

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2019

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Jackson, La Vigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2018-2019-61

Mitchell/Hunter to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – May 13, 2019
- b) Monthly Finance.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month Awards – Six sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were honored as Bolt of the Month. These students were honored for their academic and citizenship achievements. President Irelan commended the students for this achievement and stressed what an honor it is to receive this award.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Demory provided an athletic update. Track and Field completed a very successful year, with Sophia Cross qualifying for the state meet. Mr. Demory stressed what a huge accomplishment that was. The varsity girls' softball team won a district title. Mr. Demory thanked the Board of Education, administrators and others for their support in his year serving as athletic director.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reported on elementary happenings. Elementary teacher evaluations have been completed and reviewing them with staff is being finalized. Mr. Ciske stated that there are plans for change recess for the upcoming year. This would involve connecting recess to lunch which would make for a longer sustained block of time. Also looking at best ways to utilize Title I funds to best support students. Teresa Cole has submitted a letter of retirement, effective June 30, 2019.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles stated summer duties have commenced, with building cleaning beginning today. Equipment maintenance will be a priority to get winter equipment prepped for seasonal storage and use. Quotes are being sought for the following: parking lot, driveway and safety lighting, scoreboard installation, Little League dugouts and for the removal of dead trees on the east property line by the football field. Other duties will include relocating interior signs and awards to make more visible and consistent throughout the building. Signs have been ordered to improved safety directions in the parking lots and driveways. These signs will include one-way and fire lane notices.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Niles provided a MS/HS update and stated that the Handbook Committee is requesting approval of the MS/HS handbook with changes addressed at the last board meeting. May events included Project Safe Graduation, MS awards ceremony, End of School picnic for Middle School. The STAB/JA did very well with fundraising for this year's flower sales. May discipline was reported with 98% of high school students and 89% of middle school students having no discipline issues.

Further discipline resulted in 16 students being suspended from the secondary population since the last board meeting.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Ciske reported that he is working toward completing the final 2018-19 budget, as well as the projected 2019-20 budget. Assumptions will need to be made as there has been no recent movement in Lansing in reference to budget adoption. As a result of the district having a fund balance below 5%, we are required to submit budget information, including assumptions used to create the budget. This information is reported to the Department of Education for their review. As earlier reported, Teresa Cole announced her retirement, effective June 30, 2019. Mr. Ciske met, and interviewed, the one applicant for the speech pathologist position. This candidate currently works for COOR ISD and has been in our district for the past few years. The position has been offered to Kelly Sanderson and will be an action item. With the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year, several teachers will move into their second year of probationary status. An acknowledgement of this will be an action item. The annual MHSAA resolution for 2019-2020 will also be an action item. Mr. Ciske announced that he has completed his administrator coursework and is now giving him this opportunity.

Citizens' Comments – MS teacher, Jamie Karshina, addressed the board regarding summer school and credit recovery for students. Board Trustee, Jay Jackson, asked that this be addressed at this meeting. Mr. Niles stated that he, along with Kelli McDonald, MS/HS Counselor reviewed the student information and did not feel there was a strong enough need to provide summer school. There will be additional opportunities during the upcoming year for students to obtain credit recovery, including taking a core class instead of an elective as well as academic support during lunch periods. A Fairview parent addressed the board stating that summer school helped his son and would like to see it continued. Additional discussion, with the continued decision that there will be no summer school offered.

2018-2019-62

Hunter/Holzwarth

consider approval of MHSAA Membership Resolution for 2019-2020 school year
Roll call vote.

YES: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Jackson, La Vigne, Mitchell
NO: None

Motion approved.

2018-2019-63

Holzwarth/Mitchell

Acknowledgement of teachers acquiring the next level of probationary tenure status:

From 1st to 2nd year probation:

Michael Banyas
Courtney Beltz
Rebecca Blasius
Rhonda Costello
Elizabeth Kachiros
Brent King

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2018-2019-64

Hunter/Fullerton

consider motion to accept retirement/resignation of Teresa Cole, effective June 30, 2019 with sincere thanks and appreciation for her years of service.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved

2018-2019-65

Mitchell/Holzwarth

consider approval of the 2019-2020 high school handbook which changes proposed at the May 13, 2009 board meeting

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved

2018-2019-66

Hunter/La Vigne

consider the approval of speech pathologist contract for Kelly Sanderson

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved

Board Member Comments – Jay Jackson asked that he be provided copies of K-12 test scores and inquired about the ‘5-year plan’ committee meetings. Jessie Mitchell inquired as to the status of the Day Care program.

Correspondence – None

There was no other business.

2018-2019-67

La Vigne/Hunter

to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Secretary