

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 1, 2021**

PRESENT: Holzwarth, Irelan, La Vigne, Long, Szymanski, Whaley
ABSENT: Hunter
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Ahearne
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2021-2022-12

Long/Szymanski to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 11, 2021
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Audit presentation – Samantha Cain – Weinlander Fitzhugh, presented and reviewed the Annual 2020-2021 Audit Report, including the General Fund, Capitol Projects (Sinking) Fund, Food Service and 2013 Debt Retirement Fund. Presentation also included a review of FTE, ending fund balances and upcoming accounting requirements.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. Pumpkin carving was, again, a huge success. Students in grades 2-5 had a wonderful assembly experience with Terrance Tally. Report cards will be sent home on November 5 in Friday Folders. Due to quite a few childhood illnesses (strep, fever, stomachache, etc.). school was closed on October 22. Mrs. Shiffer announced that Mr. Mark Guerin will be joining the elementary team as a first-grade teacher. The Winter Showcase will be held on December 1. K-5 enrollment is at 214. The November character trait will be compassionate/compassion.

Athletic Director's Report – On behalf of Athletic Director, Courtney Beltz, HS Principal Ahearne provided an athletic overview. The varsity football team made it to the playoffs with their season ending in overtime against Hillman. Mio will host the volleyball districts this week. Middle school basketball for girls has ended and the season for boys has begun.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ahearne reviewed middle school/high school information. Continuing to battle COVID. There will be a student teacher from SVSU in the district this winter. Beginning in January, Cameron Gingrich, will be placed with Mr. Ashley Marsh in Physical Education. The 'Positive Culture Project' is continuing for the Middle/High School. Art teacher, Mike Brzozowski is planning to paint a school mural. Parent teacher conferences were held on October 14, with approximately 46% of the progress reports picked up. TikTok vandalism seems to have subsided. Michael Raymond has been hired as a paraprofessional in the middle school. Mr. Ahearne also thanked Superintendent Ciske and the school board for giving him the principalship opportunity.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Ciske reported that the new scoreboards have arrived and are scheduled to be installed soon. A consultant from Ascom was in the building last week to provide input regarding updates to the camera/intercom and PA system. An RFP will soon be sent out for this project.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. Daniel McIntyre was hired as a full-time custodian and will begin in the next few days. The part time position has also been filled. In addition to the hiring of the first-grade teacher, there is an interview scheduled with a potential special education teacher. Three policy updates have been reviewed and are ready for board approval. The COOR ISD board will hold their monthly board meeting on November 10 in our auditorium. The ESSER III Funding from the American Recovery Plan requires districts to seek input from stakeholders as to how the funding should be used. A survey will be put together for public input. Mr. Ciske also commented that at the December board meeting the board will need to complete his evaluation.

Citizens’ Comments – Mr. McFalda stated that Tom Moran, Moran Ironworks has donated scrap steel. In addition, students will be visiting Moran Ironworks to tour the facility.

Action Items –

2021-2022-13

La Vigne/Holzwarth consider the approval of the first readings of NEOLA Policy Updates: “EDGAR Revisions’, “Nondiscrimination / Anti-Harassment” and “Volume 35, No 2”.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2021-2022-14

Whaley/Szymanski consider the approval of hiring of Mr. Mark Guerin for the position of elementary teacher.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Board Members’ Comments – Mrs. Ireland stated that the board will complete the superintendent evaluation. They will then be reviewed, reconciled and tallied during a closed session.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2021-2022-15

Holzwarth/La Vigne to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary