

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 12, 2021**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

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Hunter/Szymanski to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 8, 2021
- 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 recipients. Six students received these awards for the month of March. These students were honored for their academic and citizenship achievements. There were no students in attendance.

Athletic Director's Report – Athletic Director report was presented by Superintendent Ciske. Spring sports began and are in full swing with JV and Varsity baseball and softball teams. The track team has 11 athletes. As mandated, athletes will be COVID tested weekly. Winter sports season ended with four wrestlers making it to state finals. Two athletes placed 5th in the state for their weight division. This is Mio's first time placing at state finals in seven years. Congratulations to all student athletes for participating during these difficult and unknown times.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. Continuing to work through quarantines with staff and students. M-STEP testing plans are in place for grades 3-5. Kindergarten Early Registration is scheduled for tomorrow. Conferences were well attended. We are expecting two grade level sections for each grade next year. The March Spark Award focus was Accountability. April's character trait will be Patience. There are currently 232 students enrolled in K-5, with 30 of those students virtual.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Ciske reported that the Health Department kitchen inspection went well. Food Service Supervisor, Mary Miller, and the food service staff are very diligent in what they do.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reviewed middle school/high school information. State testing will happen this year. Mrs. McDonald has been preparing so we are all set for the week of April 12. High school students will take various tests. Thanks to Mrs. McDonald for her many preparations. Students who are 16 or older will be eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. A 'homecoming' week will be held in early May. The plan is to have most events outside. There will not be a homecoming dance. We are making plans to offer a 3-week credit recovery program after school gets out in June. There is extra funding from the state to support this program, which we have applied for. Youth in Government (YIG) had a

virtual Lansing conference, in which three bills were signed into law. Congratulations to YIG for this achievement.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. There has been an increase in COVID cases in our community. We continue to watch the situation closely. Arrangements have been made with Clare-Gladwin ESD to reconcile bank statements. By having an outside group perform this duty, it adds an additional layer to our audit procedures. High School Principal interviews are scheduled for April 14 and April 15. High School Secretary interviews have taken place. Teaching positions have been posted, with a few applications received. Mr. Ciske stated that he is in the process of meeting with representatives from the teacher’s union to begin the negotiation process. Elementary teacher, Delores McArdle, has submitted her letter of retirement, effective at the end of this school year. She will certainly be missed. Current Title I Interventionist, Amy Downer, will move to kindergarten for the upcoming school year. NEOLA has several updated policies that Mr. Ciske is in the process of reviewing. They will be shared with the board at a later date. The reauthorization of the district’s extended COVID learning plan will again be an action item.

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

Citizens’ Comments – None.

Action Items -

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

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved

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Whaley/Szymanski consider the acceptance of the letter of retirement for Delores McArdle.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved

Board Members’ Comments – Mrs. Whaley stated that she would like to applaud Mr. Ciske’s decision to not shutdown and to continue face-to-face classes, as well as sports.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

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

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary