

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 12, 2018

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Tappan
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: Gendernalik
RECORDING SECRETARY: Holloway

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2017-2018-44

Hunter/Fullerton to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – February 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. Two students and their parents/guardian 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.

A third grade reading law informational presentation was conducted by Mrs. Shiffer and Mrs. Ewald. The presentation informed the board of what the law is requiring and what the elementary school district is actively doing to meet the law.

Mr. Whetstone, Ms. McArdle and Mr. Jackson individually conducted a short K-12 math presentation. They each advised the board of the progress the math program has made over the few years and the application in which math was presented to students kindergarten through eighth grade. Mr. Jackson gave the board a copy of the Bridge Academic State Champs certificate for Mio AuSable Schools which shows the substantial improvements made by the district students. Mr. Jackson had two students talk about the Tech Savvy program and encouraged the board to advise the incoming high school principal to continue the program for the sixth through ninth grade girls. Mrs. Jackson advised the board S.T.E.M. night will be held on March 15.

Citizens' Comments – Mrs. Irelan invited citizens' comments regarding the posting of a Superintendent/Elementary Principal and High School Principal positions for the 2018-2019 school year. Mr. McFalda spoke on behalf of the MEA. He requested the board consider an individual with strong leadership goals. He also inquired who would be responsible for buildings, maintenance and grounds for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Wright voiced concerned that the future individuals applying for the posted positions will not understand all the different jobs they will need to be responsible for. Mrs. Shiffer asked the board to consider not combining the Superintendent and Elementary Principal jobs as they may conflict one another.

Mrs. Wright voiced her concerns for school safety at the district.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Gendernalik read from Ms. Cole's report. One wrestler from the district competed at the state meet at Ford Field. Girls' basketball won their district and lost the first game of regionals. Boys' basketball won their district and are competing in a regional game tonight. Middle school volleyball season ends March 17. Spring sports started today.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Gendernalik read Ms. Cole's report on elementary happenings. Spring break is March 22-April 2. Parent/Teacher Conference attendance was presented. There are currently 211 students enrolled in the elementary. There were three bus suspensions and nine out-of-school suspensions.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Gendernalik reported that snow removal has been a challenge the last few weeks due to the fluctuating weather. Minor repairs were made at the bus garage. Video cameras were serviced two weeks ago. An Axium contract was proposed to the district.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Gendernalik presented the Parent/Teacher Conference attendance. The end of the marking period is March 22. Spring break will be March 23-April 2. The NHS will hold a blood drive on March 19. The annual craft show will be held on April 14. There were four high school and thirteen middle school suspensions.

Superintendents' Report – Mr. Gendernalik explained that the proposed Axium contract is \$170,000 to continue with the current staffing or \$190,000 to add an additional part-time individual that will help with building, maintenance and grounds tasks. Mr. Gendernalik encouraged the board to hold small committee meetings that staff may attend to give input regarding the hiring of a Superintendent/Elementary Principal and High School Principal.

Mr. Gendernalik reported that he and the finance committee received a termination notice from Mr. Bruce Bigham. Mr. Bigham will continue services through the end of the quarter and will not receive payment for the remainder of the year. It was reported Mr. Bigham was not in agreeance with the committee in the handling of negotiations. Mr. Gendernalik thanked the math and third grade precentors and stressed what great strides the students have made due to the efforts of the staff. He was also grateful for the early communication to parents regarding the third grade reading law. Mr. Gendernalik also advised the board that there may be some changes in the Title I staff and 31A staff for next school year.

Mr. Gendernalik would like the board to review the policy concerning board members volunteering as a head coach for the district. He believes the language needs to be more specific.

2017-2018-45

Holzwarth/Hunter

to go into closed session at 7:49 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations with ESP and MAEA.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2017-2018-46

Lashley/Tappan

to return to open session at 8:31 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

Action Items -

2017-2018-47

Fullerton/Holzwarth

consider approval of contract renewal with Axium Services, Inc. for the amount of \$190,000 for district Custodial Services.

YES: 6

NO: 1

Motion approved.

2017-2018-48

Hunter/Fullerton

motion to accept termination notice from Labor Relations Services, Bruce Bigham, effective March 31, 2018.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Correspondence – none

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Tappan inquired as to who would be the coach of the track and field team for the spring 2018 season. Mr. Gendernalik explained that he and the Fairview track coaches will be working together and each school will be competing separately.

There was no other business.

2017-2018-49

Holzwarth/Hunter

to adjourn at 8:37 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Holloway, Recording Secretary

Christina Tappan, Secretary