

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 8, 2018**

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PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Tappan  
ABSENT: None  
ADMINISTRATION: Cole, Gendernalik  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Cole  
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

Superintendent Gendernalik called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

All organizational business, other than the Election of Officers, was previously conducted at the July board meeting. Due to election law changes, the Election of Officers is held in January of each year.

Mr. Gendernalik called for nominations for the office of President. Hunter nominated Irelan for President.

**2017-18-27**

Hunter/Lashley that nominations for President are closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Irelan for President.

Roll call vote.

YES: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Tappan

NO: None

Motion approved.

▪ **President, Board of Education for 2017-2018: PENNY J. IRELAN**

President Irelan conducted the balance of the Organizational Meeting business. Irelan called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Irelan nominated Hunter for Vice President.

**2017-18-28**

Irelan/LaVigne that nominations for Vice President are closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Hunter for Vice President.

Roll call vote.

YES: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Tappan

NO: None

Motion approved.

▪ **Vice President, Board of Education for 2017-2018: MARY LOU HUNTER**

President Irelan called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Fullerton nominated Tappan for Secretary.

**2017-2018-29**

Fullerton/Holzwarth that nominations for Secretary are closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Tappan for Secretary.

Roll call vote.

YES: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Tappan

NO: None

Motion approved.

- **Secretary, Board of Education for 2017-2018:** **CHRISTINA TAPPAN**

President Irelan called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Hunter nominated Lashley for Treasurer.

**2017-2018-30**

Hunter/Fullerton

that nominations for Treasurer be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Lashley for Treasurer.

Roll call vote.

YES: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Tappan

NO: None

Motion approved.

- **Treasurer, Board of Education for 2017-2018:** **DAVID LASHLEY**

**Board Member Recognition** – Mr. Gendernalik announced that January is Board Recognition Month and thanked board members for their service and dedication to the district. A certificate was presented to each board member.

**Consent Agenda**

**2017-2018-31**

Holzwarth/Fullerton

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – December 11, 2017
- 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 attended the meeting. President Irelan stressed what an honor receiving this award is. 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.

Review, discussion and update of the district’s Committee Assignments and Board Goals for 2018.

**Citizens’ Comments** – Mr. Tim McFalda inquired as to the status of discussions with Fairview Area Schools regarding combining services/programs. Mr. Gendernalik reported that there is a meeting scheduled for January 17. Mr. McFalda also inquired as to the number of applications received for the postings of possible retirees.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Ms. Cole reported that the Josh Chartier Wrestling Invitational will be held on Saturday, January 20. Discussion regarding the possible need to switch to eight-man football vs. eleven-man football due to no JV football teams. This would be implemented in 2019. Board consensus to pursue if needed. Due to the resignation of Natika Cowie from the middle school girls' basketball coaching position, Hannah Miller will be the middle school coach next year for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Middle school volleyball will begin next month. Ms. Cole reported that Sean DeFlorio received a grant for the softball/baseball programs. Christina Tappan applied for, and received, a grant from First Federal Savings & Loan in the amount of \$250.00. These funds will be used to purchase basketballs.

**Elementary Principals' Report** – Ms. Cole reported on elementary happenings. Family Engineering Night is scheduled for Wednesday for grades 3-5. January 18 & 19 are half-days of school. The first semester ends on January 19. Report cards are scheduled to go home on January 22. Elementary awards assembly will be on January 26. There were two bus suspensions and two out-of-school suspensions.

**Buildings and Grounds Report** – Mr. Gendernalik reported that there have been no boiler issues during this extreme cold period.

**Middle School / High School Principals' Report** – Student count for high school is currently at 177, with middle school being 137. There are 35 seniors on track to graduate. End of the semester is January 19. River House will host a basketball fund raiser game on January 27. There will be a middle school play on January 20, with a middle school dance on February 10. NWEA testing will take place the week of February 26. There were two high school and eleven middle school suspensions.

**Superintendents' Report** – Mr. Gendernalik reviewed the current wages paid to substitute workers. The Food Service substitute rate was increased to \$9.25 per hour to comply with the minimum wage law. Mr. Gendernalik would like to meet with the Finance Committee to review all substitute wages. Supt. Gendernalik discussed the school calendar for the 2018-19 school year. Discussion regarding beginning the school year before Labor Day. Mr. Gendernalik also reported that he may consider changing financial institutions for the Trust and Agency account due to issues with the existing bank. There will be a Mio/Fairview meeting on January 17 at 6:30. This meeting will be held at Fairview School. To date, there have been no applications received for the teaching positions posted.

#### Action Items -

##### 2017-2018-32

Hunter/Fullerton

consider approval of Committee Assignments for the 2018.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

#### Board Committee Assignments for the 2017-2018 year are as follows:

- Finance Committee: Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan
- Policy Committee: Hunter, Irelan, LaVigne
- School Improvement: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Tappan

**2017-2018-33**

LaVigne/Holzwarth consider approval of Board Goals for 2018.

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion approved.

**Board / District goals for 2018 are as follows:**

- Goal #1:** Facilitate communication and strengthen relationships within the school and community to build broad-based community support.
- Goal #2:** Develop a K-12 process to assure continuity in curriculum, instruction, procedures and policies.
- Goal #3:** Continue to keep as a focus responsibly managing our resources.
- Goal #4:** Provide professional development programs that will ensure highly qualified and dedicated employees and board members.
- Goal #5:** Review, evaluate and maintain district safety standards and procedures to ensure that all students and staff come to a safe learning environment; and where high expectations for appropriate behavior are the norm.
- Goal #6:** Strategic planning. Establish 5-year goal(s). Plan and review annually.

**NEW**

**Board Members' Comments** – Mrs. Tappan stated that she feels the board should periodically report on what is being done to accomplish/maintain the above goals.

**2017-2018-34**

Hunter/Fullerton consider approval of second, and final, reading of NEOLA board polices.

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion approved.

**Correspondence - None**

There was no other business.

**2017-2018-35**

Tappan/LaVigne to adjourn at 7:32 p.m.

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Christina Tappan, Board Secretary