

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Long, Szymanski, Whaley
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: Ahearne, Ciske, Shiffer
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: None
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2021-2022-37

Hunter/La Vigne to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of February 14, 2022 and Special Board Meeting of February 17, 2022
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month Awards – Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were honored as Bolt of the Month recipients. These students were honored for their academic and citizenship achievements. President Irelan stressed what an achievement and honor it is to receive this award. She also 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.

Superintendent Selection Process and Timeline – Discussion regarding the timeline for the Superintendent Search. Various meetings will be held beginning March 16 and running through May 2. Interviews are tentatively set for May 9 and May 10.

Discussion of Board Goals and Committee Assignments for 2022.

Board members discussed and reviewed assignments. No additional goals or committees were added for the upcoming year.

Athletic Director's Report – Due to the absence of the athletic director, Mr. Ahearne provided an update. The boys wrestling team completed an extremely successful season with the team becoming district champions. Six wrestlers received All Conference awards. Boys' Basketball also completed their season with an extremely successful finish. Three boys were nominated for All Conference awards. Middle School volleyball is still going with over 30 girls between the two teams. This has been a very successful season for this sport as well. Spring sports will begin practicing this week. Interviews will be held for the Head Football Coach position tomorrow. Mr. Jeff Demory has resigned as the Head Wrestling Coach. This position will be posted.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. There were some amazing assemblies/guests during the month. Conferences were held the first week of March. In the elementary, more time was allotted to allow for some longer conversations. Next year's professional development is

already being planned. 'Early' kindergarten registrations will be held on April 18, with transition meetings scheduled for May. Elementary enrollment is at 207 for grades K-5. Mrs. Shiffer congratulated students that earned February's 'Kindness' character trait.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ahearne reviewed middle school/high school information. An assembly was put on by Zach Gowen – who brought a message to students about not giving up in the face of adversity. His message was well received and will lead in nicely to an upcoming assembly in April when Mr. Brad Hurtig will be here to provide a message about resiliency and better decision making, as well as empowering students to not give up. Mr. Dean VanWormer, a COOR CTE instructor was in the district to provide information to students on classes that are available through Career Tech (CTE) and COOR ISD. Mrs. Ahearne is planning two short plays for the spring. Middle School students will be performing Folk Tails and the High School class will be performing Murder on the 518. Student Sanctuary began today. Conferences were held on March 3, with low turnout. The district has contracted with Brigitte Cerra for special education services. She will be working part-time, mostly with seventh grade students. John Poff retired in 2014. He has been working in the district for the last two years and has decided to officially retire. We were very fortunate to have had his services over the past couple of years. Three teachers will absorb his classroom schedule for the remainder of the year.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. At the meeting this evening, there will be action items to accept letters of retirement from Paul Ciske, Superintendent and Jeannette McVeigh, Administrative Assistant. Mike Brzozowski, K-12 Art teacher has also indicated he will be resigning. As Mr. Brzozowski has not yet submitted his letter, this will be an action item in April. These positions will be posted soon. In addition, we have internally posted for the Athletic Director position. Details have been worked out regarding the retention bonuses. Plans are being made to replace the carpeting and repaint the library this summer. The budget revision allocates funds to purchase two school buses. We have started the process of requesting bids. We will be purchasing 40 iPads for the lower elementary and 100 chromebooks for the upper elementary, middle and high school. These will replace outdated units. We will also be replacing many of the Wi-Fi routers. The majority of this expense can be covered using ESSER or Early Literacy funds. Updating the PA system and cameras remains a need. The district is working with ASCOM to narrow down specifics. At a previous board meeting, the board decided to pursue a sinking fund millage with the November election. Mr. Ciske will be working with Thrun Law Firm to prepare the ballot language and recommends asking for 1.00 mills for a six-year period.

Citizens' Comments – None

Action Items -

2021-2022-38

Whaley/Long

consider the approval of adding staff Retention Pay stipends by approving the Letters of Agreement with the MAEA, the MAESP and the updated Custodial Work Agreements.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2021-2022-39

Hunter/Holzwarth

consider the acceptance of the letter of retirement from Paul Ciske from the position of superintendent, effective June 30, 2022.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2021-2022-40

Szymanski/Hunter

consider the acceptance of the letter of retirement from Jeannette McVeigh from the position of administrative assistant, effective June 30, 2022.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2021-2022-41

Whaley/Szymanski

to consider the acceptance of the proposal from MASB for their assistance in leading the district in the selection process for a new superintendent.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2021-2022-42

Hunter/Long

to consider the adoption of board goals and committee assignments as established.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Irelan reminded board members of the special meeting of March 16, 2022.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2021-2022-43

Szymanski/ Whaley

to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary