

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2022**

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PRESENT: Holzwarth, Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Long, Szymanski, Whaley  
ABSENT: None  
ADMINISTRATION: Ahearne, Ciske, Shiffer  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: None  
RECORDING SECRETARY: McVeigh

President Irelan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda**

**2021-2022-28**

Hunter/La Vigne to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 31, 2022
- b) Monthly finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Bolt of the Month Awards** – Sixth, seventh and eighth grade students were honored as Bolt of the Month recipients. Twelve students received these awards for the months of December and January. These students were honored for their academic and citizenship achievements. President Irelan stressed what an achievement and honor it is to receive this award. She also thanked parents/guardians for their role in assisting their child to be the best they can be, not only through grades but through citizenship as well.

**Budget Revision** – Superintendent Ciske presented the 2021-2022 budget revision, including revenue/expenditure projections and fund balance. The revised budget reflects an FTE student count of 499, with a foundation grant of \$8,700 per student. The revision also includes the purchase of two school buses. Mr. Ciske added that the revision projects an estimated fund balance of \$852,000, which equates to 11% of general fund expenditures. A final budget will be presented in June.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Due to the absence of the athletic director, Mr. Ahearne provided an update. The boys wrestling team won districts for Division 4. Team regionals will be held at Traverse City Saint Francis. There will be eleven athletes attending individual regionals in Charlevoix. This is a school record. Middle School volleyball will have their first game on February 21. The boys' basketball team defeated Oscoda Friday evening.

**Elementary Principals' Report** – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. Mrs. Marsh will provide CPI training on Friday. NWEA is complete and Mrs. Shiffer provided a copy of the data. Continuing to work on curriculum and pacing. Data meetings have been very helpful. We continuously use data, both formative and summative, to review and address student need. Mrs. Michelle Ewald continues to provide service on a regular basis at a literacy coach. Elementary enrollment is currently at 207. The February character trait is kindness. Mrs. Shiffer commended recess staff for their monitoring of outside activities for students. She also commended all teaching staff for pushing to get the data compiled for meetings. In addition, she stated that our new elementary para, Melissa Foss, has been a positive addition to the team.

**Middle School / High School Principals' Report** – Mr. Ahearne reviewed middle school/high school information. Five Youth in Government students will leave for Lansing with Mrs. Pam Schanck escorting the group instead of Lindsay Bills. NWEA testing is complete. Mr. Ahearne provided a brief summary of the results. The top ten students have been calculated and names will be released soon. Mr. Ahearne is looking to implement a program called Study Sanctuary, where students who may need extra help or simply time to complete tasks, would meet. Two new paras have joined Mio AuSable Schools – Nicole DeHetre and Olivia Cooper.

**Superintendent's Report** – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. Two teachers, Kimberly Clark and Carla Rhoads have announced their plans to retire at the end of the school year. These teachers have been a significant part of Mio AuSable Schools and will be deeply missed. Mr. John Poff retired from Mio a couple years ago and has been working as a long-term substitute. He will not return next year. Courtney Beltz has informed us that she will be resigning from the athletic director position at the end of this school year. Elementary parapro, Heidi Scott, will not be returning in the fall as her family is moving out of state. NEOLA Policy update 36-1 was approved for the first reading in January. Second reading and adoption is an action item this evening. On Thursday, the board will have a training on board roles and responsibilities. This training will be held in the auditorium and put on by MASB.

**Citizens' Comments** – Mr. Ryan Rondo and Mrs. Kristi McGregor addressed the board regarding the Mio Athletic Boosters.

#### Action Items -

##### 2021-2022-29

Hunter/Holzwarth

consider the approval of the Revised 2021-22 Budgets for the General Fund, Food Service and Student Activity Funds.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

##### 2021-2022-30

Szymanski/Hunter

consider the approval of the second reading and adoption of NEOLA Policy Update 36-1.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

##### 2021-2022-31

Szymanski/Long

consider, with regrets, the approval of retirement for Carla Rhoads, effective June 30, 2022

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

##### 2021-2022-32

Holzwarth/Whaley

consider, with regrets, the approval of retirement for Kimberly Clark, effective June 30, 2022

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion approved

**2021-2022-33**

Hunter/Whaley

to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations at 7:25 p.m.

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion approved

**2021-2022-34**

La Vigne/Holzwarth

to return to open session at 7:43 p.m.

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion approved

**Board Members' Comments** – Mrs. Whaley stated that she felt it would be wonderful to hold a pep assembly for the wrestling team. Mrs. Whaley also commented on events that happened at recent basketball games.

**Correspondence** - None

There was no other business.

**2021-2022-35**

La Vigne/ Whaley

to adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary