

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 12, 2022**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

2022-2023-34

Whaley/ Hunter to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of November 7, 2022
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month - Six students announced as November Bolts of the Month

Trip Club Refresher Presentation – Mrs. McDonald presented a refresher of the upcoming June 2023 Europe Trip. Eleven students and seven adults will be travelling to London, Paris, and Barcelona for ten days.

Upcoming Wrestling Meet Presentation – Athletic Director, Mr. Marsh and Superintendent, Mr. Taylor presented to the board information regarding an upcoming High School wrestling meet in Marquette which would require an overnight stay by the team.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the elementary report. Mrs. Shiffer stated she recently attended a conference in Traverse City and was able to connect with principals and attended very informative breakout sessions. She thanked the board for allowing continued learning such as this to occur in order to better serve our students. Mrs. Shiffer also commented on the positive feedback she has been receiving from other facilities in regards to Mio staff during professional development sessions. Two low decibel hand dryers have been installed in the lower elementary bathrooms. Paraprofessional interviews are currently underway. A literacy grant in the amount of \$9,386 has been awarded and Mrs. Shiffer is currently working on the Marshall Grant. There will be a community music performance December 14th. Mrs. Shiffer thanked staff for stepping up and being flexible to cover absences due to sickness. Mrs. Shiffer also thanked paraprofessional substitute, Mrs. Klinger for making downtime games for classrooms that directly connect to the learning being done in the classroom. Mrs. Klinger used her own time and supplies for this project and we are very thankful!

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Mio Volleyball and Football athletes were awarded All-State Team, Academic All-State, All-Region Team, and 1st Team All-Conference. Middle School boys basketball season will finish in December. Wrestling meets are underway. The Sportsmanship Summit in Posen was a success and future summits will be centrally located, possibly here in Mio.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Ahearne presented the report. Mrs. McDonald and Mr. Ahearne have switched offices, please be patient as phone extension listings are updated. Students are decorating classroom doors with an ice cream sundae bar as a reward to the winners donated by Mr. Ahearne. The High School Drama class will be performing *Humbug High: A Contemporary Christmas Carol* at 6:30 on January 3rd. Local businesses have donated silent auction items to the drama fundraiser that will take place during the performance. Kristen Eagle will be speaking at an upcoming staff meeting to help staff implement their TBRI training. Mr. Taylor thanked staff members for stepping up to help make everything work smoothly amid illnesses.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor will be attending training at COOR ISD on December 22nd. Budget revisions have begun and will be presented to the Board in early 2023. MDE school accountability scorecards have been released for the first time since the covid-19 pandemic. Exit data and survey information has been collected as part of our work in addressing student behaviors. The Knights of Columbus recently bestowed the Special Education Department with a donation in the amount of \$1,300. Mr. Taylor thanked the staff, community, and board members for their patience as he learns how Mio AuSable Schools and the community function and shared his optimism for the 2023 year.

Citizens' Comments – None

Safety Committee Report – Mrs. Whaley presented the report. The district owns 13-15 additional radios that have been distributed to staff to aid in communication between all school wings. Section 97 and 31aa grant awards were discussed and plans have been made to use the funds for safety assessments, critical incident mapping, and mental health support for students. Intercom improvements to decrease dead zones are a priority.

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

Finance Committee Report – Mrs. Ireland presented the report. Mrs. Ireland thanked the community for approving the sinking fund millage. The newly approved sinking fund millage will last four years. The committee met to discuss priorities for this funding. Mr. Taylor will be creating and distributing a survey for community members to voice their input regarding improvements. Possible projects include track repairs, parking lot improvements, main entrance improvements, roof repairs, ventilation improvements, and playground repairs.

Action Items

2022-2023-35

Long/Whaley

to approve the second readings of Neola Policy Updates: "Compensation", "Vendor Relations", "Fair Labor Standards Act", "Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems", "Flags and Displays", "School Visitors", and Vol. 37, No. 1.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-36

Hunter/Szymanski

to approve the trip presented by Kelli McDonald and organized by members of the Trip Club to travel to London/Paris/Barcelona in June 2023

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-37

Szymanski/Whaley

to approve the improving of the existing PA system to address dead spots within the building. Expenditures for these improvements are not to exceed \$60,000 with funds used to do this work coming from a categorical Section 97 grant.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-38

Hunter/Szymanski

to approve the Mio AuSable Wrestling team to travel and stay overnight in Marquette on Friday, December 16, 2022 and Saturday, December 17, 2022 for the purposes of competing in a wrestling tournament.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Irelan thanked Ms. Szymanski and Mrs. Holzwarth for their service on the Mio AuSable Schools Board. Mrs. Irelan welcomed Mrs. Mitchell to the board starting in January and reminded the board that there will be one vacancy beginning in January as well.

Correspondence -

Holiday cards were received from Set Seg and Neola.

There was no other business.

2022-2023-39

Whaley/Long

to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Hunter, Vice President



