

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2019

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: None
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

2019-2020-20

Hunter/Mitchell

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 9, 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 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.

Due to the resignation of Gerald (Jay) Jackson, Board Trustee, an interview was held for his replacement. The board received two applications of interest for this board position. The board interviewed Linda Whaley and Dean Wilson for this board term.

Discussion and vote.

2019-2020-21

Holzwarth/La Vigne

to appoint Linda Whaley to fill the board vacancy due to the resignation of Gerald (Jay) Jackson. Term expiration December 31, 2020.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

President Irelan congratulated Linda on her appointment to the board of education. Mrs. Whaley was given the Oath of Office and became an active board member. The board thanked Mr. Wilson for his interest in becoming a board member and invited him to join school committees. Mr. Wilson also thanked the board for the interview opportunity and wished them well.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Niles provided an athletic update. Football ranked 11th in 8-man, with a 6-1 record. Volleyball team is playing very well in the league. Middle School Girls' Basketball has been playing outstanding. Weekly 'eligibility checks' have been effective with three students being academically ineligible

so far this season. The football homecoming game saw a huge win over Charlton Heston. Mr. Niles reported that he will be meeting with winter sports coaches in preparation for each team's season. He is also recommending the board approval of Cassandra Morse-Bills to the position of JV Girls' Basketball Coach.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reviewed elementary information. The fall NWEA testing has been completed. Students who scored below the 30th percentile in reading will be provided with an Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP) as required by the Read by Grade Three (RBG3) Law. Currently in the process of identifying students that could benefit from after school tutoring support. Once identified, these students will be invited to establish tutoring sessions with specific skills to be worked on. The Annual Pumpkin Carving event will be held on Monday, October 28. Mr. Ciske stated that there will be a staff PD day on October 21. This PD day will provide training to all K-12 teachers and paras in the area of crisis prevention and the de-escalation of volatile situations, including how to safely handle a student that is out of control. The Christmas Concert will be held on December 4 at 6:00 p.m. The food 'Backpack Program' is underway. The first round of food has been distributed to families. Mr. Ciske commended Title I teacher Celeste Shiffer for her work and dedication to this program. Parent / Teacher conferences reflected a 91% attendance, with 100% attendance for 4th grade. There were nine suspensions in September involving four students.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles reported that winterization for water lines and sprinklers has been scheduled. A service agreement with EMERCO was entered into to provide preventative, and quarterly, checkups on the heating/boiler system. The Thundercart has been serviced and is running like new. A big thank you to Northern Power Sports who assisted not only mechanically, but financially as well. The scoreboard repair / maintenance in the main gym is scheduled to begin on October 25 with a two-week turnaround for completion of repairs. Still in the process of searching for quotes to replace the main emergency panel. Our property/casualty insurance company, SET SEG was in the district on October 2 to complete a site evaluation. The insurance representative took videos/pictures of the facility for insurance purposes. Overall it went very well.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Niles reported that STEM/Career Day was held on October 11. Mio AuSable hosted this program for grades 9-12, with over 65 career presenters, colleges and trade schools. Junior and Senior students from Hillman, Atlanta and Fairview were invited to attend. Parent/Teacher conferences reflected 53% attendance for grades 6-12. Financial Aid Night was held on October 9, with 24 of 35 seniors, and their parents, attending. Mr. Niles commended Mrs. McDonald for her work on this. September Bolt of the Month for Middle and High School were announced. PSAT testing will be held on October 16. On October 18 there will be a field trip to Alpena Community College Tech & Trades Department. The Pink Out game will be held on October 24. The NHS Blood Drive met their goal of 35 pints. A senior trip is being planned with Mrs. Beltz and Mrs. McDonald as chaperones. This will be an overnight trip out of state trip to Ohio, therefore, will be an action item. Mr. McFalda stated that there will be a field trip to Araco with approximately 25 students attending. There were 90.35% of high school and 76.5% of middle school students with no discipline issues last month. Of the 19 students suspended, 7 were for vaping and 6 for fighting.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske informed the board that the state budget finally passed, which a per student allowance which was higher than budgeted. There are some carryover 31A funds which will be utilized during this school year. An audit draft will be available prior to the November board meeting. It is estimated that the fund balance will increase to \$256,000.00 or 4.7%. Mr. Ciske commented on the recent bussing situation and the necessity to reduce/reroute due to driver absences created by family emergencies. Bus drivers provided awesome assistance during this temporary transition and community members were extremely understanding. Mr. Ciske stated that he appreciates everyone's efforts and highly commended Transportation Supervisor, Becky Holloway, for her commitment and expertise in handling this situation. NEOLA board policy update Volume 33 #2 will be an action item this evening. NEOLA has a new system for managing the updates called 'board docs'. It is an online distribution system that will reduce, or eliminate, the need to send out paper copies of policies. Mr. Ciske provided additional information regarding the senior trip to Cedar Point in Ohio.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. McFalda welcomed Mrs. Whaley to the school board. Mr. McFalda inquired of Mr. Niles as to the storage of salt for the winter season. Mr. McFalda also inquired as to where the tractor would be stored during the winter months.

2019-2020-22

Fullerton/Hunter consider approval of the second reading, and adoption, of NEOLA Policy Update Volume 33 #2.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2019-2020-23

Hunter/Mitchell consider approval of the proposal for an overnight senior trip to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Fullerton inquired as to the status of tutoring in lieu of having held summer school classes. Mr. Niles will provided additional data regarding this.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2019-2020-24

Holzwarth/La Vigne to adjourn at 7:49 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Board Secretary