

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2023**

PRESENT: Hunter, Irelan, LaVigne, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff
ABSENT:
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor, 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.

2022-2023-60

LaVigne/ Whaley to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 9, 2023
- b) Minutes of Special Meeting on January 13, 2023
- c) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

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

PAC Representative Presentation – Mr. Taylor presented the possibility of Dawn Collins being the Mio AuSable PAC representative. This is a new peer resource group being organized by COOR to assist new special education students and families.

Middle School Trips Presentation – Mr. Taylor presented the tentative dates and destinations for the upcoming middle school educational trips organized by Mrs. McGregor. The sixth-grade will be traveling to New York City May 22-25, 2023. The seventh-grade will be travelling to Philadelphia May 9-12, 2023. The eighth-grade will be travelling to Washington D.C. April 26-30, 2023. A tour of the capital has been arranged for 8th grade students courtesy of Representative Jack Bergman.

MASB Board of Directors Candidates Presentation – MASB provided board members with information regarding the three candidates on the Region 2 ballot. Nicolette Brown, Doug Parkes, and Kenneth Stahl are running for Region 2. Mio AuSable School board is required to vote for one candidate. Mr. Parkes did reach out to board members via email.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the elementary report. Mrs. Shiffer shared the NWEA testing results, which serve as a math, reading, and language levels screener. The NWEA information also includes student attendance information. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Mrs. DeGuzman for her hard work as the school's Attendance Officer. The Jan/Feb newsletter was shared with the board. Mrs. Marsh will be teaching the reproductive health unit to fifth graders. Mrs. Shiffer shared a copy of the parent letter going home to families regarding the upcoming health unit. Lyndsay Dalke from the MSU Extension office has begun a six-week nutrition series for 4th and 5th graders. Heather Sharpe has joined our building from COOR for three days a week to help support TBRI initiatives and behavior. Upcoming professional development topics include Universal Supports for Students with Disabilities and CPI Training. The Elementary office has begun preparations for kindergarten registration. Students registered before July will be included in the annual K Camp. Mrs. Shiffer reminded board members that March is reading month and invited board members to join in on reading activities. Elementary enrollment is 220. February's character trait is courage.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. The varsity boys basketball team is currently 14-0. MHSAA boys basketball districts will be held at Mio this year. Varsity girls basketball team has seen a lot of improvement and they are getting better every game. Mio wrestling team districts were held at home. Wrestling individual regionals will be held in Petoskey and state finals will be held in Detroit. A high school golf team is in the works for next year.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the MS/HS report on behalf of Mr. Ahearne. The first pizza war was a success. Mio Pizza Shop won the contest and will be receiving a plaque to be displayed until next year's contest. Mr. Taylor shared the NWEA testing results with the board. Natalie Davis will be joining during a staff meeting to walk through the new XELLO program. This program will be used to help students explore career options. Mrs. McDonald organized a field trip for 6th graders to tour the Kirtland campus. Mr. Taylor thanked Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Brown for organizing and attending the field trip. Brenda Easterling has joined the Thunder Bay team to work with students grades 6-12.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that Mio has been awarded funding for the 97 and 31aa grants. The PA system will be a priority and Secure Education Consultants will be completing a building wide threat assessment. The budget revision is possible now that grant funding has been announced. Carryover title funds have been announced. Mr. Taylor is exploring options for how this funding can be best spent to impact student learning. There will be a joint board meeting of all six COOR ISD school boards in April. Annual education reports will be posted on the school website as well as mischooldata.org. Mr. Taylor thanked Mrs. Shiffer and Mr. Ahearne for their hard work collecting the NWEA data. This data will be used for the 98b goal submission. Mr. Taylor also made the board aware of a state-wide issue called "Swatting."

Citizens' Comments – Mr. Miller asked for clarification on closed meetings and public comments during a board meeting. Mrs. Irelan and Mr. Taylor shared the reasons for closed meetings and directed Mr. Miller to the public participation handout at the auditorium entrance. Mrs. Irelan stated that Mr. Miller is welcome to meet with Mr. Taylor at any time. Mrs. Miller, Director of Food Service, updated the board on food service happenings. Thanks to an equipment grant, a new dishwasher will be installed. The food service department was able to purchase four gently used cafeteria tables for the price of one new table from another school. The supply chain has been looking good and there have been minimal changes to the menu due to ingredient shortages. Mrs. Miller invited board members to visit the kitchen anytime. Mr. McFalda shared that Tom Moran from Moran Iron Works will be visiting the shop department on the 22nd for a tour and to donate a load of scrap steel. Mr. Moran is looking forward to seeing our new iron worker and plasma cam in action.

Safety Committee Report – The Safety Committee did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – The Strategic Planning Committee did not meet.

Finance Committee Report – Mrs. Long presented the report. Mrs. Long reported that our current diesel mechanic will be retiring. A new mechanic with a mobile repair unit at a comparable cost is being considered. An extensive summer school program using Title 1 funds is being planned. A partnership with the local child protection agency is being developed to bring a "Protect Young Eyes" presentation to students and families.

Action Items

2022-2023-61

Mitchell/LaVigne

consider the approval of the sixth-grade trip to New York City to be held on May 22-May 25, the seventh-grade trip to Philadelphia to be held on May 9 – May 12, and the eighth-grade trip to Washington D.C. to be held on April 26-30.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-62

Mitchell/Hunter

consider the approval of overnight individual wrestling districts, regional, and state meets. The dates of these meets are February 10th in Cadillac (individual district meet with retroactive approval), February 17th in Petoskey (regional meet), and March 2nd and 3rd at Detroit Renaissance Center (state meet.)

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-63

Long/Wyckoff

consider the approval of Dawn Collins as PAC representative for Mio AuSable School District.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-64

Whaley/Mitchell

consider the approval of MASB Board of Directors ballot selection for Doug Parkes.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Irelan thanked Mr. Taylor for the wonderful articles he writes for the Oscoda County Herald and for finding and applying to grants for the school. Mrs. Whaley thanked Mr. Taylor for attending local community meetings and sharing news and information with local groups.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2022-2023-65

Whaley/Long

to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Cheryl LaVigne, Secretary



