

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
VIRTUAL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2020

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

This meeting was held virtually as permitted according to MDHHS regulations related to the COVID-19 Pandemic and was streamed virtually through the district's website.

President Irelan called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2020-2021-33

Szymanski/La Vigne to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 9, 2020
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Athletic Director's Report – Athletic Director Beltz provided an athletic overview. Sport seasons are currently on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fall sports have concluded with some volleyball and football athletes earning first and second team awards. There will be a league meeting on December 22 to discuss scheduling once the seasons can reopen. Ryan Rondo has announced that he will be resigning from his position as head baseball coach. This position will be posted.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. Due to the high number of students electing remote learning, Title I Interventionist, Amy Downer, has assumed the role of Kindergarten virtual instructor. Candy Wood continues in her role of virtual instruction for the remainder of the elementary. Enrollment is currently at 226, with 47 of those students electing virtual instruction. Focus for the Spark Award for November was compassion. The award winners were posted on Facebook and will be shared in the January / February 2021 newsletter. December's trait is perseverance. Recognition will follow the same process. Report cards will be sent at semester for elementary virtual students.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Ciske reported that the high school roof project is now complete. There is ongoing work with the installation of the new fire alarm system. It is scheduled to be completed during Christmas break. Work on the Wellness Center continues. Winterization of the football 'House' is now complete.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reviewed middle school/high school information. The Governor extended the MDHHS order that prohibits face-to-face instruction for high school students through December 18, with some exceptions for special education, connectivity and tutoring. The

week of January 4-8 the district will return to remote learning to reduce the spread of COVID due to holiday travel, etc. High school staff will meet next week to discuss exams, as well as how to support students who have not been successful with online learning. Seniors took the SAT exam in the fall as it was not given last spring. We are pleased with the number of students who met the benchmarks in Math and English. Mrs. McDonald, counselor, organized a Holiday Spirit Week in which students and staff dressed festively during the week.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. Clare-Gladwin ISD consultants continue to assist with the business services. As we look toward a new school year, we will need to begin preparations for various contracts that need to be renewed. In addition, the custodial contract with Axium expires this year. We will need to consider these contracts as we look at budget revisions and make plans for the following year. There are two NEOLA policy updates that have been reviewed by Mr. Ciske, as well as the Policy Committee. The first reading of these changes is an action item. Each year the board must approve a resolution for the collection of summer taxes. This will also be an action item this evening. As with the last few months, the district's Extended COVID Learning Plan needs to be reauthorized this evening. The Superintendent Evaluation is due in December. Due to COVID restrictions and the virtual meeting, the board can elect to extend last year's scores to this year.

Public Comment(s) on Extended Continuity of Learning Plan - None

Citizens' Comments – None

Action Items -

2020-2021-34

Mitchell/Holzwarth

consider the resolution for the 2021 evaluation of the superintendent.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

2020-2021-35

La Vigne/Whaley

consider the approval of the reauthorization for the Mio AuSable Extended COVID Learning Plan.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

2020-2021-36

Holzwarth/Szymanski

consider the resolution for the collection of school taxes for the Summer of 2021.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

2020-2021-37

Szymanski/Holzwarth

consider the approval of the first reading of the NEOLA Policy updates 34-2 and 35-1.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

2020-2021-38

Whaley/Mitchell

consider the approval of the School Affiliation Agreement between Thunder Bay Community Health Service, Inc. and Mio AuSable Schools.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

Board Members' Comments – Board members thanked Jessi Mitchell for her time and dedication in serving on the board.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2020-2021-39

La Vigne/Holzwarth

to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary