

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2019

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Jackson, La Vigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2018-2019-53

Hunter/Fullerton to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – March 4, 2019
- b) Monthly Finance.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month Awards – Six 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 parents were in attendance. President Irelan commended the students for this achievement and stressed what an honor it is to receive this award.

Athletic Director's Report – Jeff Demory provided an athletic update. Spring sports are underway. There are 18 students out for baseball this year. Softball numbers are amazing, with 25-29 students. There will be a JV team to accommodate all students. Track numbers are up, with 10-15 students competing. At this point, there will not be a middle school track team this year. The Athletic Policy Committee met to discuss possible changes to the athletic policy. Jay Jackson will be a part of this committee. Recommendations / changes will be in place for approval at the June board meeting. Board members would like a copy of the new handbook once it has been completed. Mr. Demory also stated that the coaches' handbook is in the process of being updated. A copy will be given to each coach prior to their athletic season.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reported on elementary happenings. The elementary concert is set for April 30 at 6:00 p.m. Amanda Thiel arranged to have Thunder Bay Theater Company here to perform for the student body. One of the three performances will be for grades 3-5 and will be on the importance of literacy. Testing season is upon us. Fifth grade M-Step window opens April 8. Third and fourth grade testing begins April 29. Kindergarten Roundup will be held on May 17. Teachers are meeting to discuss the format. In the fall, kindergarten teachers will need to administer the 'Kindergarten Readiness Assessment' (KRA) to each of their students. Kindergarten teachers will be going to a training this summer on how to implement this testing. MSU Extension will be sponsoring a 'Literacy Night' which is tentatively scheduled for May 9. Mr. Ciske also updated the board on the 'Food Backpack Program' and commended Celeste Shiffer for her work with this program. There were ten suspensions in the elementary. Currently there are 224 students in grades K-5.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles stated that snow piles are finally disappearing. Continuing research on roof repairs and replacement. No major damage to heaters or other equipment up to this point. Fields are being prepped for spring sports. Flag poles are in the process of being repaired. There are repairs that need to be made to the Press Box.

Middle School / High School Principal’s Report – Mr. Niles provided a MS/HS update. During the March staff meeting there was a very informative speaker regarding identifying the dangers of vaping. Handbook Committee Meetings have commenced. Items being discussed include discipline, technology, attendance and dress code. Will have the 2019-2020 handbook ready for review at the May meeting. It would then need board approval in June. State mandated testing will begin on April 9 for grades 8-11. The senior class will visit the Gaylord and Grayling campuses of Kirtland Community College. Senior Awards Night will be held on May 15, with Mio High School Awards night held on May 16. Mr. Niles reported on March discipline. 92.8% of high school students had no discipline, with 84.6% of middle school students having no discipline. Further discipline resulted in 8 students being suspended from the secondary population since the last board meeting.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Ciske informed the board that on April 2 there was a staff meeting for those interested in working to promote the passage of the May 7 Sinking Fund. The Annual Summer Tax Collection Resolutions to approve the township collection of summer taxes will be an action item this evening. The track coach for this season will be Bryce DeGrammont, who will be assisted by Hunter Holzwarth and Mike Banyas. Mr. Ciske reported on some upcoming board member training opportunities. In addition, Superintendent Ciske stated that the ‘Citizens’ Comments’ section was moved to a later point on the agenda. It will now be after the Administrative Reports. This will allow citizens who have concerns/comments regarding items that are discussed during the administrative reports section an opportunity to voice those concerns/comments prior to board action. Mr. Ciske reported that he is currently working with COOR ISD to assist with CTE class options. In recent years, COOR has struggled with CTE options. To allow for better access, COOR is looking at offering more CTE programs at area schools rather than at the KCC campus. Mio AuSable Schools will work to be able to offer Public Safety and Computer Networking and Applications. We would allow a space, COOR provides the instructor and materials. Students from other schools would also be welcome to attend those classes offered. The Policy Committee met and reviewed NEOLA updates. Will need to review and meet prior to the next board meeting. Mr. Ciske stated that he received notification from the Department of Education on behalf of Food Service Worker, Leslie Wright – commending her for her 25 years of service.

Citizens’ Comments – Tim McFalda stated that he liked the change in the Citizens’ Comments section. Mr. McFalda also inquired if any other districts would be hosting CTE classes. Raquel Rondo reminded everyone of the Annual Craft Show which will be held at the school this weekend. To date there are 84 vendors registered to participate.

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Hunter/Mitchell consider approval of 2019 Summer Tax Collection Agreements with townships of Big Creek (\$12,900.00), Elmer (\$3,579.56), Greenwood (\$1,996.50) and Mentor (\$8983.00).

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

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Holzwarth/Fullerton

consider hiring of Bryce DeGrammont for the position of varsity track coach

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Member Comments – Jay Jackson inquired as to the status of a bus for the Tech Savvy trip to Gaylord. Mr. Niles will check into this.

Correspondence – A parent letter was read thanking, and commending, Mio AuSable Schools for the assistance provided to their daughter during a difficult time. Carla Rhoads and Robin Welser were specifically commended, and thanked, for their involvement during this time also.

There was no other business.

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LaVigne/Holzwarth

to adjourn at 7:06 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Secretary