

Minutes
Regular School Board Meeting
January 13, 2025 5:30 P.M.

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on January 13, 2025 in the Bruce High School LMC. School Board President Roxanne Kemnitz read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Craig Chafer, 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 5:32 p.m. by Board President Roxanne Kemnitz.

A Vohs/Golat motion to approve the meeting agenda with an amendment to the order of business carried.

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

A Leer/Robers motion to approve the December 9, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes carried.

Administrator Reports:

District Administrator Report

- Prior to Christmas break, we had a great turnout for the music programs. We had three programs with K-2 grades, 3-5 grades and 6-12 grades. Thank you to the teachers, staff and students for a well-done job celebrating the holiday season.
- After our November meeting, I have taken on some of the educator effectiveness observations and reporting for Ms. Wessman, so she has more time to devote to reading plans in the elementary school.
- The first semester will end this Friday, January 17, 2025. Grades will be out sometime next week.
- This is the time of year where we have our second set of Aimsweb assessments for our students to comply with Act 20. Along with these assessments, teachers in the elementary school will need to look at student growth and, for some students, prepare reading plans that will address any students who are behind in their skills at this point. The third assessment for Aimsweb will be in March.
- This is the time of year where we have a long period of time before we have any extended days off. I always have said that this is the prime time for teaching and learning, and it is important for both students and staff to be here during this time so they can progress in their learning through this time.
- We have had two board members put in for their candidacy for the April 1, 2025 election and one filed non-candidacy papers. So this election will have only two candidates and then the board will need to appoint a new board member, or an existing one to take the position for one year.

Middle School/High School Principal's Report

- Middle school students who earned the monthly positive reward went to Rand's bowling in Rice Lake on December 20th.
- The high school took students to the Miner Theater on the 20th to end the unofficial first half of school watching the "Red One", followed by an afternoon of

activities. Thank you, Mr. Strek for organizing a fun-filled day.

- Mr. Strek is scheduling a high honors trip with students earning a 3.75 GPA to watch the Badger Men's hockey team play in February.
- The middle and high school band and choirs held their Holiday Concert to a very large crowd. Thank you Mr. Hecimovich and Mr. King for all your hard work putting this together for our students to showcase their talents.
- Both boys' and girls' basketball are in full swing with the wrestling team spending most Saturdays at meets.
- Mr. Snyder is planning a trip to Chanhassen Theaters to see the play "The Heart Sellers" on Wednesday, January 15th.
- Middle and high school students will take their winter assessments in the next three weeks. This will give a good idea of what areas we need to focus on for the upcoming state tests and ACT.
- Big shout out to the student council for their Chris Mitts presents fundraiser to allow students to receive Christmas gifts. This drive, coupled with the village hall presents and anonymous donors made for many appreciative students. Thank you to Mrs. Jennifer Towers for volunteering to wrap many of the gifts.
- Thank you to Ms. Deitelhoff's speech class for creating our livestream commercials for our sponsors and redesigning our office hallway to be more inviting.
- The FBLA will be opening "The Raider Rack" that will be selling school merchandise soon.
- Raider Trades Manufacturing built benches for purchase with 10 going to the Rusk County Fair. They also created banners for our senior athletes. Thank you Mr. Lehman for the benches and printing the banners and Ms. Suttan for your sowing talents.
- Middle school students participated in the Rusk County land and water speaking competition last Wednesday. They did an amazing job in representing our school. Congratulations to Kaysie Seth for placing 3rd in her division. A shout out to Josh Price for placing 1st for the third year in a row. Josh will be competing at the Regional Area Contest in Shell Lake on Friday January 24th.

Elementary Principal's Report

- Elementary students had an assembly on January 6 to roll out the character trait of positivity. The students participated in a song and dance that highlighted how to be positive in different circumstances.
- We are in our aimswebPlus Winter testing window. First grade completed the literacy component last week with testing proctors. I will assist proctoring kindergarten literacy testing this week. The elementary testing window will be completed January 21 st .
- 4K Raider Round Up will be held on March 14. We have 18 students registering thus far and six of them would be open enrollment students.
- Field Trips: Fifth grade went to Beaver Creek on January. This was completely paid for through a grant. Upcoming Christie Mountain Trips:

January 3rd and 4th grade, fifth grade January 24 and 31. On the 16th students will learn basic fundamentals how-to put-on ski boots during phy ed.

- 2 student teachers will be starting on January 20th - Emma Nawrocki from UW River Falls in second grade with Karlie Kopras and Jeannette Kottke from UW Superior in third grade with Bethany Cooley.

- Math after school group will begin on January 21 for fourth grade on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Madyson Clark and Kim Schueller will be helping. Once this is established, we hope to move to third grade. There just isn't enough staff to assist with this program.

- On January 28th, there will be a gallery walk share out for staff from ARC unit 2 and second quarter. Student research work will be presented.

- The top 3 math curriculum companies will be present during our in-service day on February 10 during in-service: Reveal, envision, and Illustrative.

There were no Visitors to address the Board.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Robers motion to accept the open enrollment seats as discussed for Special Education with limit on Regular Education carried.

A Golat/Vohs motion to put two questions on an April 1, 2025 referendum; an April 1, 2025 operational referendum question and an April 1, 2025 capital referendum question carried. Two opposed.

Discussion about posting the Finance Manager position. No action taken.

A Vohs/Robers motion to hire Karlie Kopras and Karleigh Olson for Co-Head Coaches of Girls High School Basketball carried.

A Golat/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire Connor Kopras for Assistant Coach of Varsity Boys Basketball carried.

A Leer/Golat motion to hire Shaina Baldri as a long term sub for Kindergarten carried. Robers abstained.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to accept the resignation of Joelynn Frisch as Girls High School Basketball carried.

A Robers/Golat motion to accept the resignation of Rebecca Kroner as Early Childhood Special Ed teacher carried.

A Golat/ Vohs motion to accept the resignation of Joe Tatrow as custodian carried.

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to accept the retirement of Jeff Walsh as District Administrator carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to approve the Administrator Reports and have the Administrator Reports be added to the minutes for Regular School Board meetings going forward carried.

A Golat/Robers motion to adjourn at 6:47 pm carried.

Submitted by,

Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved February 10th, 2025