

**Minutes**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**March 11, 2024 6:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in the Bruce High School IMC. Members present were Andrew Anderson, Roxanne Kemnitz, Daniel Kempen via phone, Daniel Robers via phone, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins via phone at 7:58 p.m. 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.

A Vohs/Robers motion to approve meeting agenda with a modification to the order of business carried.

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

A Kempen/Vohs motion to accept the resignation of Deb Tinsman as table washer carried.

A Robers/Anderson motion to accept the retirement of Lisa Sturzl, Middle School Math Teacher, with many thanks for 32 years of service in our district carried.

A Vohs/Anderson motion to accept the resignation of a High School English Teacher who was hired for the 2024/2025 school year carried.

A Kempen/Anderson motion to accept the resignation of Kristel Calkins as Early Childhood Special Education carried.

A Anderson/Robers motion to accept the resignation of Logan Kaduce as Elementary Music Teacher carried.

A Anderson/Kempen motion to hire Tyler Nenneman and Aubrey O'Bryan as table washers through the SEP program carried.

A Kempen/Vohs motion to hire Ronda Osuldsen as Middle School Track Coach carried.

A Kempen/Robers motion to approve the 2024/2025 contract with CESA 10 carried.

A Anderson/Kempen motion to join a collective lawsuit against social media platforms carried.

The Board discussed the possibility of changing the start time of future Board Meetings. This matter was tabled for future discussion with no action taken.

There were 11 visitors to address the Board. All raised concerns about the previous month's decision to reduce the Middle School to four core teachers. Those visitors were as follows; Melissa Anderson, Michele vanDoorn, Erica Deitelhoff, Sherry Samardzich, Erin Webster, Melissa Price, Andy Yourek, Jodi Meinke, Lisa Sturzl, Joelynn Frisch and Karissa Moen.

The April Board Meeting will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

A Anderson/Vohs motion to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. carried.

Submitted by,

  
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Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## Administrator Reports March 11, 2024

### District Administrator's Report

1. Round up for 4K was held last Friday all day. Teachers in the elementary school along with Ms. Wessman do evaluations for readiness for the fall.
2. Congratulations to our Basketball teams on their seasons. After the long winter season, they get a bit of a break at this time.
3. Track, Softball, Baseball, MS Track and Wrestling are either started or beginning in the next week. With the nice winter, hopefully, our student-athletes will be able to be outside and working on their sports.
4. Josh Prince, one of our middle school students, finished first in the Junior State Land and Water Conservation Speaking Contest. He will be attending Monday's Board meeting to give his speech to the board.
5. We have begun the third trimester now and are working our way to the end of the school year.
6. We have come up with a new drop-off and pick-up routine for our students to offer a safe way to school in the mornings and evenings. The students on buses will be dropped off and picked up on the east side of the building. Parents can either drop and go with their students on the North side of Washington Avenue or park and enter from the South side of the road. Buses will exit to the left into a no parking zone for safe departure.
7. Spring Break is the week of March 18- 22. Hopefully this is a time when staff and students have time to relax and recharge for the push toward the end of the school year.
8. Ms. Krezinski is busy working on setting up the summer school program. She has some of the scheduling and other things lined up. We will be serving breakfast and lunch during our summer school in June and the jump start in August.

### Elementary Principal's Report

1. On February 28<sup>th</sup>, the elementary students had a special author visit by Judy Young. She read stories to the students and shared the aspects of being an author and how to get great ideas for stories. She was our kick off to Read Across America Week.
2. On February 29<sup>th</sup>, the elementary students that were nominated for the character trait of teamwork were celebrated by working on Legos and creating Lego creatures using teamwork.
3. The new character trait for the month of March in the elementary is **honesty**. The school met on March 4<sup>th</sup> to reveal the trait. Thank you to Karlie Kopras, Natalie Krezinski, and Karleigh Olson for all the work they do each month in providing ideas and activities for staff and parents to implement connecting to the trait.
4. March 4-8 was Read Across America Week. Students dressed up as Dr. Seuss characters or characters based on the different genres of books. It was fun to see all the participation and the culture of reading being promoted.
5. March 6<sup>th</sup> was the Book Fair. There was a wonderful turnout. A huge thank you to Mrs. Janota and Mrs. Cegler for running this event.
6. March 8<sup>th</sup> was 4K Round Up for the new students who will be entering 4K next year. 20 students signed up and attended.
7. Spring Break is March 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### Middle/High School Principal's Report

1. Congratulations to middle school student Josh Price for winning the state junior level Land and Water Conservation Speaking State Contest. Josh's speech was on "Buckthorn and Invasive Plant Species".
2. Winter sports seasons finished up in boys and girls basketball as well as wrestling. Congratulations to Ronan Garcia for earning the trip to state for the second straight year.
3. Juniors will be taking the ACT test this Tuesday the 12th with freshman and sophomores going to CVTC for a career fair. Seniors will not be required to attend either.
4. High school track started with about 28 participants.
5. We finished up the second trimester and started the third last Thursday.