

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 10, 2023**

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PRESENT: Hunter, Irelan, LaVigne, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff  
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.

**2022-2023-73**

Whaley/ Long to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 13, 2023
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

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

**Spring NEOLA Policy Updates Vol. 37-2 Discussion** – Mr. Taylor presented the board with the first reading of proposed updates to NEOLA policies 2623, 3215, 5512, 6325, 7434, 7540, 7540.03, 7540.04, 8300, 8315, 8400, 9160, and 9700.01. Mr. Wyckoff inquired as to when the second and final reading would occur. Mr. Taylor responded that both would occur at the next board meeting.

**Elementary Principal's Report** – Mrs. Shiffer presented the report. Mrs. Shiffer explained the different structure of the Spring conferences. These conferences are invitation only in order to plan for more in depth meetings with students and families that staff feel would most benefit. STEAM night is scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elementary staff are participating in Differentiated Instruction professional development for a literacy component in all classrooms next year. Kindergarten transition meetings are scheduled for mid-May. Kindergarten registration is underway. Those who register early will have the opportunity for engagement activities with kindergarten staff. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Mrs. LaVigne and Mrs. Mitchell for reading to students in March. The sensory room is taking shape. Mrs. Marsh partnered with the American Heart Association and about 30 students earned a Glow Party. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Mrs. Thompson and the custodial crew for their work. April's character trait is compassion. Current enrollment is 218.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Several boys basketball players received season awards. Four wrestlers received NSL All-Conference. Spring sports are underway. Sports physicals for the 23-24 school year will be held April 25<sup>th</sup> at the school by McLaren.

**Middle School / High School Principal's Report** – Mr. Ahearne presented the report. Mr. Ahearne announced that Anthony Henderson would be Valedictorian and Gage Long would be Salutatorian. A District Wellness Committee is being formed. Four MS/HS staff attended a training by the Michigan State Police to help the school create a Threat Assessment Protocol. Students will be testing in the upcoming weeks. Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Ahearne will be taking 11<sup>th</sup> graders to Camp Grayling for a "Meet the Guard" field trip. Mrs. Ahearne's drama classes will be presenting "Back to the 80s" on April 26<sup>th</sup> and "The Veggie Villain or...He Had a Steak in it" on May 31<sup>st</sup>. The public is welcome to attend.



Three applicants have applied for the posted Science/Math position. Current enrollment is 257.

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report. The consolidation application modifications are almost complete. Thanks to a grant from Stephanie Cleaves, the Protect Young Eyes presentation is coming to both Mio and Fairview Schools on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This presentation will discuss internet safety and cyberbullying for grades 5-12. Summer school plans are still underway. Technicians were in the building to work on the PA system. Repairs and improvements were made, but another trip to the building is needed to finish the work. Mr. Taylor is planning a "Soup with the Supe" event on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:00. This is an opportunity for the community to meet with Mr. Taylor and discuss community mental health needs and the school. Mr. Taylor also updated the board regarding the Special Education department. Mr. Taylor met with the MS/HS paraprofessionals and the paraprofessionals worked to create a schedule that met all requirements and they were comfortable with. A long-term paraprofessional sub was brought in to cover a vacancy. A special education audit occurred before spring break. One item needed to be fixed in one IEP. Mr. Taylor has arranged for Mrs. Akers, the Director of Special Education at COOR, to come to the district for a review of the Special Education program. Mr. Taylor has applied for a scholarship through MSBO to attend a virtual business manager academy.

**Citizens' Comments** – Mrs. Welch shared information regarding the Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education along with current district caseload information. Mrs. Welch asked board members to consider adding more special education teachers to the staff. Mr. McFalda asked Mr. Taylor to speak about the recent work with Moran Iron Works. Mr. Taylor updated the board about the ongoing partnership between the industrial arts program at Mio and Moran Iron Works. This partnership provides Mio students with materials, demonstrations, tours, and other supports that can lead to careers in the welding and fabrication field. Mr. McFalda added that this relationship has been in place for over 20 years and many projects have been completed by Mio students throughout the years.

**Safety Committee Report** – The Safety Committee did not meet.

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

**Finance Committee Report** – The finance committee met to review the upcoming Title funding and plans to use the funding for summer school, a book vending machine, parent engagement, a book bus, the One School One Book program, secondary classroom libraries, Chromebook replacements, STEM programming, and the Spanish program.

#### **Action Items**

**2022-2023-74**

Mitchell/Whaley

consider the approval to spend up to \$55,000.00 for expenditures repairing the PA system by Johnson Controls using Section 97 grant funds.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Board Members' Comments** – Mrs. Irelan hopes that there will be time for special education staff to meet with Mrs. Akers when she visits for her review. Mrs. Mitchell inquired as to whether there was an update on the computers available for purchase. Mr. Taylor responded that he is waiting on information from Mr. Warren in the technology department. Mrs. Whaley thanked Mr. McFalda for all of his work in the shop department.

**Correspondence** - None

There was no other business.



2022-2023-75

LaVigne/Mitchell

to adjourn at 6:52 p.m.


YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Cheryl LaVigne, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cheryl LaVigne", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

