

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2018

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

President Irelan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium (meeting time was changed due to Elementary Christmas program held at 6:00 p.m. this evening).

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2018-2019-24

Hunter/Fullerton to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – November 12, 2018
- 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. Four students and their parents/guardians attended the meeting. President Irelan stressed what an honor it is to receive this award. She also thanked the parents and guardians for their role in helping their child to be the best student they can be, not only through grades but through citizenship as well.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. Roy Kronsbein addressed the board regarding the selection of the 6-7-8 grade Bolt of the Month students. Mr. Kronsbein suggested that the board consider the establishment of an award for grades 9-12. Mr. Niles and Mr. Ciske stated that this has been a topic for consideration and implementation in the near future. Mrs. Nancy Kronsbein inquired as to the status of the third grade reading level and suggested that the public be made aware if volunteers are needed.

Superintendent Ciske introduced C.O.O.R. Superintendent, Shawn Petri. Mr. Petri addressed the board and stated that he was previously an administrator with West Branch Rose City Schools. Mr. Petri also stated that should the board ever have questions or need support, please feel free to contact him.

Audit presentation – Dave Quimby – Weinlander Fitzhugh, presented and reviewed the Annual 2017-2018 Audit Report, including the General Fund, 2013 Capitol Projects Fund, Food Service, 2013 Debt Retirement Fund and the 2004 Sinking Fund. FTE's for the years 2013-14 through current were reviewed. Effective July 1, 2019, there will be new Trust & Agency Fund regulations. It was noted that the district ended with a 1.94% general fund balance. Fund balance needs to be rebuilt. Discussion.

Budget Revision – Superintendent Ciske presented the 2018-2019 budget revision, including revenue/expenditure projections and fund balance. The 2018-2019 Revised Budget Projection reflects an excess revenue of \$27,055 which would leave an estimated Fund Balance of \$134,621 (2.37%) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. Mr. Ciske stated that he will be working diligently at increasing the fund balance and

Reminded the board that all budget projections are based on the best available information at the time. A final budget will be presented in June.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Demory provided an athletic update. A committee of teachers, coaches and parents have begun to review the current athletic policy. The next meeting will be held on January 7, 2019. Mr. Demory stated that he hopes to gather a committee to update the coaches' handbook something this spring. The Athletic boosters have been working to amend their bylaws. In addition, the boosters have agreed to assist with the needs of some sports teams. Winter sports season has begun. To date there are 18 students wrestling, 20 students involved with girls' basketball and 15 with the boys' basketball program.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reported on elementary happenings. The elementary music concert was held earlier this evening, and, again was a wonderful program. The evening of December 19, the third grade classes will be hosting a family event called "Family Dining & Drive-In". They will also travel to Kirtland Community College to see "A Very Electric Christmas". There are currently 218 students in the elementary. For the month of November, there were nine students involved with 12 suspensions.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles stated that he is looking for local vendors to repair and refurbish blower motors for the heating units. New units would run \$500+, with refurbished being considerably less. Custodial and maintenance work is progressing as usual for this time of year. Mr. Niles also commented that there will be an 8% increase in the cost of trash removal services, due to increased landfill costs. These increases will become effective January 1, 2019.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Niles provided a MS/HS update. The December 7 Professional Development day was spent learning about ways to identify victims of domestic abuse. This training was provided by staff from the River House Shelter in Grayling. A Blood Drive was held on December 4. The annual Breakfast with Santa was a fun and successful event. On December 19, we will host a "Senior Interview" event. Quiz Bowl competed last month. There were 12 out-of-school suspensions, which involved seven students.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Ciske stated that due to input and feedback from the board, he made some revisions in the response to the state regarding the potential of fiscal stress. This response will be submitted to the state next week. Mr. Ciske met with COOR ISD Superintendent, Shawn Petri, to review and discuss financial services provided by the ISD. With our district resuming some of the services, it is anticipated that the cost will be reduced. Another meeting will be scheduled to assign specific costs to services and rework the COOR Business Services contract. The Knights of Columbus made their annual donation to the district. This donation is made available from their fundraisers and is to be used specifically to support special education programs. The donation for this year was in the amount of \$834.67. Mr. Ciske also reported that the district is in the process of updating security folders for each classroom, and thanked Jesse Karbowski for his work on this. In addition, Mio AuSable was approved for the MSP School Safety Grant. The Annual Summer Tax resolution will be an action item this evening. Mr. Ciske advised the board that there will be a board member training session at COOR ISD on January 26.

Expulsion Hearing for Student #18-19-01 – President Irelan asked the student's parent if they would like this hearing to be held in open or closed session. A closed session was requested.

2018-2019-25

Holzwarth/Mitchell

to go into closed session at 7:55 p.m. for expulsion hearing.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2018-2019-26

Fullerton/LaVigne to return to open session at 8:06 p.m.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2018-2019-27

Holzwarth/Hunter to consider expulsion of Student #18-19-01, as recommended by Mr. Niles, for violation of student handbook.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Mr. Niles reviewed expulsion and conditions for reinstatement. A student who is permanently expelled may petition for reinstatement after 180 school days from the date of suspension.

2018-2019-28

Hunter/Fullerton to accept 2017-2018 audit report as presented by Weinlander Fitzhugh

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2018-2019-29

Mitchell/Fullerton consider approval of budget revision as presented

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2018-2019-30

Holzwarth/Hunter consider approval of 2019 Annual Summer Tax Resolution

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2018-2019-31

LaVigne/Holzwarth consider approval of Charles (Chuck) Varner for position of school bus driver

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Correspondence – none

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Ireland thanked Mr. Dave Lashley for his many years of service as a board member with Mio AuSable Schools.

There was no other business.

2018-2019-32

Holzwarth/LaVigne to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Secretary