

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 11, 2022**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

**2021-2022-46**

Long/Hunter

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 14, 2022 and Special Board Meetings of March 16, 2022 and April 9, 2022
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Due to the absence of the athletic director, Mr. Ahearne provided a brief update. Baseball and softball began their season this evening. Two applicants will be interviewed for the Athletic Director position. Chris Tappan resigned from the position of head coach for girls' basketball.

**Elementary Principals' Report** – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. There were some exceptional assemblies/guests during the month. The first kindergarten registration is scheduled for April 18, with transition meetings held mid-May. NWEA and M-Step testing is underway. Mrs. Shiffer and Maintenance Supervisor, Matt Lewis, are working toward playground improvement projects for the summer. Looking at enrollment numbers, plans are to maintain two sections of elementary classes with a third section of current first graders moving to second grade. End of the year events are being planned. Enrollment numbers are at 207 for grades K-5. The character trait for April is Patience. Mrs. Shiffer thanked staff for their daily positive encounters which make a positive impact. Mrs. Shiffer commended Ms. Holloway for making all of the bus changes quickly and with the least amount of impact on students and their education.

**Middle School / High School Principals' Report** – Mr. Ahearne reviewed middle school/high school information. PSAT and SAT testing will begin this week. Counselor, Kelli McDonald, has worked tirelessly to ensure that testing goes smoothly. Mr. Brad Hurtig, from the Relevant Speakers Network provided an assembly for students and was accompanied by the band, 10 Talents. The message of "Find a Way" was very well received by students. Mrs. Ahearne has planned two short plays for spring. A blood drive was held today. The three middle school trips are being finalized. The seventh graders will travel to Boston, eighth graders to Washington D.C. and six grade students will travel to New York City. Graduation will be held on June 3. Mr. Ahearne stated that Middle School teacher, Darby Diaz, resigned last week. This position will be filled by Mr. Cameron Gingerich who has been student teaching as well as substitute teaching. Interviews for an English teacher will be held later this week.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. There have been a few staffing changes in the middle school over the past few weeks. Mr. John Poff decided that he was unable to finish out the school year. Classes will be covered by a combination of Christina Carroll, Tammy Ahearne and Karen Mitchell. Brigette Cerra, who was hired as a part time special education teacher decided that the position will not work out for her. As reported by Mr. Ahearne, Darby Diaz resigned effective April 8. We currently have postings for the following: two Special Education teachers, a K-12 art or music position and English, science and math. The regular May monthly meeting will be moved from May 9 to May 16, due to superintendent interviews being held on May 9. Mr. Shawn Petri, COOR ISD Superintendent, was unable to attend the meeting this evening to present the 2022-2023 ISD budget. This will be an item for approval at the May 16 regular meeting. The deadline for superintendent applications is April 26. The board will receive access to the applications on April 29 and will screen the applicants at the board workshop held on May 2. First interviews will then be held on May 9 and May 10. Each year the district contracts with the townships to collect summer taxes. This contract will be an action item this evening. As previously announced, Mr. Tim Miller has submitted a letter of retirement. In addition, Mr. Mike Brzowski submitted his letter of resignation. Both will be effective June 30, 2022.

**Citizens' Comments** – Mr. McFalda commented that the "Find a Way" assembly had a very positive impact on students.

**Action Items -**

**2021-2022-47**

Holzwarth/Whaley

consider, with regrets, the approval of retirement for Timothy Miller, effective June 30, 2022

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

**2021-2022-48**

La Vigne/Hunter

consider approval of resignations for Michael Brzowski and Darby Diaz.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

**2021-2022-49**

Holzwarth/Long

consider approval of Summer Tax Collection Agreements with townships of Big Creek (\$12,900.00), Elmer (\$2,891.00), Greenwood (\$1,963.50) and Mentor (\$5,554.58).

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Board Members' Comments** – Mrs. Long addressed transportation issues for athletic events, as well as for Knowledge Bowl and other student activities. With the shortage of bus drivers, she inquired as to the possibility of purchasing large vans to transport students. Mr. Ciske stated that he would look into this and report back to the board.

**Correspondence** - None

There was no other business.

**2021-2022-50**

Whaley/Holzwarth to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary