

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 12, 2018

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, Lashley, LaVigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: None
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles
RECORDING SECRETARY: Holloway

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2018-2019-20

Hunter/Holzwarth to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – October 8, 2018
- b) Monthly Finance.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month Awards – Six sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were honored as Bolt of the Month. These students were honored for their academic and citizenship achievements. Two students and their parents/guardian attended the meeting. President Irelan stressed what an honor it is to receive this award. She also thanked the parents and guardians for their role in helping their child to be the best student they can be, not only through grades but through citizenship as well.

Mr. Niles presented an SAT award from the National Merit Association to a twelfth grade student.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. Rondo inquired as to what had been done in regards to the issues he brought to Mr. Niles and Mr. Demory's attention involving the volleyball team and volleyball coaches. Mr. Ciske informed the board of a letter from volleyball coach, Elizabeth Marsh, requesting any discussion regarding her employment as a coach be done in closed session.

2018-2019-21

Irelan/Hunter to go into closed session at 6:37 p.m. for discussion of volleyball coaches and volleyball issues:

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2018-2019-22

Hunter/Mitchell to return to open session at 6:48 p.m.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Niles read from Mr. Demory's report. Fall sports season has ended. The volleyball team won the District Title. The eight man football schedule for next year is full. The new football scoreboard has arrived. The volleyball banquet is being held tonight. The football banquet is November 28. Winters sports practices have started. Both boys and girls basketball have enough players for a JV and varsity team. The high school wrestling team may be one of the largest teams we have had. Middle school boys' basketball has two teams and started competing tonight. A committee of teachers, coaches and parents have started reviewing our current athletic policy.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reported on elementary happenings. The elementary music classes performed at the Veteran's Day Assembly. The staff will have the opportunity to participate in a book study based on the book, "Poor Students, Rich Teaching". The third grade has displays of Michigan's Natural and man-made features in the library. More behavior meetings have been scheduled and the meetings are now renamed Student Success Meetings. The Christmas concert will be held on December 10. Repairs are being made on the playground by the bridge and a slide to prevent future injuries.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles reported all outdoor water systems have been winterized. Ice/snow melt has been ordered for the upcoming season. Light bulbs that need replacing are replaced with LED bulbs if possible. Spare heat exchangers and fan blowers for classrooms are being ordered. Rooms 114-116 are slowly turning into the wrestling room. Mr. Niles is working with vendors to reduce the custodial supply costs.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Niles advised the board the curriculum guide and course descriptions are in progress. Professional development covered legal requirements of educators and reacting to student behavior. All fall PSAT and ASVAB testing has been completed.

Superintendents' Report – Mr. Ciske explained the need to move the December board meeting time to 7:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. due to the elementary Christmas concert being held the same night. The audit will be presented at the December board meeting. COOR ISD will hold classes for board members. No applications have been received for the open third grade teaching position. Ms. Sutton has offered to stay for the school year if needed. One application has been received for the open bus driver position. The grant from the Michigan State Police has been approved for rekeying the building and for the purchase of barricade devices for classroom doors. Installation of the barricade devices will happen soon. Changing the key system may take place over spring break. Mr. Ciske will be presenting a revised budget for the 2018/2019 school year at the next board meeting. Mr. Ciske asked for consideration to have the district request a sinking fund for the May elections. He explained why to consider a sinking fund verses a bond. Some of the upgrades/items needed would be replacing the high school roof, new parking lot lighting, new security cameras on buses, the purchase of new buses, additional chrome books in the classrooms. The sinking fund would help rebuild funds needed for all future projects. A community member donated \$5000 for the purchase of twenty four chrome books to be used in a high school English classroom.

Action Items - none

Correspondence – none

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Ireland thanked everyone for her re-election to the Board of Education.

There was no other business.

2018-2019-23

Holzwarth/LaVigne to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Holloway, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Secretary