

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 10, 2020**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

**2020-2021-7**

Hunter/Whaley to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 13, 2020
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Reinstatement Hearing for Student #1920-01** –President Irelan asked the student’s parent if he would like this hearing to be held in open or closed session; a closed session was requested.

**2020-2021-8**

Holzwarth/Mitchell to go into closed session at 6:32 p.m. for expulsion hearing.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2020-2021-9**

Hunter/Mitchell to return to open session at 6:50 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Continued discussion regarding reinstatement.

**2020-2021-10**

Holzwarth/La Vigne to consider reinstatement of Student #1920-01

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Athletic Director's Report** – None.

**Elementary Principals' Report** – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. Amy Downer was offered, and accepted, the Title I Interventionist position. She will be a great addition to the staff. Elementary decided on SeeSaw for K-3 and Google Classroom for grades 4-5, with daily interaction. There was a great turnout for the community forum. The Mio Lions Club have committed to the same dollar amount as last year to help support the weekend food bags. Professional Development will be held on August 26 and 27 and will be directly related to supporting online platforms and preparations for in-person instruction and virtual learning. The week of August 17 will be for scheduling for virtual learning and new registrations. That same week information will be mailed to families with the new scheduling changes.

**Buildings and Grounds Report** – Mr. Ciske reported that the elementary roof replacement is scheduled for the week of August 24, pending board approval this evening. The gym floors have been refinished.

**Middle School / High School Principals' Report** – Mr. Ciske reviewed middle school/high school information. Class scheduling is complete. The week of August 17 is set for schedule changes. This will also be the time that students can enroll in the online program. Plans are being made for professional development to assist teachers in preparing for the new year. Courtney Beltz has completed the Athletic Director training and has been working with Doug Graham and Teresa Cole. Interviews were held and Bethany Wagner was hired for the position of middle school English teacher. She will also teach a high school journalism class.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Ciske updated the board on the 'Return to Learn' plan and stated that there is an abbreviated plan that will require board approval this evening. The purpose of approving the abbreviated plan is so that it will not be necessary to bring this before the board for reapproval when relatively minor changes are needed. Mr. Ciske reported on budget items as currently known, including new guidance for expending the Cares Act funding. The effect will be that the audit will show our financial situation to be worse than what the final budget projected. This will eventually sort itself out, however, we may have a couple of years with extreme changes in revenue and expenditures. Mr. Ciske informed that board that Title IX is part of the federal code that governs the rules on sexual harassment. Some rules have changed and it is necessary for the board to adopt the new policy accordingly. There is a compliance deadline, therefore, it is Mr. Ciske's recommendation that the board vote to waive the second reading of the policy and adopt it as written. As part of this policy, certain roles need to be officially established in case of a sexual harassment complaint. These roles, and the designated personnel, are:

- Title IX Coordinator/Investigator – Celeste Shiffer
- Title IX Coordinator/Investigator – Kelli McDonald
- Title IX Decision Maker – Paul Ciske
- Title IX Appeals – Shawn Petri, COOR ISD Superintendent, or his designee

**Citizens' Comments** – None

**2020-2021-11**

La Vigne/Mitchell

consider the approval of the hiring of Bethany Wagner for the position of Secondary English Teacher

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2020-2021-12**

Hunter/Szymanski

consider approval of the hiring of Amy Downer for the position of Title I Interventionist/Teacher

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2020-2021-13**

Whaley/Holzwarth

consider the approval of contracting with Duro-Last through the TIPS pre-bid system to replace the Elementary Gym roof with funding from the sinking fund

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2020-2021-14**

Szymanski/Holzwarth

consider the approval of the Mio AuSable Schools 'Return to Learn' plan to be submitted for approval

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2020-2021-15**

Hunter/Whaley

consider the approval of the first reading, waiving of the second reading and adoption of Policy 2266 on Title IX

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2020-2021-16**

Holzwarth/La Vigne

consider the approval of the Course Catalog indicating that any courses offered will also be offered virtually

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Board Members' Comments** – Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Ciske and Mrs. Shiffer for their extensive work on the 'Return to Learn' plan and brochure.

**Correspondence** - None

There was no other business.

**2020-2021-17**

La Vigne/Holzwarth to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary