

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 31, 2022 (Rescheduled from January 10, 2022)**

PRESENT: Hunter, Irelan, Long, Szymanski, Whaley
ABSENT: Holzwarth, La Vigne
ADMINISTRATION: Ahearne, Ciske, Shiffer
RECORDING SECRETARY: Holloway

Superintendent Ciske called the meeting to order at 6:30 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.

Mr. Ciske called for nominations for the office of President. Hunter nominated Irelan for President.

2021-2022-23

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

Roll call vote.

YES: Hunter, Irelan, Long, Szymanski, Whaley

NO: None

Motion approved.

- **President, Board of Education for 2022: PENNY J. IRELAN**

President Irelan conducted the balance of the Organizational Meeting business. Irelan called for nominations for the office of Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Whaley nominated Hunter for Vice President, La Vigne for Secretary, Holzwarth for Treasurer as a group.

2021-2022-24

Whaley/Szymanski that nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer are closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Hunter for Vice President, La Vigne for Secretary and Holzwarth for Treasurer.

Roll call vote.

YES: Hunter, Irelan, Long, Szymanski, Whaley

NO: None

Motion approved.

- **Vice President, Board of Education for 2022: MARY LOU HUNTER**
- **Secretary, Board of Education for 2022: CHERYL LA VIGNE**
- **Treasurer, Board of Education for 2022: ELIZABETH (LIZZ) HOLZWARTH**

Board Member Recognition – Mr. Ciske 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.

Consent Agenda**2021-2022-25**

Long/Whaley

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular meeting – December 13, 2021
- b) Monthly Finance.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Athletic Report – Mr. Ahearne presented an athletic report. JV and Varsity boys' basketball is underway. Shared players are allowing individuals to receive a lot of play time and this is also creating good team chemistry. Wrestling is underway and it has been a productive year for both the JV and Varsity teams. Multiple wrestling students placed within the top 5 at recent events. Middle school volleyball practice starts February 7, 2022. A middle school track team has been formed and Kristi McGregor is the coach. Mr. Ahearne is pursuing a presentation with Olympian Alex Rose, hoping he could visit before track season.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ahearne reported the end of the first semester has been completed and report cards are being finalized. CTE classes in Roscommon and the recreational engines class that is held at the district high school are all five days a week now. Winter spirit week is being held this week in the high school along with snowcoming events this weekend. Seniors all received scholarship packets this week. Senior awards night has been scheduled for May 25, 2022. Eleven new members have been inducted into NHS. Ms. Bills, a school paraprofessional, has volunteered to head the Youth in Government program. Ms. Bills will be taking five students to Lansing this month to participate in the mock government experiment. A proposed mural design for the high school hallway has been submitted by art teacher Mr. Brzozowski. Plans are being finalized for the upcoming middle school trips that are scheduled in the next few months. Two new paraprofessionals have been hired. One of the new hires will be filling an open spot, the other will act as a floater to fill in any paraprofessional position needed for the day in the district. Ms. Wangler was hired and has started teaching math for middle school and high school students.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reported on elementary happenings. All elementary paraprofessionals participated in training with COOR in supporting challenging behaviors. District wide CPI training will be conducted by Mrs. Marsh this month. Fundraising efforts have made it possible to book one educational assembly a month starting in January. A few staff members are currently attending TBRI training. NWEA testing has been completed. A copy of the results will be presented for the February board meeting. Data meetings with teaching staff have begun. Professional development is being planned for next year. Elementary report cards went home January 21. Mrs. Foss was hired as a paraprofessional. Mrs. Shiffer invited the board to inquire with her if there is anything found on social media they may question regarding the elementary school. Mrs. Shiffer commended the elementary staff for their willingness to support students and other staff when vacancies are left due to illness. She also thanked the substitute staff for their willingness to continue to cover vacancies.

Superintendents' Report – Mr. Ciske commended, and thanked, the administration staff for their time and effort that was put in while he was off on medical leave. He also thanked staff at COOR for their help during this time as well. Mr. Ciske reported all staffing positions are currently filled although the district will continue to look for a special education teacher. Revisions to the budget will be presented to the board at the February board meeting. Part of the districts' cybersecurity is a new monitoring program recommended by SET-SEG designed to send out phishing emails periodically to staff. It is also a teaching tool for staff on how to spot phishing emails by giving a training assignment if they choose to click on something they shouldn't. The approval of NEOLA policy update of 34-2 and 36-1 is an action item on the agenda for this

meeting. Ms. Irelan has set up MASB training on February 17, 2022 on the topic of roles and responsibilities of school board members.

Board Committee Assignments and Goals – Due to the absences of two board members, the Board Committee Assignments and Goals will be tabled and discussed at the March 14, 2022 regular board meeting.

Citizens’ Comments – Mrs. McGregor approached the board regarding the athletic boosters resurfacing a tennis court on district grounds along with questions regarding the athletic boosters’ donations to non-athletic organizations as well as lending to youth programs.

Action Items -

2021-2022-26

Szymanski/Long consider approval of the first reading of NEOLA Policy updated 36-1.
YES: 5
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Board Members’ Comments – President Irelan reminded everyone of the board training through MASB that is scheduled for February 17, 2022.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2021-2022-27

Whaley/Szymanski to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

YES: 5
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Holloway, Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Hunter, Board Vice President