

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 8, 2024**

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PRESENT: Hoffman, Hunter, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff  
ABSENT:  
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor, Marsh  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

Superintendent Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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. Taylor called for nominations for the office of president. Long nominated Wyckoff for president.

**2023-2024-64**

Long/Whaley that nominations for President are closed and a ballot be cast for Wyckoff for President.

Roll call vote.

YES: Hoffman, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff

NO: Hunter

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

- **President, Board of Education for 2024: Todd Wyckoff**

President Wyckoff conducted the balance of the Organizational Meeting business. Wyckoff called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Whaley nominated Long for vice president.

**2023-2024-65**

Whaley/Mitchell that nominations for Vice President are closed and a ballot be cast for Long for Vice President.

Roll call vote.

YES: Hoffman, Hunter, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

- **Vice President, Board of Education for 2024: Allison Long**

President Wyckoff called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Long nominated Mitchell for Secretary.

**2023-2024-66**

Wyckoff/Whaley that nominations for Secretary are closed and a ballot be cast for Mitchell for Secretary.

Roll call vote.

YES: Hoffman, Hunter, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

- **Secretary, Board of Education for 2024: Kathi Mitchell**

President Wyckoff called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Whaley nominated Hoffman for Treasurer.

**2023-2024-67**

Whaley/Long that nominations for Treasurer are closed and a ballot be cast for Hoffman for Treasurer.

Roll call vote.

YES: Hoffman, Hunter, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

- **Treasurer, Board of Education for 2024: Richard Hoffman**

**2023-2024-68**

Mitchell/Irelan to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting – December 11, 2023
- b) Minutes of Special Meeting – December 12, 2023
- c) Monthly Finance.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Board Member Recognition** – Mr. Taylor announced that January is Board Recognition Month and thanked each board member for their service and dedication to the district.

**Bolt of the Month** – Fourteen students announced as December Bolts of the Month

**Staff Appreciation Presentation** – Board members read 4 staff appreciation submissions aloud. Mrs. Ward was selected to win the giveaway. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

**Strategic Planning Update Presentation** – Mr. Wyckoff presented the update. Based on work done from October through December the committee is presenting the board with new mission, vision, and belief statements to be approved. Strategic goal areas have been determined and specific goals are being created.

**Athletic Director’s Report** – Mr. Marsh presented the Athletic report. Boys basketball has a 4-5 record and girls basketball has a 7-0 record. The varsity girls basketball team competed against two class A schools over winter break and won both games. Miss Burden is ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the state for wrestling and Mr. A. Burden is ranked 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Elementary Principal’s Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the Elementary report. NWEA assessments are underway. Current enrollment is 219. January’s character trait is grit. Mr. Taylor thanked everyone who helped with the recent concert.

**Middle School / High School Principal’s Report** – Mr. Taylor and Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Mr. Taylor welcomed Ms. Margaritis to the school district. Ms. Margaritis announced the upcoming FAFSA Completion Night which is possible due to a grant Mrs. McDonald secured. Mrs. Carroll’s yearbook/journalism class is preparing a monthly newsletter which is being posted to the school’s Facebook page. Interviews are being held for two secondary paraprofessional openings. Second semester scheduling is being finalized. Current enrollment is 268.

**Superintendent’s Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report. The central office is working on the budget revision, the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The 31aa budget has been submitted. Results from the 2021-2022 title audit have been received. A corrective action plan will be submitted. The community center grant is still in the review process. New heat exchangers are scheduled to be installed in January. The Secure Education Consultants report has been received. A meeting will be arranged to go over the results. The gym floors were refinished over the winter break.

**Discussion of Board Committee Assignments**

- Finance: Long, Hunter, Ireland
- Policy: Hunter, Ireland, La Vigne
- School Improvement: Long, Whaley, Mitchell
- Athletic: Whaley, La Vigne, Long
- Safety: Whaley, Long, Mitchell
- Strategic Planning: Ireland, Whaley, Hunter

**Citizen Comments** – None

**Committee Reports** –

Finance Committee – Did not meet

Policy Committee – Did not meet

Safety Committee – Did not meet

Strategic Planning Committee – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report. The committee met to discuss the upcoming elementary principal vacancy. The committee decided to post for an interim principal to finish out the school year.

**Board Committee Reorganization Discussion** – The following committees and members were proposed:

Academic – Mitchell, Long, Whaley

Personnel – Wyckoff, Hunter, Mitchell

Policy – Ireland, Hoffman, Hunter

Operations/Safety – Mitchell, Hoffman, Wyckoff

Finance – Long, Linda, Ireland

Strategic Planning – Whaley, Hunter, Wyckoff

**Strategic Planning Discussion** – Board members discussed the proposed changes.

**Action Items**

**2023-2024-69**

Long/Hoffman

Consider the approval of the second reading of NEOLA policy updates Policy 0122 Board Powers, Policy 1420 School Administrator Evaluation, Policy 3131 Staff Reductions/Recalls, Policy 3142 Probationary Teachers, Policy 3220 Professional Staff Evaluation

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-70**

Irelan/Whaley

Consider the approval of board committee reorganization as discussed

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-71**

Whaley/Irelan

Consider the approval of 1099 to W-2 board compensation

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-72**

Mitchell/Long

Consider the approval of updated versions of the mission, vision, belief, and goals statements

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-73**

Whaley/Mitchell

Consider the approval of hiring April Margaritis as interim middle/high school principal

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-74**

Hunter/Long

Consider the approval of hiring Larry Lubitz as middle/high school ELA teacher for the remainder of the 23-24 school year

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-75**

Long/Hunter

Consider the approval of hiring Michael Smith as middle/high school math and science teacher

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSTAIN: None

**Citizens Comments** – Mr. Gendernalik spoke on the upcoming 2024 millage for the Career Tech Ed program at COOR.

**Board Member Comments** - Mrs. Whaley welcomed Ms. Margaritis. Mr. Wyckoff thanked board members for their hard work.

**Correspondence** - None

There was no other business

**2023-2024-76**

Whaley/Hunter

to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

YES: 7  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary



Kathi Mitchell, Board Secretary

