

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 12, 2024**

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

President Wyckoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

2023-2024-77

Whaley/Hunter to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 8, 2024
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – 15 students announced as January Bolts of the Month.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Taylor presented the update. Planning with the new administrative members is underway. Programs are being developed and implemented to improve staff retention as well as addressing safety/security concerns.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Wood as the new interim Elementary Principal. Mr. Wood presented the report. Mr. Wood thanked staff and community members for their kindness in welcoming him back to Mio AuSable. A literacy grant is being used to tutor targeted students in reading. Staff is currently working on reviewing two ELA pilots. There is an upcoming professional development day that includes a safety presentation by the Michigan State Police. Mr. Wood thanked the staff for their ability to be flexible and cover where needed. Current enrollment is 225.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. The varsity boys basketball team is currently 7-11. There will be a military appreciation and senior night planned for the February 13th games. Two wrestlers are headed to individual regionals. Varsity girls basketball is currently 13-4. The softball head coach has resigned. Applications will be accepted until February 23rd, 2024.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Ms. Margaritis thanked the staff and students of Mio AuSable Schools for the support they have given since her arrival. FAFSA completion night was a success with 17 families completing their FAFSA. Details are being finalized regarding the Spanish Department vacancy. The Middle School NHS induction ceremony will be held February 22, 2024. The upcoming professional development training will include a CPI refresher for MS/HS staff. Ms. Lewis has partnered with Sending Smiles for students to send postcards to children battling illnesses. Current enrollment is 266.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that a rebuttal letter has been sent to MDE regarding the 2021-2022 title audit. The 31aa grant application has been submitted with hopes of using the money

to purchase new security cameras. The new robotics club will be competing in Flint and Lake City. Mr. Taylor also spoke on the progress being made to fill the Spanish Department vacancy. Mr. Taylor reported that all custodial vacancies have been filled and progress is being made to fill the new paraprofessional openings. Mr. Taylor shared his letter of resignation, effective June 30th 2023, with the board.

Finance Committee Report – Mrs. Long presented the report. Mrs. Long reported that the committee met to review and discuss administrative contracts as they are up for renewal in June. Three board members along with Mr. Taylor attended a labor relations training. The finance committee also reviewed the proposed budget amendment.

Policy Committee Report – Did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee Report –Did not meet.

Academic Committee Report – Did not meet.

Personnel Committee – Did not meet.

Operations/Safety Committee – Ms. Mitchell presented the report. The committee met to review the Security Education Consultants report. The committee is working to prioritize safety concerns.

Discussion of the amendment to the 2023-2024 budget - Mr. Taylor presented the amended budget which includes additional amounts for an ELA pilot purchase, camera updates, vape detectors, testing tables, gym floor work, staffing changes, Title audit payback, and Chromebook purchases. The amended budget brings the fund balance to 11.00%.

Discussion of candidate running for MASB board - Mr. Wyckoff announced that Dawn Heiser is running unopposed and currently sits on the board.

Discussion of agenda format – Mr Wyckoff shared the process of creating the board agenda each month and reviewed the new additions since November 2023. Mr. Wyckoff also shared that citizens comments will be moved to before action item votes.

Citizens' Comments – Mrs. G. Mitchell spoke on the upcoming changes to the Spanish classes. Mrs. Carroll spoke on the upcoming changes to the Spanish classes. Mrs. Shattuck spoke on the upcoming changes to the Spanish classes. Mrs. Rhodes spoke regarding the upcoming changes to the Spanish classes. A current Spanish student spoke on the upcoming changes to the Spanish classes.

Action Items

2023-2024-78

Mitchell/Long

consider the approval of candidates running for the MASB Board of Directors.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-79
Ireland/Whaley

consider the approval of the amendment to the 2023-2024 budget as presented.

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-80
Long/Hunter

consider the approval of FMLA leave for Michael Jenkins for two and a half weeks due to a non-work related injury.

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-81
Mitchell/Hoffman

consider the approval of the resignation of Mandie Willey, Spanish Teacher.

YES: 6
NO: 1

Motion approved.

2023-2024-82
Whaley/Mitchell

consider the approval of the resignation of Celeste Shiffer, Elementary Principal.

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-83
Long/Mitchell

consider the approval of the hiring Gary Wood as Interim Elementary Principal.

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-84
Long/Hoffman

consider the approval of the hiring Hannah LaBush as Paraprofessional.

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-85

Hunter/Whaley

consider the approval of the hiring Erin McMorris as Custodian.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-86

Whaley/Mitchell

consider the approval of the hiring Richard Lloyd as Custodian.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-87

Irelan/Mitchell

consider the approval of overnight trips by the Mio AuSable Robotics team for two competitions: (1) Feb. 29, March 1, March 2 for a competition in Flint at Kettering University, (2) March 8, 9, 10 for a competition at Lake City High School.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mr. Wyckoff thanked Mr. Taylor for his transparency with the board regarding his resignation. Mrs. Whaley commented on some of the reasons that finding and retaining staff is difficult in Oscoda County. Mrs. Whaley thanked the staff that choose to stay in the area. Ms. Mitchell also commented on the staffing problems that other schools are experiencing.

Correspondence -

Ms. Mitchell read a thank you card from C. VanBeest and family.

There was no other business.

2023-2024-88

Hunter/Long

to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary

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