

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 11, 2019

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Jackson, La Vigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: Irelan
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2018-2019-42

Fullerton/Holzwarth to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – January 14, 2019
- b) Monthly Finance.

YES: 6
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. One student and his parents attended the meeting. Vice President Hunter stressed what an honor this award is. She also thanked the parents 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 – None

Athletic Director's Report – An athletic update was given. Due to the weather, most athletic events were cancelled. Attempts are being made to reschedule as many as possible.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reported on elementary happenings. A Family Game Night will be held on February 20. Teresa Cole was thanked for putting this event together. There are a couple events planned for March is Reading Month. One Book – One School, in which each elementary classroom will read the same book during Read Aloud Time. The idea being that students of different ages, in different classes, will have common points of discussion. Alesha Welch arranged this event as well as arranging for a donor to buy a copy of the book for each classroom. Kim Lewis arranged for Jonathan Rand, author of the popular Michigan Chiller series, to be here on March 7. This will be funded with money raised during the book fair. NWEA testing is complete. Parent / Teacher conferences will be held on February 28. Mr. Ciske reported on usage of the R & R rooms. There were six suspensions in the elementary.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles stated that he is working with Control Solutions of Alpena to optimize the heating and lighting controls for cost effectiveness. Quotes have been completed for the control support integration for the HVAC & Camera Systems. Continuing to seek companies to bid on the high school wing roof repair. Mr. Niles reported that due to the extreme weather conditions ice melt is running low and plowing/sanding has significantly increased and commended Precision Excavating for their excellent service to the district. Repairs to heating units have been relatively light and handled internally.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Niles provided a MS/HS update and reviewed pending changes to the Curriculum Guide. This will be an action item this evening. High School students recognized as Bolt of the Month were announced. These students will not attend board meetings, but will be recognized in the Oscoda County Herald. An Attendance Report/Review was provided for the first semester reflecting that numbers exceeded the projection of 25% reduction in both tardy and absences. This information will be reviewed again at the end of the second semester. Mr. Niles also provided a review of discipline for the first semester. The R & R room has been successful for dealing with student discipline. Mr. Niles reported that having parents 'shadow' their child has been another successful measure. Mr. Niles stated that students are excited and look forward to coming to school each day.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Ciske stated that Michael Banyas, third grade teacher, started January 28. The approval of his contract will be an action item. Also on the action items, will be the approval of maternity leave for Elizabeth Kachiros. The Athletic Director position has been posted internally. Bus driver positions have also been posted. Mr. Ciske updated the board regarding the Department of Treasury agent who will be visiting the district on March 13 to review financial stress reporting / requirements. Thrun Law has prepared ballot language for the sinking fund special election which will be held on May 7. Mr. Ciske reported that he will be putting together an informational fact sheet regarding the sinking fund and cost, as well as explaining how the district plans to use the funds. Currently, the district has had ten 'snow' days. Schools are automatically forgiven six days and can apply for a waiver of up to three more. At this point, assuming the waiver is granted, we will need to make up one day.

2018-2019-43

Fullerton/Mitchell

consider approval of maternity leave request for Elizabeth Kachiros

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2018-2019-44

Holzwarth/La Vigne

consider hiring of Michael Banyas for the position of elementary teacher

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2018-2019-45

Holzwarth/Fullerton

consider approval of a Special Election to be held on May 7, 2019 for the purpose of a Sinking Fund request

Roll call vote.

YES: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Jackson, La Vigne, Mitchell

NO: None

Motion approved.

2018-2019-46

Mitchell/Holzwarth

consider approval of Curriculum Guide changes, as presented

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Member Comments – Three board members stated that they would be unavailable for the regular scheduled board meeting to be held on March 11, 2019. As Mrs. Ireland was absent from the meeting this evening, general consensus of the board to reschedule the March board meeting to an earlier date of March 4, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Notices will be posted to reflect this change.

Correspondence – none

There was no other business.

2018-2019-47

LaVigne/Holzwarth to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Secretary