

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2021

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2021-2022-8

Hunter/Szymanski to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 9, 2021
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 4
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. A second section of kindergarten was opened due to the number of enrolled students. Yvonne Gusler has taken that position. MStep data is in, with across the state numbers reflecting a decline in student performance scores. Our district data is reflecting a similar pattern. NWEA testing has begun for grades K-5. The backpack program is all set to begin in October. Current enrollment for grades K-5 is 209 students. September's character trait is 'adaptable'. We have moved to a 1-4 scale for the citizenship rubric to match our academic reporting. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Cooper Standard for their generous donation of school-supply-filled backpacks that were delivered during the first week of school. The Daughters of the American Revolution also donated school supplies.

Athletic Director's Report – On behalf of Athletic Director, Courtney Beltz, HS Principal Ahearne provided an athletic overview. Sports have begun without any issues. There is currently a JV football team, however, injuries and scheduling may cause that to change. Kristi McGregor has taken over the position of MS Girls' basketball, with enough athletes for two teams.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ahearne reviewed middle school/high school information. Hearing screening for 7th and 9th grade students will be held on September 14. As part of the Positive Culture Project, teachers organize events and/or distribute encouraging items to students on a monthly basis. Art teacher, Michael Brzozowski, has proposed that the high school art class create a mural as part of the Positive Culture Project. Mr. Brzozowski will submit a design with located to be determined. The Trip Club has started selling popcorn on Fridays as a way to fundraise for their trips. The Annual Career Day is scheduled for October 8. Students will have the opportunity to speak with several people about a variety of careers. Atlanta, Hillman and Fairview juniors and seniors were also invited to attend. Mio AuSable High school students account for approximately 25% of the COOR ISD shared CTE offerings. We currently have nine students attending various CTE classes at Roscommon Middle School. The Rec Engine class, held in Mio, has a roster of 22 students. October is college month. There will be a FAFSA information night held on October 12. Jesse Karbowski has resigned his paraprofessional position, effective September 17. This has been posted internally.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Ciske reported that Michael Repke has been hired to fill the full-time custodial position. Interviews will be held for a 4-hour part time position.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. Audit field work was completed the week of August 30. It is estimated that the district’s fund balance will reflect an increase to approximately 11% of expenditures. Audit is being finalized and will be presented at the October or November board meeting. The new Employee Handbook is complete and was distributed during the week prior to school starting. There is also a link on the website. MDHHS has issued new guidance for quarantines related to covid exposure(s). Arrangements have been made to administer rapid covid tests through the Wellness Center. Thunder Bay Clinic has secured grant funding to support a second behavioral therapist who will work out of our building. The plan is to have the current behavioral therapist, Laurie Miller, work primarily with elementary students, with the new person focusing on middle/high school students. We are continuing to work through the challenges associated with implementing Red Rover and EDUstaff for managing substitutes. The Food Service department is dealing with supply issues, including disposable trays and are currently using plastic trays.

Citizens’ Comments – None

Action Items - None

Board Members’ Comments – None

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2021-2022-9

La Vigne/Szymanski to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

YES: 4
NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary