

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

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2019-2020-25

Hunter/Holzwarth to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 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. Two students and their parent/guardian attended the meeting. President Irelan stressed what an honor it is to receive this award and thanked parents/guardians for their role in assisting their child to be the best they can be, not only through grades but through citizenship as well.

Expulsion Hearing for Student #1920-01 –President Irelan asked the student's parent if he would like this hearing to be held in open or closed session; a closed session was requested.

2019-2020-26

Holzwarth/Mitchell to go into closed session at 6:34 p.m. for expulsion hearing.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-20-27

Hunter/Mitchell to return to open session at 6:58 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Continued discussion regarding expulsion.

2019-2020-28

Hunter/Holzwarth to consider expulsion of Student #1920-01, as recommended by Mr. Niles, for violation of student handbook.

YES: 4
NO: 2 (Mitchell, Whaley)
Motion approved.

Mr. Niles and Mr. Ciske reviewed expulsion and conditions for reinstatement. Student may petition the board during the summer for reinstatement effective with the 2020-2021 school year.

Audit presentation – Due to weather conditions, Dave Quimby, Weinlander Fitzhugh, was unable to attend the meeting. Superintendent Ciske presented and reviewed the Annual 2018-2019 Audit Report, including the General Fund, Food Service, 2013 Debt Retirement Fund and the Sinking Fund. The General Fund reflected a net increase in fund balance of \$165,000, equating to a 5% fund balance at June 30, 2019 year end. Although this year ended better than the previous year, the district will continue to work toward future improvement. Mr. Ciske also reviewed the declining Food Service budget and stated that he has discussed this with the Food Service Supervisor. Trustee Mitchell inquired as to the utilization of At Risk funds. Discussion. Should the board have questions regarding the final audit, Mr. Quimby will attend a future board meeting.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Niles provided an athletic update. The varsity football team ended their successful season in the regional final and were the NSL eight-man conference champions. Volleyball lost in the first round of districts. Middle School girls ended their basketball season with a couple of huge wins. MS boys' basketball season has started. Winter sports are gearing up with practices beginning.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reviewed elementary information. There are several teachers interested in TBRI (Trust Based Relational Interventions) training. Hoping to hold a training in the district for elementary staff. Third grade classes went on a field trip to KCC. A Veteran's Day assembly will be held on November 11. The annual Christmas concert will be held on December 4 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ciske reported that the Consolidated Application has been submitted, and approved. There were fifteen suspensions in October involving twelve students.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles reported that winterization for waterlines and sprinklers has been completed. The boiler system is scheduled for glycol infusion. This cost was higher than budgeted, however, future annual maintenance will be substantially less. The gym scoreboard repair/maintenance will be completed on November 12. The main gym lights are scheduled for LED bulbs to replace current lighting system. Mr. Niles highly commended Mr. Matt Lewis, Head Building Manager with Axium for his work efforts and for going way beyond the scope of his responsibility to the district. This commendation has also been shared with Axium.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Niles reported that the annual Pink Out game was very successful and raised over \$10,000. A Veteran's Day recognition ceremony was held on November 11. There will be a staff vs. student volleyball game held on November 13. This is a fundraiser for the senior trip. The Michigan State Police will host a Sexting Presentation on November 13. On November 20, the drama class will travel to Chelsea to see Sherlock Holmes at the Purple Rose Theater. There were 94% of high school and 79% of middle school students with no discipline issues last month. Sixteen students were suspended, with one being recommended for expulsion. Mr. Niles added that the vaping epidemic is very serious and discussed prevention and detection devices.

Superintendent's Report – Supt. Ciske informed the board that Board Secretary, Amy Fullerton, has decided to resign from the board, which not only creates a vacancy on the board, but also in the position of

board secretary. The acceptance of Amy's resignation, and the selection of a new secretary, will be action items. Mr. Ciske spoke with Mr. Sam Irrer, Michigan Department of Treasury, regarding the district's recent audit and fund balance. Due to the fund balance increasing to 5%, it is Mr. Irrer's recommendation that Mio AuSable Schools be removed from the Potential Fiscal Stress Watch List. As there is a committee that evaluates and makes the final determination regarding removal, we should receive notification soon. There are 511.57 students enrolled. We need to renew the millage for the 18 mil non-homestead property tax. It is Mr. Ciske's recommendation that this renewal be put on the March 10 democratic presidential primary ballot. Request for snow removal bids for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years was posted, with only one bid received from Precision Excavating. Precision Excavating have provided snow removal services to the district for years. It is Mr. Ciske's recommendation that this bid be approved as an action item this evening. 'Taking Charge' is the name of the 7th grade reproductive health curriculum. There are two assignments being added to this curriculum. Changes to the reproductive health curriculum require extra oversight. A notice was placed in the paper and two public meetings were held. This approval will be an action item this evening. The latest policy updates have been received from NEOLA. Mr. Ciske has reviewed these with Paul Mancine from NEOLA. The policy committee will need to review these, with a first reading to be held in December. The district's Emergency Operations Plan was updated last year in coordination with the Oscoda County Emergency Manager. Due to recent changes in the state law the plan must be approved by the Board of Education. There will be a first reading tonight. Mr. Ciske informed the board that one of the requirements of this year's school aid act is that districts have a professional development advisory committee. This committee membership must be approved by the Board of Education. To date the following staff has expressed interest in participation: Amanda Thiel, Alesha Welch, Ruth Wood, Michelle Marsh, Candy Wood, Karen Mitchell, Judy Eurich, Misty DeGuzman, Celeste Shiffer, Carla Rhoads, Dennis Niles and Paul Ciske. This committee will be charged with planning professional development. Mr. Ciske also reported that the State Policy performed the annual school bus inspection and all buses were deemed to be 100% in compliance. A huge thank you to Becky Holloway and Will Small for the excellent job in keeping the transportation fleet safe.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. McFalda inquired as to vaping detection devices being interchangeable.

2019-2020-29

Mitchell/Whaley

consider resignation of Amy Fullerton from her position of board of education member, effective November 11, 2019

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-30

Holzwarth/Whaley

consider approval of selection of Cheryl La Vigne for the office of Secretary of the Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-31

Mitchell/Hunter

consider approval of the election for the renewal of the non-homestead property tax mileage during the March 10, 2020 primary election

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-32

La Vigne/Hunter

consider approval to contract with Precision Excavating for snow removal for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2019-2020-33

Mitchell/Whaley

consider approval of the proposed addition to the 7th grade reproductive health curriculum

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2019-2020-34

Hunter/Mitchell

consider approval of members of the district to serve on the Professional Development Committee

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2019-2020-35

Holzwarth/Hunter

consider approval of the First Reading for the adoption of the Mio AuSable Schools Emergency Operations Plan

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Trustee Mitchell inquired as to the status of hiring bus drivers. She also inquired as to who monitors after school bus radios.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2019-2020-36

La Vigne/Mitchell

to adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl LaVigne, Board Secretary