

**Minutes**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**June 9, 2025 5:30 P.M.**

A regular meeting of the School Board of the School District of Bruce was held on June 9th, 2025 in the Bruce High School IMC. School Board President Roxanne Kemnitz read a statement of proper noticing of the meeting. Members present were Roxanne Kemnitz, 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 5:36 p.m. by Board President Roxanne Kemnitz.

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

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

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the May 12th, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes carried.

Administrator Reports:

**District Administrator Report**

1. There were some nice end-of-the-year concerts given by the students in both choir and band. They were well attended, and the students and teachers did a wonderful job. Thank you to Gary Hecimovich and Rhonda Maticzinsky for their extra efforts.
2. High school graduation seemed to go off without a hitch. The students conducted themselves well and the band did a great job during the ceremony. Congratulations to the graduates and their families on the accomplishments they all made.
3. We are having our biweekly planning meetings for the Capital Referendum. This Thursday will be the last one I attend, with Mr. Bosco taking over later in the month.
4. I am finishing up the duties I can before I am done this month. I will get them finished and approve the budgets for the teachers before I leave.
5. Congratulations to Bruce Middle School for qualifying for the School of Recognition Award announced last week for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Elementary Principal's Report**

1. Congratulations to the music department on successful concerts! A huge thank you to Mrs. Mataczynski for the Disney inspired theme. Even the audience sang along on some of the songs!
2. Even though it rained, it didn't damper the indoor Petting Zoo held on May 21. A huge shout out to Summer Butterfield and the FFA for organizing and providing the animals and information tri-folds for this event.
3. 77 students have signed up for the regular 4K-8 th grade June Summer School

67 signed up for swimming lessons 9 have signed up for Environmental Challenge and 13 for Driver's Ed.

4. The AGR five-year contract application is submitted. We will be notified by the end of June if it was accepted. Roxie is the delegated board representative.

5. Elementary students participated in a glow-stick dance party for a reading celebration on May 29 th . The party was in recognition of the multitude of reading steps from this school year.

6. Track and Field Day was held on May 30 th for 2 nd through 5 th grade. Thank you, Ms. Krezinski and all the parent volunteers that made this day possible. The students enjoyed the various events and our HS track coach has her eye on some future Raider track stars!

7. All personal reading plans have been completed and 32 book bags were sent home with specific strategies, activities, and books to continue the plan through the end of June. The other 19 students with plans will continue receiving services during summer school.

8. Mrs. Schueller and myself worked with two other staff members this morning in facilitating FORT training.

9. Summer School is set for June 16-26 – Monday through Thursday in the morning, with swimming lessons to follow.

### **Middle School/High School Principal's Report**

1. Graduation was held on the 23rd and was a success. Big thank you to class advisors, Ms. Suttan and Mr. Keeble. There were 35 students participating in the ceremony with 37 earning Bruce High School diplomas. Alyssa Zeman was Valedictorian and Levi Nyhagen was Salutatorian.

2. Congratulations to Bobby McCullick and Zoey Kemnitz for qualifying for the state track and field competition. At state, Zoey placed 15th in the 3200 meter run while Bobby placed 13th in the 300m hurdles, great job Bobby and Zoey.

3. Earth Day activities were held on May 28th after being rained out the week before. We had several groups picking up the roadsides and garbage in the village. There was one group of 7th graders along with high schoolers working at Trails End Camp while another group worked at the park and cemeteries in town.

4. Mr. Hecimovich took the high school band to Valley Fair and also to the Como Zoo & Conservatory as well as the Mall of America and Sky Zone on June 4th and 5th.

5. Mr. Keeble took the "Crew" to Action City in Eau Claire on the 28th to celebrate their hard work on Popcorn Fridays and Backpack Blessings.

6. The baseball team ended their season losing to Prentice (2-6) at home ending a successful season.

7. The middle school held their end of the year positive consequence trip on May 27th in Eau Claire at Action City.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Robers motion to accept the resignation of Monica Nohr from her Art Teacher position carried.

A Kemnitz/Robers motion to accept the resignation of Madysson Clark from her Elementary School Special Ed position carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to accept the resignations of Chassity Johnson and Woody Keeble as Co-Athletic Directors carried..

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire Todd Roehl as Special Ed Teacher carried.

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to hire Travis Augustine as Middle School and High School Principal carried.

A Vohs/Robers motion to adopt policy po5411 as written for our Act 20 policy for Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students carried.

A Vohs/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to approve the Staff Handbook for 2025-2026 with an amendment to Bereavement Leave and the wording of the Cash in Lieu of Insurance section carried.

A Vohs/Robers motion to accept the Library Plan for 2025 - 2028 carried.

Kevin Mullen, from Robert W. Baird & Co, was present via phone, and discussed information regarding the sale of general obligation promissory notes. A Vohs/Kemnitz motion to adopt the resolution for establishing parameters for the sale of not to exceed \$6,900,00 general obligation promissory notes carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Robers motion to renew the property and casualty insurance with R&R Insurance carried.

John Major from American Deposits Management was present and discussed the offer from American Deposits Management and the bond process. A Vohs/Robers motion to use American Deposit Management as our bond proceeds management company carried.

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to change the start and finish dates of the 2025-2026 school year to August 25, 2025 and May 29, 2026 carried.

A Robers/Vohs motion to renew the Student Health and Special Risk Insurance for the 2025-2026 school year with Gallagher Insurance carried.

A Schweitzer-Hopkins/Vohs motion to accept the Administrator job descriptions as written carried.

A Vohs/Robers motion to approve the contract with Nexus for the referendum carried.

Visitors to address the Board: Jim Zak spoke to the board about concerns he had about the referendum and how the money will be spent.

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2025 at 5:30 pm in the High School IMC.

A Robers/Schweitzer-Hopkins motion to adjourn at 7:31 pm carried.

Submitted by,

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Andrea Vohs (Clerk)

Approved July 14th, 2025