

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2018**

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Tappan
ABSENT: Hunter
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: None
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2018-2019-11

Fullerton/Lashley to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 13, 2018
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Citizens' Comments – None

Athletic Director's Report – In Mr. Demory's absence, Mr. Niles provided an athletic update. Fall sports are now in full swing, with football numbers increasing to around 20 athletes. Currently working on getting the 8-man schedule going for next year. Two students from Mio participate in cross country at Fairview. The majority of the soccer team consists of Mio athletes. The scoreboard on the football field is not working. Calls have been placed, with general consensus that the scoreboard is obsolete. Currently looking at options. A committee of seven, interviewed Ty McGregor for the varsity boys' basketball coaching position. This position was offered to Mr. McGregor, and he accepted. This will be an action item this evening. The varsity track position remains unfilled. Mr. Demory is in the process of putting together an advisory committee to review the current athletic policy. It is his hope that the committee will begin meeting once a month in October and have a recommendation of changes at the May board meeting. In an effort to encourage staff to attend home sporting events, staff are allowed in free (as well as one guest with them). Student spirit has been excellent at sporting events so far this year.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reviewed elementary information. The free breakfast program has been received well. There have been some struggles with the length of the line, however, that is being worked on. NWEA testing will begin with the first round during the next two weeks. Room 1 in the elementary has been turned into the "Respect and Responsibility" room, and is called R & R. The goal of this room is to deal with behavioral issues quickly, while they are small issues. School pictures will be on Monday, September 10. The Elementary Christmas Concert will be held on December 10 this year. It will be called "A Bug's Christmas". Mr. Ciske stated that he was approached by parents, Amy Beek and Lanita Olson, regarding decorating bathroom stalls with affirmative décor. This was completed, with very positive results. Unfortunately, it was discovered that the areas required prep work prior to painting them. Some art will need to be removed and repainted after the surface is prepped properly. Mrs. Beek and Mrs. Olson are determined to see this through. Mr. Ciske stated that he truly appreciates their effort and enthusiasm.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles reported that the Chargers youth football program parents, community members and district staff had a “work bee” day on August 29. Mr. Niles thanked Michelle Knepp for all of her work with the school, Chargers youth team and initiating the “work bee”! A lot of weeds, garbage and other material was cleaned up and removed. The House was cleaned top-to-bottom and the concessions area was also cleaned. Two pieces of equipment that were not salvageable were removed. The roof of the Chargers building was repaired with local contractors, saving it from continued damage. In addition, the west entrance to the Press Box was repaired by Ryan Rondo. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Rondo. The leak in between the walls near the gym air handlers has also been repaired at little cost. Water filters have been replaced in the drinking fountains and should be good for another 7,000-8,000 bottles of water. Electrical and gas contractors were in and hooked up the kitchen’s new steamer, repaired electrical runs for AV equipment and confirmed that the scoreboard was receiving proper power supply. The boiler inspection passed with flying colors. Boiler insulation chemicals have been tested and we are waiting on those results. Mr. Niles also reported that the football scoreboard may have been struck by lightning. Looking at the possibility of a sponsor to cover or assist with the replacement expense.

Middle School / High School Principals’ Report – Mr. Niles reported that the HS/MS curriculum guide review will begin by the end of the month. High school schedules were adjusted the week prior to the start of school. MS schedules were completed the night before opening day. Both scheduling events worked out well, with a lot of positive feedback received from students and parents. There was an opening day pep assembly held. This went great and was a very positive time for students and staff. Mr. Niles stated that some discipline issues have already begun. During an eight day period, there have been two out-of-school suspensions and 26 discipline referrals (four students were responsible for half of those referrals). Class meetings have been held, with officers elected and student council beginning their work. Mr. Niles commented on what a major force Raquel Rondo is in making all of these groups function and wanted to publicly thank her. A student planned, and run, pep assembly was held on September 7. Students helped with the River Clean-up sponsored by the Anglers of the AuSable. As a way to encourage students and parents, post cards will used to recognize students for their positive actions. The bus lane in the mornings and afternoons for pick up/drop off has made dramatic improvements in safety. Mr. Niles stated that he is very happy with the cooperation from parents in making this time of congestion in the parking lots much safer. Mr. McFalda added that Stem Day will be held on October 11 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Superintendent’s Report – Superintendent Ciske informed the board that the Alumni Football Game between Mio and Alcona was very well attended. Mr. Ciske acknowledged, and thanked, Kristi Stadelmayer for her work in organizing this game and its success. Part of the new contract with the MAEA provides a \$5,000 allocation for merit pay. We are going to designate a list of extra duties that teachers perform and decide on a number of those duties that need to be checked off to qualify. Those who qualify will be entitled to a portion of the allocated funds. Mr. Ciske asked that board members contact him if they have any thoughts/suggestions regarding this. A count of students for the beginning of the school year reflects 225 at K-5 and 312 at 6-12, for a total of 537 students. Last year at this time, there were 536 students. The last February count reflected 523. The budget was based on 525 students. The annual audit for fiscal year 2018, will begin the week of September 10. Mr. Ciske stated that at a special board meeting, the COOR board selected Mr. Shawn Petri as their next superintendent. Mr. Petri had been a teacher in West Branch for 15 years. He most recently was the assistant superintendent and CTE director at Tuscola ISD. Mr. Petri plans to be involved with the ISD districts and attend occasional board meetings. Mr. Ciske reported that we recently received results from last spring’s M-Step testing. In the upcoming weeks, data will be pulled and presented to the board. Last month we had the first reading of the Child Supervision and Welfare policies. The second reading, and approval, will be an action item this evening. Mr. Ciske also updated the board regarding an IRS ruling regarding employees contributing 3% of their pay towards healthcare at retirement. The IRS ruled that there is a period of time where employees would not have been obligated to pay that FICA. The necessary paperwork will be filed to obtain refunds for both the employees and the district. However, at this time it is the advice of our auditors that once received, the money be held in escrow until the review process has been concluded.

2018-2019-12

Holzwarth/Fullerton consider the approval of Ty McGregor as Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2018-2019-13

Fullerton/LaVigne consider approval of the second reading and adoption for proposed policies 1613, 3213 and 4213 – Student Supervision and Welfare.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Irelan commented that she loves all of the positive things happening. Mrs. Holzwarth commented that she loves the Facebook pages. It was also noted that Nick Lashley was recently honored for his 100th game as water boy. Many thanks to Nick.

Correspondence - President Irelan read a letter from Trustee, Christina Tappan, stating that “with regret and sadness” she was resigning her position on the School Board, effective September 11, 2018. Mrs. Tappan went on to say that “as you already know, it has been brought to our attention that I am unable to hold both positions as School Board Trustee and Girls Varsity Basketball Coach”. Mrs. Tappan stated that it was a very difficult decision and that she is looking forward to supporting students and the district in a difference capacity.

There was no other business.

2018-2019-14

LaVigne/Fullerton to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Christina Tappan, Secretary