

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2020**

PRESENT: Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Szymanski, Whaley
ABSENT: Mitchell
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Shiffer
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Beltz
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2020-2021-30

Szymanski/Holzwarth to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 10, 2020
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month Awards – Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were honored as Bolt of the Month. These students were honored for their academic and citizenship achievements. Three students and their parent/guardian attended the meeting. President Irelan stressed the honor it is to receive this award and also thanked parents/guardians for their role in assisting their child to be the best they can be, not only through grades but through citizenship as well.

Audit presentation – Dave Quimby – Weinlander Fitzhugh, presented and reviewed the Annual 2019-2020 Audit Report, including the General Fund, Capitol Projects (Sinking) Fund, Food Service and 2013 Debt Retirement Fund. Mr. Quimby also provided a power point presentation which included a review of FTE, ending fund balances and upcoming accounting requirements. It was noted that the district ended with a 7.1% general fund balance.

Athletic Director's Report – Athletic Director Beltz provided an athletic overview. Volleyball season ended abruptly due to a possible COVID exposure. Middle School girls' basketball season has ended, with middle school boys' basketball still going. High School girls' basketball will begin today, with their first game on December 1. Wrestling and High Schools boys' basketball begins on November 16. At this time, the wrestling schedule is uncertain pending MHSAA guidelines. Looking into purchasing a camera for the gym which will allow games to be recorded and remotely viewed by the community.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary conference attendance information. K-5 data meetings have been held. From those meetings, a Needs and Services Plan will be developed. Mrs. Shiffer commended IT Manager, Forrest Warren, for his continued work toward ensuring that everyone is able to record via Zoom and keeping everything running smoothly. Nancy deGuzman is officially our Attendance Officer. There are 225 students enrolled, with 40 of those students being virtual. Elementary has started a Spark Award. For the month of October, the focus was honesty. There were seven out-of-school suspensions involving two students.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Ciske reported that repair work to the high school roof began today. Fire alarm installation should be completed during the Christmas break period. Electricians are continuing to work on the Wellness Center. The ‘Football House’ will be winterized so that heat can be turned off, which will save a considerable amount of electricity expense.

Middle School / High School Principals’ Report – Mr. Ciske reviewed middle school/high school information. There are currently 37 students on quarantine in grades 6-12. These students will be returning to school on different days, depending on exposure times. Teachers have been connecting with students via Google Classroom, Zoom and through sending work home. Due to the roof repairs, today was a virtual instruction day. Typically, a Veteran’s Day assembly is held to honor and recognize veterans in the community. This year an assembly will not be possible, however, National Honor Society and Student Senate are making alternative plans to recognize these veterans. Several standardized tests have been administered.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Ciske provided an update and thanked board members, including a new board member, on their appointments at the recent election. Mr. Ciske recently met with NEOLA representative, Paul Mancine, to discuss 2020 updates. These will be distributed to the policy committee and should be available in December for a first reading. The Superintendent evaluation needs to be completed by the end of this calendar year. Evaluation materials will be distributed to board members, with the evaluation scheduled for the December board meeting.

Public Comment(s) on Extended Continuity of Learning Plan - None

Citizens’ Comments – None

Action Items -

2020-2021-31

Hunter / La Vigne consider the approval of the reauthorization of the Mio AuSable Extended COVID Learning Plan.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members’ Comments – None

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2020-2021-32

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary