the Open House on August 24.
4. First Grade will be traveling to Ferguson's Apple Orchard on September 20.
5. 4K will be going to the Niblett's Apple Shed on September 21.
6. Thank you to Whitney Trott, the coaches, helpers and Booster Club for their work to bring back Bruce Aces.

Middle/High Principal's Report
September 11, 2023

1. We have had a great start to the school year, a few bumps, but overall, things seem to be going well.
2. Preparations are being made for middle school Fastbridge assessments to be given in the upcoming weeks.
3. The high school is getting accustomed to the new 5 hour schedule and a rotational itime hour.
4. High School student council is preparing for homecoming on September 22nd against Holcombe. They are planning for a bonfire, dance, activities and our annual parade through town. The Booster Club is planning their tailgate party with a Pass, Punt, and Kick competition for students.
5. The Cross-Country team has been doing well, earning a second place finish at Webster last Tuesday with Zoey Kemnitz winning her first meet. There are 5 high school and 5 middle school runners.
6. The volleyball team competed in a tournament in the Dells and was a great team building experience. We are able to run a JV and varsity schedule.
7. Football won their first game and lost their second. We are able to run a full JV schedule which is great.
8. We have many clubs getting going such as Esports, FBLA, Forensics, Yearbook.

District Administrator's Report
September 11, 2023

1. I have been working to look at our transportation costs and checking to see ways we can reduce it. It all will depend on me getting a copy of the approved contract and seeing if we can transport some of our students in our vans. The cost for transporting four students to different places last year was approximately \$120,000. I find that to be outrageous and I am working with the Admin. Team to try to find alternatives to this. I should know more for the meeting Monday.
2. After the warm days, the days are cooling and we are getting into the fall temperatures. The staff, teachers and students did a great job in making the best out of a hot time of year. I appreciate all of their efforts to getting the year off on a good foot.
3. Our fall co-curricular activities have begun and the students are working very hard to be successful. I appreciate the hard work of the kids and the coaches/advisers for their dedication in these activities. I also want to thank the people stepping up and working the events so we can get them off without a hitch. Things have been running smoothly here in Bruce!
4. We are looking to offer foreign language classes this year and we are looking at a couple of choices, eSucceed and Educere. We will choose the best option when we see the programs and cost them out as well.