

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
VIRTUAL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2020

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

This meeting was held virtually as permitted according to Michigan Executive order 2020-48 and was streamed virtually through the district's website.

President Irelan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2019-2020-67

Mitchell/Hunter to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 9, 2020 (No meeting was held in April 2020)
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month Awards – Due to the school being closed for COVID-19 no Bolt of the Month Awards were given.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Niles provided an athletic update. The girls' basketball team won the district championship game. Boys' basketball and spring sports seasons were cancelled by MHSAA due to COVID. There will be no changes to middle school sports season within the NSL for 2020-2021. Discussions will continue. As of now, fall sports scheduling is still happening for 2020 volleyball and football. Mr. Niles stated that he is recommending updates to the Student Athletic Handbook, which will be an action item tonight.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. Teacher Appreciation week was May 4-8; a huge thank you to all staff. There are currently 22 kindergarten students that have registered via phone or mail. Staff are holding 'office' hours at various times in the day to accommodate students/parents. In addition, elementary staff participate in weekly Zoom meetings. Elementary continued learning packets will be distributed on May 12. Summer literacy will be book club style. Looking ahead there will be updates to the attendance policy, the end-of-the-day routine with pick up and busing policy. There will also be updates to the cell phone policy.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles reported that work began on May 5 for repairs to the kitchen fire suppression hood system. To ensure extra building safety, red zone cleaning is happening daily.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Niles updated the board. Academic packet distribution went well, with the focus on core classes. Weekly calls are going out to students from their first hour teacher. All teachers hold weekly office hours. Locker cleanout will be on May 6, with content

distribution on May 12-13. Graduation, prom and other spring events are still being considered. Proposed recommendations for board consideration tonight include cell phone/PED changes to the middle school / high school handbook.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske stated that teachers are continuing with regular student contact and are available to answer questions. Over the past couple of weeks numerous projections have been received about the state of next year's budget. Per pupil funding cuts seem inevitable barring significant relief from the federal government. Mr. Ciske reported that he has been working through the budget and is identifying various areas where cuts could be made. Of course, every cut has a consequence either by making more work of the staff or reducing student opportunities. Mr. Ciske will keep the board advised of potential cuts. The preliminary testing audit has been set for July 15-16, with field work scheduled for August 31-September 3. Mr. Ciske continues to work with Clare-Gladwin ISD to transition accounts to a more efficient system. The Annual Summer Tax Collection resolutions approving township collection of summer taxes will be an action item this evening. Food Service Supervisor, Mary Miller, has stated that there will be a need to increase lunch prices for the 2020-2021 school year and is proposing an increase of .25 per lunch. This is for informational purposes with no action required at this time. The Tentative Agreement of the employment contract between the district and the Mio AuSable Education Association (teachers), will be an action item this evening. Mr. Ciske reported that Barb Galbraith will be retiring June 30, 2020. This will be an action item. Debbie Bemke also announced her plans to retire and will be an action item in June. Both of these teachers will be missed immensely. Diana Hiser has offered to postpone her retirement at this time to help us through this difficult time. Acceptance of the withdrawal of her retirement will be an action item. The board set the date of June 29 at 6:30 p.m. for the Budget Hearing.

Citizens' Comments – None

Action Items -

2019-2020-68

Holzwarth/Mitchell

consider approval of 2020 Summer Tax Collection Agreements with townships of Big Creek (\$12,900.00), Elmer (\$2,870.00), Greenwood (\$1,998.25) and Mentor (\$8,746.40).

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-69

Szymanski/Holzwarth

consider the acceptance of the letter of retirement for Barbara Galbraith, effective June 30, 2020.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-70

Whaley/La Vigne

consider the acceptance of letter of withdrawal of retirement for Dianna Hiser.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-71

Szymanski/Hunter

consider the approval of the Tentative Agreement between the Mio AuSable Education Association and the Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-72

Whaley/Holzwarth

consider the approval of the changes in the high school handbooks.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – None

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2019-2020-73

Hunter/La Vigne

to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary