

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 10, 2022**

PRESENT: Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Long, Szymanski, Whaley
ABSENT:
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor, Ahearne, Shiffer
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Marsh
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

2022-2023-23

Szymanski / Long to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 12, 2022
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the elementary report. Staff participated in safety professional development with local law enforcement. Mrs. Shiffer worked to complete a grant with Katie Fueling from COOR for additional dollars for K-3 tutoring. The music classes have officially moved to the music/band room. There was a library storyteller presentation on September 30th. Ms. Lewis has arranged for an illusionist to present K-12. Rubric development with staff and COOR literacy coaches is underway. Mrs. Shiffer is working closely with truancy officer, Mrs. DeGuzman to monitor attendance. NWEA and DRA testing is completed and results will be used to identify needs and supports. Conferences are taking place this week. Elementary students will be participating in spirit week. The book fair is taking place this week as well. Pumpkin carving will take place October 26th from 6-7:00 PM. Mrs. Shiffer shared the Oct/Nov elementary newsletter with the board. Elementary enrollment is currently 228. Elementary staff are working to address student behavior issues. September SPARK trait is respect and October will be Responsibility. Mrs. Shiffer thanked the volunteers from the Mio United Methodist Church for their crucial help with the Friday food bags. Mrs. Shiffer spoke on the importance of playground improvements and the need for more equipment.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. The 7th grade girls won the Big Dipper Volleyball tournament, while 8th grade took second. The high school football Lions trip was a success. Middle school volleyball is over and middle school girls basketball has begun. Volleyball districts will be held at Hale on November 2nd. Wrestling districts will be held at home on February 8th, and there is a possibility that regionals may also be held at Mio. Boys basketball districts will be held at Mio this year.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Ahearne provided an update. The equestrian team placed 5th at districts. Homecoming week is underway and will include hall decorating, mock rock, mock Olympics, powderpuff game, glitterpuff game, parade, football game, and ends with the Homecoming dance on Saturday. Staff will begin exploring TBRI at the middle/high school level shortly. Tele speech services have begun. Mr. McFalda will be taking a group of students to the Alpena Community College Open House and a group of Industrial Arts Students to the Industrial Arts Institute in Onaway. Job fair to be held at the school. Current enrollment is 268.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Audit is not quite complete, hopeful to have results soon. Mr. Taylor thanked Ms. Holloway for her hard work in submitting the 4094-transportation report. The 4096-special education report has also been submitted to COOR. Safety and security grant requests are still in discussion, but will be submitted on time. Mr. Taylor thanked Mrs. Miller for her work in ensuring a clean and organized kitchen. The health department gave our kitchen facilities a fully compliant rating. Mr. Taylor also thanked Sheriff Grace and his team for providing staff with safety training. There will be more safety and security training to come. The athletic business signs have been moved to the baseball outfield fence. Mr. Taylor thanked the Longs, Mrs. Knepp, and the McGregors for their help. Mr. Taylor is working with the principals to create a more effective and consistent evaluation system for teachers and paraprofessionals. The Ninety Day Plan was reviewed with the board as well as the Extended Covid-19 Learning Plan.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. Smith spoke on behalf of the Mio Wrestling Program and shared his concerns regarding the need for a dedicated wrestling practice space. Wrestlers are currently sharing the music room. Mr. Smith would like to start a small committee dedicated to finding or creating a wrestling space such as an outbuilding. Mrs. Beek and Mrs. Oates spoke on the importance of staff wellness and the activities currently planned. Activities include games, potlucks, and much more. Mrs. Beek and Mrs. Oates are working to target root issues and secondary traumatic stress. Mrs. Kozlowski requested more information regarding the wrestling practice location. Mrs. Kozlowski also requested information about what is being done in the classroom to help with student behaviors and for clarification about the TBRI program. Mrs. Irelan suggested Mrs. Kozlowski set up an appointment with an administrative staff member anytime if she has additional questions or concerns.

Safety Committee Report – Mrs. Whaley presented the report. Committee members discussed installing alarms on alternative doors to discourage students from using. Staff concerns were shared with the committee. The P.A. system needs to be updated. There are additional radios that can be used where needed. The committee is hoping to partner with the Michigan State Police to review and evaluate the building and grounds safety. The crossing guard position has been filled.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – Nothing to report at this time.

Policy Committee Report – Neola representative met with Marvin to discuss upcoming changes. More to report in November.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Whaley shared information about an upcoming deadline for the Great Lakes Energy grant.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

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Whaley/Szymanski

to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cheryl La Vigne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.