

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 13, 2020**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Organizational Business Issues are conducted annually at the July board meeting, with the remainder of the organizational meeting held in January of each year.

**2020-2021-1**

La Vigne/Szymanski

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of regular & special meetings of June 8, 2020 and June 29, 2020
- b) Monthly finance.
- c) **Meeting Dates** – the regular meeting of the Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education for 2020-2021 shall be held on the second Monday of each month. Regular Board meetings will start at 6:30 p.m., not to exceed 9:30 p.m., to be held in the Mio AuSable School.

Accordingly, the meeting dates are as follows:

July 13, 2020	January 11, 2021
August 10, 2020	February 8, 2021
September 14, 2020	March 8, 2021
October 12, 2020	April 12, 2021
November 9, 2020	May 10, 2021
December 14, 2020	June 14, 2021

Additionally, the first regular board meeting of the 2021-2022 school year will be July 12, 2021.

NOTE: Any changes from the above dates or the announcement and dates of any special meeting shall be posted in the lobby of the school.

- d) **Depositories and Signatures** – The Mio AuSable Schools designates Fifth Third, Huntington, mBank and the Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus as the official depositories for school monies. Said designation conveys approval of all necessary forms for transacting business with said depositories and authorizes the President, Treasurer, Superintendent and his designees to sign necessary forms, vouchers,

checks, receipts, wire transfers, etc., related to the district's use of specified depositories. Food Service Account depositories and signatures: Treasurer, Food Service Director, Superintendent and his designee.

- e) **Authorization for posting notices** – the Superintendent, or his designee, shall be designated as the person responsible for posting notices of all regular, rescheduled or special Board of Education meetings.
- f) **Auditors** – the Board of Education shall retain the firm Weinlander Fitzhugh as the school district's auditors for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- g) **Legal Counsel** – the Board of Education shall retain the firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as the school district's legal counsel and representative for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
- h) **Board Member Compensation** – The Board of Education shall not be compensated for meeting attendance during the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Mr. Ciske reported that the position of Athletic Director was offered to Courtney Beltz. Former AD, Doug Graham, has agreed to assist her initially and be a resource to her as she assumes the position. Much of the athletic program remains in a holding pattern as we await further guidance from MHSAA.

**Elementary Principals' Report** – Mrs. Shiffer presented the elementary report. There were 57 completed online surveys returned, through the link, QR code or returned by hand to the school. Eighty percent of those returned preferred face-to-face instruction for the upcoming school year. The Kindergarten Connection had a wonderful turnout. Scheduling and planning are ongoing at this time. A posting has been completed for a Title I Intervention position. Lisa Marlatt has been hired for the elementary special education classroom. Possibility of doing a Virtual Open House, You Tube channel for videos with new procedures. Handwriting Without Tears will remain in K-1 and move into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade this upcoming year. For 2020-2021 Student Recognition will be done in the classroom(s) and/or through announcements rather than in the usual Awards Assemblies held each month.

**Buildings and Grounds Report** – Mr. Ciske reported that summer cleaning is going well and ahead of schedule. We are currently in the process of scheduling fire alarm installation. Great Lakes Roofing repaired twenty holes in the elementary gym roof. They will provide more information on the roof covering replacement. Currently in the process of receiving quotes for tree removal in front of the school. Precision Excavating will be grading the drive that goes around the school. This will be completed with the stone that will be taken off of the elementary gym when it is redone.

**Middle School / High School Principals' Report** – Mr. Ciske provided an update. Graduation will be held on July 17 at 6:00 p.m. on the football field. We have been working on the middle school and high school schedules. This should be completed soon so that scheduling for all can begin. Mr. Ciske reported that he met with paraprofessional Jesse Karbowski, who currently runs the R & R room for middle school/high school and discussed plans for working with students who have multiple recurring incidences.

**Superintendents' Report** – Mr. Ciske presented the Superintendent Report. Interviews were held, and positions offered to:

- Lisa Marlatt – Elementary Special Education teacher
- Michael Brzozowski – K-12 art teacher

There were a number of qualified applicants for the Middle School English position. Interviews will be held soon. In addition, we will be posting for a Title I Interventionist teacher and a paraprofessional to replace Sherri Stiles who retired.

The district Reopening Committee has broken into sub-committees and will review specific aspects of the roadmap. Sub committees include:

- Physical Requirements
- Policies and Procedures
- Distance Learning
- Social Emotional

Much of what will be needed will be determined by phase(s). What schools will look like in phase 4 is very different than in phase 5. The template will be released this week and we will seek board approval at the August 10 meeting.

**Citizens' Comments** – Mr. McFalda inquired as to what will be used as a stage for graduation.

#### **Action Items –**

##### **2020-2021-2**

##### **Mitchell/Whaley**

consider approval of hiring Michael Brzozowski for the position of K-12 art teacher

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

##### **2020-2021-3**

##### **Szymanski/Hunter**

consider approval of hiring Lisa Marlatt for the position of elementary teacher

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

##### **2020-2021-4**

##### **Whaley/La Vigne**

consider the acceptance of the letter of retirement for Leslie Wright

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

##### **2020-2021-5**

##### **Szymanski/Hunter**

consider the acceptance of the letter of resignation from Rebecca Blasius

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

**Board Members' Comments** – None

**Correspondence** - None

There was no other business.

**2020-2021-6**

Whaley/La Vigne to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

YES:

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary