

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2019

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Jackson, La Vigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles
RECORDING SECRETARY: None

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2018-2019-57

Hunter/Holzwarth to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – April 8, 2019
- 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. Three students and their parents were in attendance. President Irelan commended the students for this achievement and stressed what an honor it is to receive this award.

COOR ISD Budget Presentation – COOR ISD Superintendent, Shawn Petri, presented the proposed 2019-2020 General Fund Budget for COOR ISD. The ISD has an overall budget of \$12,731,869 which includes millage and other revenue. Most revenue is flow-through from grants. Mr. Ciske commended Mr. Petri for the special education bill-back revision. This revision not only makes it easier to follow, but also provides significant savings to the districts.

Presentation by Michelle Billmeyer – Michelle Billmeyer was in attendance to propose a community pool. Ms. Billmeyer is informing the public, and writing a grant, for the construction of a pool which would be built in Fairview.

Athletic Director's Report – In Mr. Demory's absence, Mr. Niles provided an athletic update. The Athletic Policy Committee has completed its work on updating the athletic policy for the upcoming year. It is anticipated that the committee will have the recommended changes ready for the June board meeting. The Coaches Handbook Committee has also finalized their updates and the committee hopes to have the recommended changes for the board at the June or July board meeting. Board member, Jay Jackson, was present for both of these committees and presented several changes. These changes were incorporated into the committee recommendations. The current Athletic Director recommends that the next Athletic Director hold a mandatory meeting at the beginning of each school year to review the coaches' handbook and athletic policy with all coaches. Varsity Baseball and Softball Districts will be held at Mio this year. Varsity Track will participate in the Regional Track Meet held at Inland Lakes.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reported on elementary happenings. The elementary concert was held on April 30. There was a good turnout for this event and the kids did a great job. Thank you to music

teachers Joeli Ballard and Lisa Lefler. The annual flower planting is scheduled for May 30. Testing season continues with M-Step, Early Literacy testing and NWEA. On June 3-4 'school success meetings' will be held. These meetings will include the current teacher, and a teacher from the next grade level, to assist with the transition from one grade level to the next. Kindergarten Roundup will be held on May 17.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles stated that lawn mowing has begun. Cleanup from winter was relatively simple. Mr. Niles would like to fill the storage area where the tractors and mowers are housed, with gravel. This would prevent equipment from flooding and other items from becoming frozen in place. Continuing to research information for roof repairs and replacement. An inline fan was installed in the Art room for the kiln. Also looking at installation of a kiln-safe timer to reduce hazards. Reviewing ways to improve vehicle flow during high traffic times and to ensure that the fire lanes are open as required by law.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Niles provided a MS/HS update and stated that the proposed changes to the MS/HS handbook are ready for review and will be on the June agenda for approval. Mr. Niles reported that testing is nearing completion and that the new location and time schedule went very well. April discipline was reported. 94% of high school students had no discipline, with 85% of middle school students having no discipline. Further discipline resulted in 16 students being suspended from the secondary population since the last board meeting. Mr. Jay Jackson added a report on the 22 students that attend the Tech Savvy conference in Gaylord.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Ciske stated the the sinking fund election passed 320-178. Mr. Ciske also stated that he would like to hire a speech pathologist for the district. The cost would be approximately the same as contracting through the ISD, but would allow more control over the position and schedule. The approval for creating this position will be an action item this evening. The policy committee will meet to go over policy revisions from NEOLA. Assuming that the committee approves the changes, this would be a First Reading action item at an upcoming board meeting. The Annual Budget Hearing needs to be set for the 2018-2019 final budget revision, as well as for the proposed 2019-2020 budget. Mr. Ciske stated that he would like to set June 24, 2019 at 6:30 for this budget hearing meeting. Board consensus for this special meeting. The seniors last day will be May 24, with Baccalaureate held on May 29. Commencement will be on May 31 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ciske discussed the 5-year strategic plan. Board members Penny Irelan and Jay Jackson will service on this committee. A self-defense class was held for girls in the senior class. This class was instructed by Dave Schleicher and was very well received. Mr. Ciske reported that due to the fact that there are very few preschool or licensed daycare centers in our community, he has begun research to see how we might be able to offer these programs to meet community need. At this time, it is in the very early planning stages, however, he does plan to pursue it and will keep the board informed. There has been discussion regarding moving the baseball field closer to the school. This would be completed through donations and possibly a grant. Possible sites include by the tennis courts or west of the softball field. Either location would provide better parking and allow usage to The House for restrooms and refreshments. This is also in the very early planning stages.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. Tim McFalda inquired as to placement of the new baseball field. Mr. Doug Graham spoke about the North Star League (NSL) Sportsmanship Summit. Mr. McFalda stated that a student attended a welding competition at Ferris State University and commended her for this accomplishment. Ms. Michele Knepp stated that the Mio Chargers would like to thank the board and provided updates about changes to their program, including movement to an eight-man league.

2018-2019-58

Hunter/Mitchell consider resolution approving COOR ISD General Fund Budget for 2019-2020
Roll call vote.

YES: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Jackson, LaVigne, Mitchell
NO: None

Motion approved.

2018-2019-59

Jackson/Mitchell consider approval of establishing a Speech Pathologist position

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Member Comments – Lizz Holzwarth inquired about insurance for volunteer coaches. She also asked if the fire department(s) were using computer labs for testing. Jay Jackson inquired about teacher supervised time for students cleaning the grounds around the building and stated that he is protective of class time, especially with the number of ‘snow days’ this school year.

Correspondence – None

There was no other business.

2018-2019-60

Fullerton/La Vigne to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Fullerton, Secretary