

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2019

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Irelan, Jackson, La Vigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: Hunter
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

2018-2019-48

Mitchell/Fullerton to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – February 11, 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. Three students and their parents were in attendance. President Irelan stressed what an honor it is to receive this award. 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 – Mr. Jim Gendernalik thanked Superintendent Ciske for his involvement in a recent ORS situation.

Athletic Director's Report – An athletic update was given. The wrestling team had a very successful year with three wrestlers qualifying to wrestle at the Individual State tournament. Congratulations to the boys' basketball team for their district title win which advanced them to the semi-final regional game tomorrow. Girls' basketball districts will be held at Mio this week. Middle School volleyball has begun. There will be a North Star League (NSL) tournament on March 16 at Fairview. Baseball and softball will commence next week. To date the numbers for both teams look good. Mr. Jackson inquired as to fund raising rules and policies.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reported on elementary happenings. Teachers in grades K-3 are completing the DRA testing for student reading levels. This testing is required three times per year by the Third Grade Reading Law, with an Individualized Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) developed for students needing additional assistance. Parent teacher conferences were held on February 28. Student Success meetings have been held and are going well, with some students moving from 'ongoing intervention' to 'maintenance of effort'. March is Reading Month will host a variety of activities such as the 'One School-One Book' project and a visit from author Jonathon Rand. A Spring Concert, titled 'Sing for the Red, White and Blue', will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. There were three suspensions in the elementary. Currently there are 222 students in grades K-5.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles stated that plowing expenses have increased due to the continuing amount of snow, additional purchase of ice melt and having snow banks moved. There was a leak in the girls’ locker room/storage area caused by ice. Fortunately this was found before the water made its way to the gym floor. Continuing research on roof repairs and replacement.

Middle School / High School Principal’s Report – Mr. Niles provided a MS/HS update. He is working with staff and the counselor to develop and offer new electives. New MS courses may include – Coding, Crime Scene Investigations, Cross-fit and Medical Mysteries. Added HS courses may include Crime Scene Investigations, History of Film, Anatomy & Physics, Michigan History. In addition, we are working with MSU Extension Office regarding the possibility of out-of-school hours such as Painting/Art, Leadership and Fishing. There were eight high school students recognized as Bolts of the Month, in addition to the MS students. There were six suspensions. Mr. Jackson asked for clarification of the middle school/high school discipline procedures. In addition, Mr. Jackson inquired as to the number of student population attending neighboring districts and the moving of the testing from the Methodist Church to the school.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Ciske stated that as of Monday, February 25, the district has had 12 snow days. He has applied for, and was granted, the three-day waiver. Three days need to be made up, resulting in the last day of school being Wednesday, June 12. At this point, there has been no news from the state as to any changes to the rules. Mr. Ciske also reviewed action items that will be on the agenda this evening, relating to approval of maternity leave for Mrs. Marsh, approval of hiring of Catrina Case as a bus driver and approval of merit pay requirements. Brief discussion regarding the merit pay requirements. It was also noted that the board received a letter from Mr. Michael Nolan advocating that the basketball court be named the “John Byelich Jr. Court” to honor John Byelich. A letter has been sent to Mr. Nolan thanking him for his letter.

2018-2019-49

Holzwarth/La Vigne consider approval of maternity leave request for Michelle Marsh

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2018-2019-50

Mitchell/Holzwarth consider hiring of Catrina Case for the position of bus driver

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2018-2019-51

Jackson/Mitchell consider approval of merit pay qualification for teaching staff

YES: 6
NO: 0

Board Member Comments – None

Correspondence – None

There was no other business.

2018-2019-52

LaVigne/Holzwarth

to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Secretary