

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 9, 2023**

PRESENT: Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne Long, Mitchell, Whaley
ABSENT:
ADMINISTRATION: Ahearne, Shiffer, Taylor
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

Superintendent Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

All organizational business, other than the Election of Officers, was previously conducted at the July board meeting. Due to election law changes, the Election of Officers is held in January of each year.

2022-2023-44

Whaley/Hunter

that nominations for President are closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Irelan for President.

Roll call vote.

YES: Hunter, La Vigne, Long, Mitchell, Whaley

NO: None

Abstain: Irelan

Motion approved.

- **President, Board of Education for 2023: PENNY J. IRELAN**

President Irelan conducted the balance of the Organizational Meeting business. Irelan called for nominations for the office of Vice President. LaVigne nominated Hunter for Vice President.

2022-2023-45

La Vigne/Whaley

that nominations for Vice President are closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Hunter for Vice President.

Roll call vote.

YES: Irelan, La Vigne, Long, Mitchell, Whaley

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Hunter

Motion approved.

- **Vice President, Board of Education for 2023: MARY LOU HUNTER**

President Irelan called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Whaley nominated La Vigne for Secretary.

2022-2023-46

Whaley/Hunter

that nominations for Secretary are closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for La Vigne for Secretary.

Roll call vote.

YES: Hunter, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley

NO: None

ABSTAIN: La Vigne

Motion approved.

- **Secretary, Board of Education for 2023: CHERYL LA VIGNE**

President Irelan called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Whaley nominated Long for Treasurer.

2022-2023-47

Whaley/Hunter

that nominations for Treasurer are closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Long for Treasurer.

Roll call vote.

YES: Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Mitchell, Whaley

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Long

Motion approved.

- **Treasurer, Board of Education for 2023: ALLISON LONG**

2022-2023-48

Hunter/Whaley

to approve consent agenda items:

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting – December 12, 2022

b) Minutes of Special Meeting – December 13, 2022

c) Monthly Finance.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Member Recognition – Mr. Taylor announced that January is Board Recognition Month and thanked each board member for their service and dedication to the district. A certificate was presented to each board member. The board welcomed newly elected board member, Kathi Mitchell.

Bot of the Month – Six students announced as December Bolts of the Month

Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the Elementary report. Mrs. Shiffer welcomed new paraprofessional hire Hanna Vargas and new paraprofessional Landyn Johnson to the team. NWEA and DRA testing is underway. Data meetings will commence at the end of January to work on implementing interventions for testing results. The Elementary is 100% compliant with the State Health Department records system.

Elementary Principal's Report, Continued – Mrs. Shiffer thanked all staff that attended and helped with the December Holiday Concert. Mrs. Shiffer congratulated music teacher, Nicki Angel on organizing an excellent concert. Due to illness and other factors about 50 children did not participate in the concert this year. A survey is in the works for staff needs input that the ISD leadership team will analyze. 4th and 5th graders will be participating in a MSU Extension Nutrition Lab for 6 weeks starting at the end of January. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Mrs. DeGuzman for creating Zones of Regulation posters for students and staff to utilize. January's character trait is grit. Current enrollment is 222.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Ahearne presented the Athletic report. Varsity Boys Basketball is currently undefeated. The Varsity Girls Basketball team is down to six players, but working hard to complete the season. There will be a wrestling tournament held at the school January 20th and 21st.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Ahearne presented the report. Mr. Ahearne thanked those that attended the recent High School play. Thanks to local business for silent auction donations. The drama program raised \$1,300. Kristen Eagle will be addressing MS/HS staff at upcoming staff meeting to help implement the zones of regulation at the middle school level. There will be a pep assembly for winter sports on January 26th. The inaugural Pizza War will take place that afternoon as well. Exams will take place January 18th-20th. Current enrollment is 260.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor is working on the budget revision and hopes to have it ready for board review shortly. The budget revision is based on solid information after June 30, 2022, when the initial budget is due. Mr. Taylor welcomed Mrs. Mitchell to the board. The Mio Athletic Boosters have donated \$300 towards the purchase of a mascot outfit for athletic events in hopes of raising the level of school spirit. Mr. Taylor will be attending the Mid-Winter Superintendents Conference January 18-20. Plans are being made to create surveys for staff and the community to discover priorities for sinking fund improvement projects.

Discussion of Board Committee Assignments -

- Finance: Long, Hunter, Irelan
- Policy: Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne
- School Improvement: Long, Whaley, Mitchell
- Athletic: Whaley, La Vigne, Long
- Safety: Whaley, Long, Mitchell
- Strategic Planning: Irelan, Whaley, Hunter

Citizen Comments – None

Committee Reports – Committees did not meet

Interviews of interested candidates to fill board member vacancy – Mr. Graham and Mr. Wyckoff were interviewed by existing board members. Board discussed interviews

2022-2023-49

Mitchell/Long

Approval of filling the vacant board seat with Mr. Doug Graham

Roll call vote.

YES: La Vigne, Long, Mitchell

NO: Hunter, Irelan, Whaley

ABSTAIN: None

Motion failed.

2022-2023-50

Irelan/Hunter

approval of filling vacant board seat with Mr. Todd Wyckoff

Roll call vote.

YES: Hunter, Irelan, Whaley

NO: La Vigne, Long, Mitchell

ABSTAIN: None

Motion failed.

President Irelan called a five minute recess at 7:07 p.m.

President Irelan called the meeting back to order at 7:12 p.m.

President Irelan asked for final comments from both candidates. Mr. Graham and Mr. Wyckoff shared final comments.

2022-2023-51

Hunter/Mitchell

to table approval of filling vacant board seat until next meeting, Friday, January 13, 2023
5:00 pm in Mio AuSable Schools Library

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Action Items

2022-2023-52

Whaley/Long

consider approval of board member committee assignments

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-53

La Vigne/Whaley

consider approval of hiring Hanna Vargas as a paraprofessional

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-54

Hunter/Whaley

consider approval of Costa Rica trip and associated fundraising for the trip club currently
scheduled for June, 2024

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

2022-2023-53

La Vigne/Whaley

consider approval of hiring Hanna Vargas as a paraprofessional

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Member Comments - Mrs. Irelan commented on how helpful the new microphones were during the recent drama production and thanked Mrs. Ahearne for her hard work. Mrs. Irelan reminded board members of the various resources available through the MASB website and encouraged all to spend some time becoming familiar.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business

2022-2023-55

La Vigne/Whaley to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl La Vigne".

