

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2023**

PRESENT: Hoffman, Hunter, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Wyckoff, Whaley
ABSENT:
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor , Shiffer
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Marsh
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

President Irelan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

2023-2024-45

Long/Hunter to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 9, 2023
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Weinlander- Fitzhugh Audit Presentation – Mrs. Samantha Cain presented the 2022-2023 audit report virtually, including the General Fund, Sinking Fund, Food Service, Special Revenues, and Debt Service Fund. Mrs. Cain provided a review of ending fund balances and upcoming accounting requirements. It was noted that the district ended with a 13.8% general fund balance.

Bolt Buddies Presentation – Mrs. Amy Beek and Mrs. Kelli McDonald presented the board with an opportunity for secondary and elementary students to work together. Elementary students will be selected by the student success team to be mentored by a high school student. Any questions can be forwarded to Mrs. McDonald or Mrs. Beek.

Staff Appreciation – Board members read 35 staff appreciation submissions aloud. Ms. Mitchell was selected to win the giveaway. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

Citizen’s Comments – Mr. McFalda thanked Mrs. Whaley and Mrs. Long for their get well wishes.

Elementary Principal’s Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the report. Mrs. Shiffer announced that the holiday program, led by Mr. JJ Jackson, will be December 13th and 6:00 pm. Barb Milne was welcomed as a new paraprofessional. The first Student Success Team meeting took place. Mrs. Lewis raised \$7,428.93 at the recent book fair. Mio was awarded the Extended Time Grant to help with literacy needs. Mrs. Marsh delivered CPI training during the October professional development. The fifth grade will be attending Starbase Alpena. The Reading for Education fundraiser earned the school over \$900. 33 families attended the Title 1 pumpkin carving event. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Family Fare, Mrs. DeGuzman, and Miss Vargas for their help with the event. The weekend food bags have been fully funded and students have begun to receive bags. Conferences were a great success this year with only 10 students not having adult participation. November’s character trait is gratitude. Current enrollment is 222.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor thanked NHS/Student Senate and Mrs. Rondo for the hard work in organizing the annual Veteran's Day celebration. The next wellness committee meeting is December 13th at 3:30 pm. Mrs. McDonald has begun working on the second semester schedule. The high school drama class will be presenting a production of November 28th. The middle school drama class will be presenting a production on December 19th. Current enrollment is 273.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Varsity volleyball ended their season at Buckley against Leland. 2023 is the first time Mio volleyball has advanced to regionals finals. Miss Rondo, Miss Miller, and Miss Hurst received recognition. Mr. Knepp, Mr. P. Kamen, Mr. C. Kamen, Mr. Brucker, and Mr. Burden received football recognition. Middle school basketball season is coming to an end. Varsity boys basketball and wrestling seasons are beginning. Mr. Marsh presented multiple upcoming overnight trips scheduled for various teams to be approved by the board. Mr. Marsh also presented information regarding Tawas wanting to join the North Star League which, if approved, would begin in 2024-2025.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that the food service department was recently inspected and no violations were found. Mr. Taylor thanked Mrs. Miller for her dedication to the food service department. Mr. Taylor presented recent changes to the mental health and safety grants available through the state. A determination is still scheduled for the end of December for the community center grant that was applied for. COOR ISD held their monthly board meeting at Mio AuSable on November 8th. The first reading of NEOLA policies is being reviewed by the policy committee. The heat exchanger replacement project has been initiated. Mr. Taylor encouraged board members to think about what possible committees they would like to serve on in 2024. Mr. Taylor also thanked staff for their steadfastness and focus during the recent staffing changes. Mr. and Mrs. Mason have been working toward starting a robotics club. Mio AuSable Schools is currently working with Big Creek Township as they submit a "Safe Routes to Schools" grant.

Finance Committee Report – The finance committee did not meet.

Policy Committee Report – The Policy Committee reviewed six new suggested NEOLA policies.

Safety Committee Report – Mrs. Long presented the report. The SEC assessment took place on October 19th. The results from this assessment should be released in December. The sheriff's department is having difficulties finding employees, so the possibility of a school resource officer has been put on hold. The committee is looking into having the State Police train staff with an active shooter lockdown.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report. Board members attended an all-day planning retreat on October 21st. Many topics were discussed including curriculum, behavior plans, staff recruitment/retainment, and security. The belief, mission, and vision statements were amended as a group to be reviewed and approved by the board. There will be an implementation meeting in the future to address goals created during the retreat.

Board Committee Reorganization Discussion - Mr. Taylor suggested that committees be adjusted and/or created to best suit the school's needs. Mr. Wyckoff suggested tabling the discussion until next meeting so members can think about where they would like to serve.

Action Items

2023-2024-46

Mitchell/Whaley

consider the approval of hiring Barb Milne as an elementary paraprofessional

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried

2023-2024-47

Long/Hunter

consider the approval of FMLA leave for Tim McFalda

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2023-2024-48

Hunter/Mitchell

consider the approval of the first reading of NEOLA policy updates

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2023-2024-49

Hunter/Mitchell

Consider the approval of overnight trips:

- a. Boys' Basketball to Mackinaw City on December 1, 2023.
- b. Wrestling team to Dansville on December 8, 2023.
- c. Girls' Basketball to Detroit for Motor City Christmas Tournament (date TBD).
- d. Girls' Basketball to St. Ignace on January 19, 2024.
- e. Wrestling team to district competition at Manton on February 9, 2024.
- f. Wrestling team to regional competition on February 16, 2024 (location TBD).
- g. Wrestling team to state competition at Ford Field on February 29, 2024.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2023-2024-50

Mitchell/Hoffman

consider the approval of the inclusion of Tawas Area Schools into the Northstar League for athletic competition

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2023-2024-51
Hunter/Mitchell

consider the approval of the summer tax resolution

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved

2023-2024-52
Hunter/Whaley

accept the letter of resignation from Dan Ahearne, MS/HS principal

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved

Board Members' Comments – Mr. Wyckoff commented that he heard from members of the community that the Veterans Day program was great. Mrs. Whaley thanked staff for being supportive during this time and she appreciates all that staff do.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2023-2024-53
Whaley/Mitchell

to adjourn at 7:18 pm

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Todd Wyckoff, Board Secretary

