

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
VIRTUAL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2021

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 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2020-2021-48

Szymanski/La Vigne to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 11, 2021
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Budget Revision – Superintendent Ciske presented the 2020-2021 budget revision, including revenue/expenditure projections and fund balance. The 2020-2021 Revised Budget Projection reflects a much-improved financial situation than the initial budget passed last June. Mr. Ciske added that more funding may be available through Michigan supplemental appropriation and COVID relief funds proposed by the President. As funds become available, we will continue to monitor both short-term and long-term needs / benefits. A final budget will be presented in June.

Athletic Director's Report – Athletic Director Beltz provided an athletic overview. Sports are now able to resume. Games will be livestreamed for those unable to attend. As the wrestlers are unable to wear a mask during their competitions, they must take a COVID rapid test prior to competing. These tests have been made available, and funded, by the MHSAA. There will be no JV or Varsity boys' basketball teams this season, due to players opting to join a travel ball team. This travel team was supported by the players parents as well. MS Volleyball begins next week. Interviews for the baseball coaching position will be held soon. To date there have been two applicants for this position.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. Two elementary classes were in quarantine which required two days of distance learning. Report cards were mailed. NWEA testing is nearing completion. After school LEARNING & LOVING LITERACY tutoring will begin this month for target grades. Conferences are currently being scheduled for March 4. Enrollment is currently at 228, with 37 of those students electing virtual instruction. Focus for the Spark Award for November was courageousness. The award winners were posted on Facebook and will be shared in an upcoming newsletter. February's focus will be kindness. Recognition will follow the same process. Mrs. Shiffer commended the positive relationships formed between Mio staff and Thunder Bay staff consisting of Hannah Miller, Nurse and Laurie Miller, MSW.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Ciske reported that the Health Center is progressing quickly. As a condition of the grant funding, this work must be completed by March 1.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reviewed middle school/high school information. Second semester is underway. Some students have returned to school from online instruction. Parents of students who have not been successful with online schooling have been contacted to suggest returning to face-to-face instruction. Other strategies were discussed, as well. Valedictorian for the Class of 2021 is Nena Stevens. Salutatorian is Katie Mitchell. Mr. Ciske commended these students and stated that not only do they have excellent grades, they are both wonderful young people. NHS and Student Senate sponsored a blood-drive last week. Kelli McDonald and Courtney Beltz would like to organize a Travel Club. The club would raise money to fund student trips. In the early stages of planning and considering out-of-country trips for 2022. Discussion held amongst Mrs. Beltz and board members regarding fundraising, commitment, timeframe, travel locations. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Beltz will provide more information at a future board meeting.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. Second dosages of the vaccine were distributed on February 4 for those staff electing to receive the vaccine. Mrs. Kachiros will begin maternity leave on March 9, with an anticipated return date of May 2. Mr. Ciske met with an Axium representative this week to discuss the custodial contract renewal. Working on details. This agreement will be brought to the board for approval. Per board authorization, Mr. Ciske will begin contract negotiations with the various groups. Updates will be provided as they progress.

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

Citizens' Comments – None

Action Items -

2020-2021-49

Holzwarth/Long

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

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

2020-2021-50

Szymanski/Holzwarth

consider the approval of the revised budgets for the general fund and food service fund as presented.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

2020-2021-51

Holzwarth/Szymanski

consider the approval of the request for maternity leave from Elizabeth Kachiros

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

Board Members' Comments – None

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2020-2021-52

La Vigne/Holzwarth to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary