

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
February 10th, 2025 5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on February 10, 2025 in the Bruce High School IMC. School Board President Roxanne Kemnitz read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Craig Chafer (via phone), Steve Golat, Roxanne Kemnitz, Brittany Leer, Daniel Robers, Jodi Schweitzer-Hopkins and Andrea Vohs. Also present were Administrators Brad Cody, Jeff Walsh and Carrie Wessman.

The board meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Board President Roxanne Kemnitz.

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

A Robers/Golat motion to approve Vouchers and Payroll carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to approve the January 13, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Golat motion to approve the December 2, 2024 Special Board meeting minutes carried.

Administrator Reports:

District Administrator Report

1. The principals and our staff looked at a template of a school calendar for next year. There was one created by a group of teachers and I created one that matches spring break and an inservice day with both Flambeau and Ladysmith School Districts. Both Flambeau and Ladysmith would like to have the same spring breaks and winter breaks so we can work together to get better people to come to our inservices and split the cost between all three school districts. I have sent my version out to staff and will meet with the groups and will bring the resulting calendar(s) to the next board meeting to have it approved.
2. Winter sports are quickly moving through their seasons. Before we know it, we will be looking at having regionals with different sports. In fact, the boys' regional is this Saturday in Cumberland and the girls' sectional in Hayward next Friday.
3. We just received our CESA 10 Proposal for our 2025-2026 Service Contract for the district. The principals and I will be reviewing this and making final recommendations for the board in our next meeting.
4. Another item that the board will need to make a decision on is the busing of our students for next year. Do we want to continue with Kobussen or do we want to take the buses back and hire our own drivers and mechanic going forward.

Middle School/High School Principal's Report

1. Middle school held their January positive consequences trip to Kate City on Thursday the 30th with around 60 students attending.
2. Middle school held their OLS Tournament week activities ending with a pep rally. Students had fun and showed their school spirit. The boys went 2-1 taking third place and losing in overtime to advance to the championship game. Girls played hard and are continuing to improve while losing both games.

3. Mr. Hecimovich took some students to the Dorian Music Festival in Iowa on January 13th and 14th.
4. The Booster Club hosted Donkey basketball on January 26th with a very nice crowd and seemed to be a fun experience for all who attended.
5. We hosted a Forensics meet last Wednesday the 5th. Mr Strek is our new advisor.
6. We hosted a Won80 Athletic Leadership meeting here on Wednesday. Our coaching leaders are Ms. Frisch and Mr. Malinowski.

Elementary Principal's Report

1. Second quarter performance reports were sent home on January 24th.
2. The One and Only Ivan books were sent home with students for literacy family engagement on January 28th. 4K families were provided with an easy read for the Ivan book and K-5 families were provided with the chapter book version. Families have begun the month journey of Our School, Our Story. The culminating activity will be a Movie Night on February 26th. A big thank you to CREW for purchasing the books for the families and to Mrs. Schueller for helping coordinate the activities and reading calendar.
3. On January 30th the Children's Gift Shop volunteers were recognized at an appreciation pizza party at Glory B's. It was a nice gathering with many in attendance.
4. Elementary students had an assembly on February 3 to roll out February's character trait of kindness. The students nominated for positivity in January were recognized with awards and participated in a make-it-take-it activity at the end of the day in MakerSpace.
5. The elementary math team presented regarding the top 3 curriculum choices on February 4th at a staff meeting. Presenters from the companies of Reveal, enVision, and Illustrative presented during the full day in-service on the 10th. In the morning, Staff will collaborate and vote to determine the math curriculum in moving forward for the 2025-2026 school year.
6. Teachers met in the afternoon on February 10 for data dig meetings to look over what the assessments are informing us universally and how to restructure groups or progress monitoring for reading and math.
7. February 13th is the 100th day of school for elementary students. Classes will be celebrating the day with various 100 activities.
8. Upcoming field trips: Fourth Grade to Chippewa Moraine Ice Age Center on February 13th and then to Christie Mountain on February 21st.
9. We have completed with first grade PRPs and will finish the kindergarten this week. First grade currently has 19 students on PRPs which is 61% of the class. Kindergarten has 9 students on PRPs which is 33% of the class. We are in the second 10-week interval for documenting progress with second grade. Three students were able to exit out of PRPs for second grade within the first 10-week window. Second grade has the lowest percentage with 25% of the class and 5 remaining on plans. Third grade has 14 students on PRPs which is 44%.

There were no Visitors to address the Board.

A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the resignation of Joelyn Frisch as Assistant Volleyball Coach carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to hire Kevin Loomis as Night Custodian carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to hire HYA for the Superintendent search carried.

A Golat/Vohs motion to approve the Spring Coaches as listed carried.

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire Natalie Krezenski as Summer School Director carried.

A Robers motion to convene to closed session per statute 19.85 (1)(c) carried at 6:22 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to return to open session per statute 19.85 (1)(c) carried at 7:46 p.m. by unanimous roll call.

A Golat/Robers motion to accept a staff member retirement as requested carried.

The March Board Meeting will take place on March 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm at the Bruce School IMC.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 7:48 pm carried.

Submitted by,

Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved March 12th, 2025