

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2020**

PRESENT: Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Mitchell, Szymanski, Whaley
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles, Shiffer
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

President Irelan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2019-2020-55

Hunter/Holzwarth to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 13, 2020
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month Awards – Due to school closings, these students will be honored at the March board meeting.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Niles provided an athletic update. To date three members of the girls' basketball team have had concussions. The Varsity Boys' Basketball team is ranked in the top 10 in the state. Wrestling is heading into districts this week for team and individual. Middle School volleyball will begin on February 10.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. The elementary is participating in Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI). Grades K-1 have begun the Handwriting Without Tears program. Teachers are continuing with the Conscious Discipline book study and focusing on Classroom Communities. This also directly relates to the TBRI work. There are five staff members currently attending the Essentials training in Fairview. Data meeting process will begin soon, as well as preparations being made for M-Step and NWEA. Mrs. Shiffer provided information regarding conferences and IRIP parent meetings. Currently look at ways to get books in the hands of kids throughout the summer. There were ten suspensions, involving seven students.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles updated the board on maintenance projects, including the completion of the upper elementary restrooms. The kitchen fire suppression hood system needs repairs and updates. Currently coordinating with an electrical contractor for this work. Replacement seats have been purchased for damaged tables in the secondary cafeteria. Due to the recent illness outbreak, and school closings, extra cleaning was done including door and locker handles, desks and light switches.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Niles reported that on March 13 there will be a presentation by Zac Gowen a cancer survivor, WWE Wrestler and life coach/speaker. There will be an academic intervention for middle school beginning with the second semester. The 'SEE IT – SAY IT – SEND IT' program went live on February 1. There were 97% of high school and 82% of middle school students with no discipline issues last month. Six students received suspensions.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske discussed the continued restructuring of business services, including bank reconciliations and the possibility of moving banking services. This summer all employee (teacher, support staff and administrator) contracts will expire. Mr. Ciske reported that Senator Jim Stamos visited the district on Friday, February 6 to discuss educational issues. Winter Count Day is Wednesday, February 12. The FTE for next year's funding will be based on 10% of this count and 90% of the count next fall. Paraprofessional, Lindsay Bills, is requesting maternity leave beginning at the end of February. This will be an action item. On the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election, we will be asking voters to approve the renewal of our 18-mill non-homestead property tax. COOR ISD will also be asking voters to approve an override of the Headlee rollback. As a district of less than 1,000 students, we are allowed to appoint our own attendance officer. The attendance officer would be deputized and empowered to petition the court to enforce truancy laws both for attendance and incorrigibility. In the past, we have relied on the attendance officer appointment by the ISD. Having a local attendance officer would allow us to become more effective with student absenteeism or incorrigibility. Mr. Ciske stated that at the March board meeting he will present a description of this position and ask for approval. On May 7, there will be a Thrun Legal update should board members wish to attend.

Budget Revision – Superintendent Ciske presented the 2019-2020 budget revision, including revenue/expenditure projections and fund balance. The 2019-2020 Revised Budget Projection reflects an excess revenue of \$13,413 which would leave an estimated Fund Balance of \$286,193 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Ciske stated that he will be working diligently to continue increasing the fund balance and reminded the board that all budget projections are based on the best available information at the time. A final budget will be presented in June.

Citizens' Comments – None

Review, discussion and update of the district's Committee Assignments and Board Goals for 2020.

Action Items -

2019-2020-56

Holzwarth/Mitchell consider approval of Board Goals and Committee Assignments for 2020.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Committee Assignments for the 2020 year are as follows:

- Finance Committee: Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan
- Policy Committee: Hunter, La Vigne, Szymanski
- School Improvement: Holzwarth, Mitchell, Whaley
- Athletic Policy Committee: La Vigne, Whaley
- Safety Committee: Holzwarth, Mitchell, Szymanski
- NEW**
- Strategic Planning Committee: Irelan, Szymanski, Whaley
- NEW**

Board / District goals for 2020 are as follows:

- Goal #1:** Facilitate communication and strengthen relationships within the school and community to build broad-based community support.
- Goal #2:** Develop a K-12 process to assure continuity in curriculum, instruction, procedures and policies.
- Goal #3:** Continue to keep as a focus responsibly managing our resources.
- Goal #4:** Provide professional development programs that will ensure highly qualified and dedicated employees and board members.
- Goal #5:** Review, evaluate and maintain district safety standards and procedures to ensure that all students and staff come to a safe learning environment; and where high expectations for appropriate behavior are the norm.
- Goal #6:** Strategic planning. Establish 5-year goal(s). Plan and review annually.

2019-2020-57

Hunter/Szymanski consider approval of the revised 2019-2020 budget as presented.

YES: 7
 NO: 0
 Motion approved.

2019-2020-58

La Vigne/Holzwarth consider the acceptance of request for maternity leave for Lindsay Bills.

YES: 7
 NO: 0
 Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Holzwarth informed the board that she would not be in attendance at the March board meeting. Mrs. Whaley addressed the issue of cell phone usage during the school day. Discussion. Administration will look into this, discuss with staff and community, and report back to the board.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2019-2020-59

Holzwarth/Hunter to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

YES: 7
 NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary