

**Minutes**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**April 8, 2024 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the Bruce High School IMC. Members present were Steve Golat, Roxanne Kemnitz, Daniel Kempen via phone, Daniel Robers 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 meeting agenda carried.

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

A Golat/Robers motion to accept the resignation of Board Member Andrew Anderson with recognition for his many years of service carried.

A Vohs/Kempen motion to accept the resignation of custodian Jennifer Towers with thanks for 20 years of service carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to reassign Erica Deitelhoff to full time High School English Teacher carried.

Mr. Walsh gave the Board information on the status of the current budget as well as information on the past two year's budgets. No action was taken.

Ms. Wessman reported to the Board the AGR midyear report for the Elementary School. A Robers/Golat motion to accept the AGR midyear report carried.

A Robers/Kempen motion to hire Woody Keeble for the 20 hour per week lawn maintenance position carried.

Andrea Vohs gave the Canvassers Report for the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 election with thanks to Leah Newman and Mike Newman for their time. The votes counted were: Craig Chafer 568 and Roxie Kemnitz 528. A Kempen/Robers motion to accept the Canvassers Report carried.

A Vohs/Robers motion to continue with the current health insurance plan for the 2024/2025 school year carried.

There were 6 visitors to address the Board. Melissa Price, Erin Webster, Karleigh Olson and Steve Golat spoke to the recent decision to reduce the Middle School to four core teachers. Sam Price and Dean Boettcher spoke about the Electronic Devices Policy in the Student Handbook and an incident that had happened in Middle School.

The May Board Meeting will take place on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

A Golat/Kempen motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,



Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Administrator Reports April 8, 2024

### District Administrator's Report

1. The high school and middle school had separate assemblies for academic excellence. High School had a co-curricular non-athletic student introduction for all groups that don't generally get recognized.
2. It looks like our baseball and softball teams will be getting started finally along with track. Track has had a couple meets with baseball and softball starting April 4th. Middle school track began April 1.
3. We will be interviewing for an early childhood special education teacher next week. I believe we will get an excellent candidate.
4. We are completing our audit for membership that all districts go through every five years. I will keep you posted on this as we get our results.
5. As we enter April, we will see an increase in events outside and also field trips I would expect. Hopefully our teams can get out in some nice weather and our students can get educational benefit from field trips.

### Elementary Principal's Report

1. The March 6th Book Fair Gross sales total so far is \$5631.86 and our school received 2,684.00 in Scholastic dollars for books. If the book fair goes over \$3500.00 in sales, you can also redeem 50% in free books. Again, a huge thank you to Mrs. Janota and Mrs. Cegler for organizing this event.
2. The Fifth Grade Wax Museum on March 13 was well attended and the students did an amazing job informing the guests about the chosen historical figure. Thank you to Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Olson and the students for organizing and presenting.
3. On April 3, the elementary students that were nominated for the character trait of honesty were celebrated. The students decorated pots and planted plants from the greenhouse. Thank you to Ms. Butterfield for supplying the plants and soil. Students also made bead keyrings or bracelets.
4. The new character trait for the month of April in the elementary is **bravery**. The elementary school met on April 1 to roll out the new character trait.
5. The first group of K-3 staff completed the Top Ten Tools 4 Teachers literacy training and the second group has started this training and will complete it in May.
6. Summer school registration is open until April 22. So far there are 63 students enrolled in regular summer school and 90 enrolled including driver's ed, hunter's safety, and students who only signed up for swimming lessons as a stand-alone.
7. Fourth grade began state testing this week. Third and fifth grade will begin state assessments next week.

### Middle/High Principal's Report

1. The middle school held a pep rally last Tuesday to kick off state testing. Students had team games and were motivated to do well on the tests.
2. High School held a pep rally last Wednesday to celebrate FBLA, Skills USA, Art, Band and music awards, forensics, trap club, math club. Brooke Zeman was honored for being named Bruce High School DAR Good Citizen for 2023. Ryan Popowich was honored for becoming the Bruce High School all time leading scorer in basketball.
3. We finished up ACT testing and it looks like we did well. While the Juniors were taking the ACT, freshman and sophomores went to CVTC for a career day workshop.
4. Ms. Anderson is taking Kim Scheigert and Brooke Zeman to state FBLA in Green Bay on the 8th and 9th. Kim is participating in accounting and Brooke in leadership academy.
5. Ms. Nohr took some Kaidynce Reetz for Skills USA competition at UW Stout.
6. Mr. Vollendorf and Mrs. West will be taking a group of math club students to UW Superior for a math competition on April 10th.
7. Mr. Hecimovich and the music hosted middle school honors and choir ensemble last Thursday. It ended in a joint concert with all 10 schools participating. Many compliments from the public on how well it was run and how our school looks.
8. Forensics members Ashton Teschendorf and Erica Rutherford are headed to Madison for the State Forensics competition on April 19th and 20th. Mr. Kalmon and Mr. Strek will be chaperoning.
9. The horticulture class took a field trip to Sue's Greenhouse in Exeland to check out a larger scaled greenhouse.
10. The robotics team is down in La Crosse at the Seven Rivers Regional. We are one of the smallest schools competing. Jake Blodgett, Dan Craker, Gabe Davis, Austin Menard and Marcus Stapleton are there along with Mr. Kahl as their coach.
11. Track has started competing in indoor meets and doing well with 29 high school members and the middle school has around 26 members.
12. Baseball and softball opened the season last week at home, nice to see a softball team again.