

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2020**

PRESENT: Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Mitchell, Szymanski
ABSENT: Holzwarth, Whaley
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Shiffer
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2019-2020-60

Hunter/Mitchell to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 10, 2020
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month Awards – Due to the school being closed for illness in February, 12 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were honored as Bolt of the Month. These students were honored for their academic and citizenship achievements for the months of February and March. Six 'Bolt of the Month' students, and their parents/guardians, were in attendance. President Irelan congratulated and commended the students achieving this award. She also commended parents/guardians for the positive impact they have made in helping these students become outstanding role models, not only through grades but through citizenship as well.

Recognition of 2020 Poetry Out Loud Winner: High School student Brianna Kieffer was recognized for her achievement as a Poetry Out Loud Winner. The Board of Education congratulated Brianna and asked if she would like to recite a poem for them. Ms. Kieffer did and was commended. She will now travel to Lansing for the State Round of competition to be held on March 13 and 14.

Athletic Director's Report – Due to Mr. Niles absence, an athletic update was provided by Supt. Ciske. The girls' basketball team won their district championship. Boys' basketball districts will begin March 9. Two wrestling team members qualified for the Women's State meet in Adrian. In addition, two team members also qualified for the State Individual Meet in Detroit. Congratulations to Makalya Wiltse, Alex Krupinski, Tyler Demory and Trennen Smith for these outstanding accomplishments. Middle school volleyball has begun. Spring sports are scheduled to begin practice on March 9. Currently there is consideration being given towards moving volleyball to the fall and running boys and girls middle school basketball almost concurrently. This would end all sports prior to holiday breaks. Concerns have been expressed by the Mio Athletic Director that this change may not be good for kids based on what middle school athletics are meant to accomplish.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. The elementary continues to participate in Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) with guests Dr. Henry and Amy Perricone as well as individual focus with Dr. Sloane. This will continue for March, April and May. The elementary is actively engaged in March is Reading Month with a special activity or event each day during March. Kindergarten Round Up is currently scheduled for May 15. Parent/Teacher conferences were well attended. M-Step and

NWEA plans are underway. Discussion has begun regarding a fifth to sixth grade transition. The Safety Committee met and thoughts were put together for future plans to ensure the safety of everyone. There were six suspensions, involving five students, with 99.98% of the elementary students not involved in suspensions.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Ciske reported on behalf of Mr. Niles. Repairs were made to the light pole. During spring break the kitchen fire suppression hood system will be updated and repaired to comply with fire suppression and electrical standards. We have begun preparation for Coronavirus. Our current cleaning brands are effective in killing the virus. According to the CDC, red zone identification for disinfecting and handwashing education are the best deterrents.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reported for Mr. Niles. The Mackinac Center for Public Policy announced that Mio AuSable achieved an "A" grade for 2019. On March 13, there will be a presentation by Zac Gowen who is a cancer survivor, WWE wrestler and a life coach/speaker. This presentation was coordinated by Kim Lewis with funds raised by the book fair. Mr. McFalda took six students to the Industrial Arts Institute Welding competition held in Onaway. These students did extremely well and will next compete at Ferris State University. In addition, the welding department received a new welder and a new auto-darkening helmet for students. Second semester began a middle school 6th hour academic intervention. There were 93% of high school and 85% of middle school students with no discipline issues last month. Seven students received suspensions.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske stated that he will now provide a fund balance report to the board instead of listing the fund balance on the agenda. Check registers and monthly expense reports will also be provided. On March 18, State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Michael Rice will visit the district. At the last meeting, Mr. Ciske updated the board regarding the appointment of the district's own attendance officer to help monitor attendance and bring more accountability to students. It is Mr. Ciske's recommendation that current paraprofessional, Misty deGuzman, be appointed to this position. This appointment will be an action item. Mr. Ciske reported that he has been working with Thurn Law Firm to prepare a Request for Proposals (RFP) for replacing the fire alarm. The social studies committee is requesting approval of a new textbook, 'Building Citizenship: Civics and Economics'. As it is a new text, this will require board approval. High School Secretary, Dianna Hiser, has turned in a letter announcing her retirement. Mrs. Hiser has been a significant part of the district for over 20 years. She will be greatly missed by students and staff. In addition, Paraprofessional, Sherri Stiles has announced her plan to retire at the end of this school year. Sheri has been a big part of the middle school/high school program and will be greatly missed. Both Mrs. Hiser and Mrs. Stiles have stated that they would be happy to come back on a substitute basis. We are continuing efforts with Thunder Bay for a school wellness program that would include a full-time school nurse. Mr. Ciske reported that he was contacted last week by Amy Knepp from the Oscoda County Library. Mrs. Knepp said that her board is looking at changing the library from being associated with the county to being a 'District Library' model. This is in the early stages and more information will be provided. At parent/teacher conferences, parents were asked to complete a cell phone usage survey. Fifty responses were received with a variety of responses. We will continue to study this and report back.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. McFalda thanked Linda Whaley for the donation of welders.

Action Items -

2019-2020-61

La Vigne/Hunter

consider approval of the new text book 'Building Citizenship: Civics and Economics'.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-62

Mitchell/Szymanski

consider the appointment of Nancy (Misty) deGuzman as attendance officer for Mio AuSable Schools.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-63

Hunter/Mitchell

consider the acceptance of letter of retirement for Dianna Hiser, effective June 30, 2020

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-64

Szymanski/La Vigne

consider the acceptance of letter of retirement for Sherri Stiles, effective June 30, 2020

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-65

Mitchell/La Vigne

consider the approval for the request for a donation of steel from Moran Iron Works.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – None

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2019-2020-66

La Vigne/Hunter

to adjourn at 7:01 p.m.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary