

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2019**

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Jackson, La Vigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: 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.

Organizational Business Issues are conducted annually at the July board meeting, with the remainder of the organizational meeting held in January of each year.

2019-2020-1

Hunter/Holzwarth

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of regular & special meetings of June 10, 2019 and June 24, 2019
- b) Monthly finance.
- c) **Meeting Dates** – the regular meeting of the Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education for 2019-2020 shall be held on the second Monday of each month. Regular Board meetings will start at 6:30 p.m., not to exceed 9:30 p.m., to be held in the Mio AuSable School.

Accordingly, the meeting dates are as follows:

July 8, 2019	January 13, 2020
August 12, 2019	February 10, 2020
September 9, 2019	March 9, 2020
October 14, 2019	April 13, 2020
November 11, 2019	May 11, 2020
December 9, 2019	June 8, 2020

Additionally, the first regular board meeting of the 2020-2021 school year will be July 13, 2020.

NOTE: Any changes from the above dates or the announcement and dates of any special meeting shall be posted in the lobby of the school.

- d) **Depositories and Signatures** – The Mio AuSable Schools designates Fifth Third, Huntington, mBank and the Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus as the official depositories for school monies. Said designation conveys approval of all necessary forms for transacting business with said depositories and authorizes the President, Treasurer, Superintendent and his designees to sign necessary forms, vouchers,

checks, receipts, wire transfers, etc., related to the district's use of specified depositories. Food Service Account depositories and signatures: Treasurer, Food Service Director, Superintendent and his designee.

- e) **Authorization for posting notices** – the Superintendent, or his designee, shall be designated as the person responsible for posting notices of all regular, rescheduled or special Board of Education meetings.
- f) **Auditors** – the Board of Education shall retain the firm Weinlander Fitzhugh as the school district's auditors for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- g) **Legal Counsel** – the Board of Education shall retain the firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as the school district's legal counsel and representative for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- h) **Board Member Compensation** – the Board of Education establishes the following rates of compensation for all Officers and Trustees for the 2019-2020 fiscal year: \$30.00 per meeting attended; \$0 for absent members; \$10.00 per committee meeting attended; maximum compensation shall be for 52 meetings; mileage at the prevailing district rate.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Athletic Director's Report – Athletic Director, Dennis Niles, presented the Athletic Report, including changes/additions to the MS/HS Student Athletic Handbook. These changes will align the athletic program with the MHSAA and improve student academic eligibility. Mr. Niles thanked those who offered input and thoughts into updating athletic policies. Approval of the MS/HS Student Athlete Handbook will be an action item this evening. Currently in the process of updating the Coaches Handbook. It is the intent to have this available and ready to go in August/September. Team schedules are 99% complete for the fall season. Mr. Niles will attend Athletic Director and Coaches Training for AD Recertification and for the MHSAA Coaches Advancement Program (CAP). Mr. Niles announced that he will begin attending meetings with Mio Chargers and the Athletic Boosters.

Elementary Principals' Report – In Mr. Ciske's absence, Mr. Niles presented the elementary report. Currently in the process of assigning elementary students to classes. Kindergarten teachers are in the process of making contact with parents to schedule home visits. These may also include the families meeting here at the school or the county library. Mr. Ciske met with COOR representatives to discuss the requirements for offering childcare/preschool in the building. There will soon be postings for two paraprofessional positions. One position will be for a one-on-one facilitator. The second position will be for a split position. Half of the day would be spent with a new kindergarten student. The other half of the day would be a Title 1a position and that person would be working on student interventions under the direction of a teacher.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles stated that the summer building cleaning is going smoothly and is on schedule. Mr. Niles and Mr. Matt Lewis will attend AHERA Inspection and Certification classes. These are state mandated for asbestos in public schools. Quotes have been assigned for the following:

- Control Solutions in Alpena – safety lighting in parking lot. Scheduled to begin mid-August.
- Omega Electric in Alpena – installation of football scoreboard. Installation should be completed by August 1. This scoreboard will be relocated to the east end of the field.

Still working on plans and contractor selection for little league dugouts.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Niles provided an update. Students in grades 6-12 will meet to finalize schedules during the period of August 19-23. Plans are in place for a sixth grade orientation evening to be held on August 22. At this point all staff are in place for the upcoming school year. A professionally printed handbook has been ordered for the MS/HS that will include: planner, student policies, character counts, education resource pages, hall passes and student/parent acknowledgement page. Board members will receive a handbook as soon as they are received.

Superintendents' Report – Mr. Niles presented the Superintendent Report for Mr. Ciske. We are up to date with the various yearend reporting requirements. The rekeying of the building will take place during the week of July 15. Several months of planning have gone into this project. Mr. Niles commended Mr. Ciske for the intense work that he has put into this project. The second half of the split athletic director position will be posted at the end of July. Mr. Ciske was invited, and will attend, a community forum with Senator Jim Stamos in which he plans to address concerns about school funding. There are two action items on the agenda. One being the first reading for NEOLA updates Volume 32 #2 and 33 #1. Both updates have been reviewed by Superintendent Ciske and the policy committee, with summaries previously sent to all board members. The second action item will be the approval of changes to the athletic policy as previously discussed and distributed to board members.

Citizens' Comments – None

Action Items –

2019-2020-2

Hunter/Fullerton

consider approval for the first reading of the NEOLA policy updates:

- Volume 32 #2
- Volume 33 #1

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2019-2020-3

Holzwarth/Fullerton

consider approval of the revised Athletic Handbook

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

Board Members' Comments – None

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2019-2020-4

Holzwarth/La Vigne to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

YES:

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Board Secretary