

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2019

PRESENT: Fullerton, Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, LaVigne, Mitchell
ABSENT: Jackson
ADMINISTRATION: Ciske, Niles
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Niles
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

2019-2020-13

Holzwarth/Mitchell to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 12, 2019
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Niles provided an update on athletic events. Still working on the completion of fall team schedules, as well as setting up officials and winter schedule preparation. The addition of Raquel Rondo as the Athletic Director Assistant has been extremely helpful. She will be attending training in November for updates. Beginning to use Arbitor software for scheduling and payment to officials. Mr. Niles reviewed the participation numbers for fall sports. The Coaches Handbook is still under construction. Due to transportation issues, Mr. Niles expressed his appreciation to the district's competition and to Transportation Supervisor, Becky Holloway, for being flexible with scheduling to get student athletes to their sporting events.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mr. Ciske reviewed elementary information. The beginning of the school year is off to a good start. Coverage of recess and lunch has been reorganized to provide more supervision. The Title grant application has been revised, and resubmitted, for approval. With the retirement of Teresa Cole last year, the interventionist position was not replaced. There are currently two teachers that each provide intervention support during part of their day. We are hopeful that this position can be replaced once the state budget is approved. We are in receipt of the M-Step test results from last spring's assessment. This year's third grade class is the first to be affected by the Read by Grade Three Law. Community member, Jade Parker, will be offering piano lessons after school, starting in mid-September. Kindergarten classes will be taking a field trip to the Knobe Apple Orchard in Rogers City on September 27. The Annual Pumpkin Carving will be held on October 28.

Buildings and Grounds Report – Mr. Niles reported that summer custodial duties have been wrapped up, with repairs to be football press box stairway. The Thunder Cart is out for maintenance and repairs. Parking lot safety lighting updates have been completed. The football scoreboard installation is complete. Repairs were necessary to the roof over the multi-purpose room. Scoreboards in the main gym are scheduled to be serviced mid-September. Mr. Niles also reported that he is working on a process to update the main emergency panel at the front entrance. Building schematics are being reviewed.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Niles reported that school picture day was September 9. Student scheduling went incredibly well during the first day of classes and Mrs. McDonald was commended. In addition, class meetings were held and officers elected. NHS and Student Senate are moving forward with the year. Curriculum changes included adjustments to technology courses in the electives section. Three teachers attended training this summer to incorporate additional teaching tools for students in technology areas. On September 7, middle and high school students participated in the Anglers of the AuSable River Day Cleanup event. Mio AuSable Schools was recognized by the organizers as the main reason that this was the largest cleanup day in its 20-year history. There will be a middle school welcome back dance held on September 14. Homecoming is scheduled for September 20. A NHS/SS blood drive is set for September 25. Tutoring for middle and high school will begin on September 10. Mr. Niles reviewed events that happened during the September 6 unplanned lockdown. Mr. Niles reported that 98.2% of high school and 97.9% of middle school students had no discipline issues last month. Overall discipline found that five students were responsible for the eight discipline referrals. Mr. McFalda added that two students received national welding certification.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske updated the board regarding the annual audit fieldwork. A draft should be completed by early October, with the auditors presenting the final audit at the November board meeting. Mr. Jay Jackson will be resigning effective September 30 from the school board. The policy committee has reviewed the latest NEOLA updates. Mr. Ciske reported that we currently have five bus routes, down from six last year, and commended Transportation Supervisor, Becky Holloway, for her work in making this transition successful. As of today, there are 516 students enrolled in grades K-12.

Citizens' Comments – Carla Rhoads addressed the board and expressed her sadness with the news that Mr. Jay Jackson would be resigning as a board member and asked that the remaining board members not be afraid to ask hard questions. Mrs. Rhoads also expressed her appreciation to Raquel Rondo for her role as the Athletic Director Assistant.

2019-2020-14

Fullerton/Mitchell consider approval to hire Amy Beek for the position of elementary teacher

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-15

Fullerton/Hunter consider approval of a Declaration of Support from the board for Amanda Thiel to pursue a grant through the Michigan Council of Arts & Public Affairs to support performing arts.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-16

Hunter/Holzwarth consider approval of the first reading, waiving the second reading, and adoption of Policy #2410 – Prohibition of Referral or Assistance and Policy #2414 – Reproductive Health and Family Planning.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2019-2020-17

Mitchell/Holzwarth

consider the acceptance of resignation of Jay Jackson from his position of Trustee on the Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education, effective September 30, 2019.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – None

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2019-2020-18

Hunter/Fullerton

to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Amy Fullerton, Treasurer