

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2022**

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

2021-2022-55

Holzwarth, Szymanski to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of April 11, 2022 and Special Board Meetings of May 2, 2022, May 9, 2022 and May 10, 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 for March and April. These students were honored for their academic and citizenship achievements. President Irelan stressed the honor that 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.

COOR ISD Budget Presentation – Due to a conflicting schedule COOR ISD Superintendent, Shawn Petri, was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, Superintendent Ciske presented the 2022-2023 General Fund Budget for COOR ISD.

Athletic Director's Report – Due to the absence of the athletic director, Mr. Ahearne provided a brief update. Spring sports are winding down. Baseball and softball districts will be held the weekend of June 3. Chris Tappan resigned from her position as the Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach. This position was posted and Kristi McGregor was selected to fill the position. The district will be hosting a sports physical clinic on May 25.

Elementary Principals' Report – Mrs. Shiffer reviewed elementary information. The first Kindergarten registration was held April 18. There are currently 22 students registered. Kindergarten transition meetings have been held. M-Step testing went well and were completed the week of May 9. NWEA testing is winding down. Due to an increase in the need for many of our younger students, we will be adding more paraprofessionals. We have started this process with the hiring of Lauren Loop. She will be a great addition. Paraprofessional evaluations are complete and teacher evaluations are ongoing. The Safety Committee met to establish a process and protocols for verifying the safety of volunteers for field trips, classroom time, etc. There are many end of the year events scheduled. The current enrollment for grades K-5 is 208. May's character trait will be friendliness. Mrs. Shiffer recognized COOR employees, Thelma Hibbird and Kristin Lubs-Eagle, for their support with the district's behavior needs and helping to strengthen the K-5 program.

Middle School / High School Principals' Report – Mr. Ahearne reviewed middle school/high school information. The Middle School trips were an overall positive and excellent experience for many students. A huge thank you to Kristi McGregor for organizing these events and to the chaperones who assisted. Also, a huge thank you to everyone who donated to make these trips possible. On May 6, Mr. Ahearne took Dallas Long and Draven Karbowski to Ferris State University for the 18th Annual Secondary Welding Competition. The students did well and were able to bring back between \$2,500-\$3,000 worth of supplies. Mrs. Ahearne's Middle School drama class performed 'Folk Tails' for the elementary and middle school students. It was very well received. The High School drama class will perform 'Murder on the 518'. As the end of the year approaches, we are still in need of filling some positions. Math, science, art and special education positions have all been posted. Leslie Laird was hired for the position of English teacher for the 2022-23 school year. Baccalaureate will be held at Tripoint Church on June 1, with graduation on June 3.

Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Ciske provided an update. As previously reported, Leslie Laird has been hired. The position of 'Payroll and Benefits Specialist' was posted with a deadline of May 19. To date there have been seven applicants. Bus driver, Roy Ickes, has submitted his letter of retirement, effective June 30, 2022. Mr. Ciske reviewed graduation procedures and events. NEOLA policy update Volume 36, Number 2 is ready for the approval of the first reading and will be an action item this evening. There have been recent discussions regarding the district owning a passenger vehicle to assist with transporting students to events. Mr. Ciske inquired if the board would like to assign this to a board committee or form an ad-hoc committee for this purpose. Consensus that a committee will discuss and provide the board with a recommendation. The board committee will consist of: Linda Whaley, Allison Long and Lizz Holzwarth. Mr. Ciske also reported that the annual MHSAA Membership will require board approval this evening. Discussion regarding changing the starting time for board meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Ciske commented that this could be done at the July Organizational Meeting.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. McFalda mentioned that he would like to express his thanks to Jim Gendernalik for his continued volunteer support to the district.

Action Items -

2021-2022-56

Whaley/La Vigne consider the approval of the hiring of Leslie Laird for the position of English teacher.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2021-2022-57

Hunter/Szymanski consider approval of COOR ISD General Fund budget.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2021-2022-58

Holzwarth/La Vigne consider approval of the first reading of NEOLA Policy Update 36-2.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2021-2022-59

Hunter/La Vigne

consider approval of the retirement of Roy Ickes effective June 30, 2022.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2021-2022-60

Szymanski/La Vigne

consider approval of the resolution for membership in MHSAA for the 2022-2023 school year.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Whaley expressed her opinion regarding the refurbishing of the tennis courts on school grounds. Mrs. Holzwarth inquired as to board members handing out diplomas to specific students.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2021-2022-61

Holzwarth/Szymanski

to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette McVeigh, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary