

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 9, 2023**

PRESENT: Hoffman, Hunter, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Wyckoff, Whaley
ABSENT: Whaley
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.

2023-2024-39

Hunter/ Mitchell to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 11, 2023
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – Five middle school students and one high school student were presented with awards.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the report. Mrs. Shiffer welcomed Mrs. Sutton as the new fourth grade teacher. Food bag deliveries will start in October. Donations are still needed for the food bag program. A long-term paraprofessional sub is filling in for a prolonged staff absence through Edustaff. Pumpkin carving is scheduled for October 25th. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Family Fare for their donation of 100 pumpkins for pumpkin carving night. Kay Woodruff has joined the team as a school success coordinator though NEMCSA. Mrs. Beek and Mrs. Brown will be representing Mio on the Student Support Network Team with COOR. Ms. Nordstrand's art classes will be sending artwork to overseas soldiers. The Thunderbay clinic is still searching for a nurse. Mrs. Shiffer was awarded a grant from TC Energy for the purchase of two smart boards. Four Elementary classrooms are still in need of smart boards. Current enrollment is 219.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Ahearne presented the report. Mr. Ahearne was awarded a grant from MEEMIC. Safe Talk was a success. SAT/PSAT tests will be taken digitally October 24th and 25th. High School drama will be going to Ogemaw Heights to watch "Tuck Everlasting". The High School play will take place at 6:00 p.m. on November 28th. October is college month. Apprenticeship specialists will be presenting apprentice basics to the English 12 classes on November 13th. Career Day Fair will take place on October 27th. Current enrollment is 270.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Varsity Football's final home game will be against CHA. Varsity Volleyball will be hosting the annual Pink Out game against Fairview. Volleyball districts will be in Coleman starting October 30th. JV Volleyball will be competing in the NSL Big Dipper Tournament in Alcona. Middle School Volleyball took first place in a recent tournament. Middle School basketball season is beginning.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that there will be a new school aid categorical called 22L to help school districts with transportation costs. There will be more information to follow. Tawas Area Schools is requesting admittance into the North Star League, which would move our school to the Little Dipper League. Mr. Taylor thanked Mrs. Shiffer for her hard work in obtaining the smart board grant from TC Energy. Strategic Planning listening sessions have been rescheduled for October 10th from 1:00-6:00. The Strategic Planning retreat will occur on October 21st. Secure Education Consultants will be evaluating the building on October 19th. Security window coverings have been ordered and will cost much less than originally budgeted for.

Citizen’s Comments – Mr. Gendernalik informed the board that COOR ISD is seeking approval of a millage to enhance the career and technical education programming which is available to students at Mio AuSable Schools. Mr. Gendernalik also commented on the importance of improving facilities and programs for students interested in trades careers. Mr. King inquired as to who the long-term Edustaff sub was covering for.

Finance Committee Report – The finance committee did not meet.

Policy Committee Report – The Policy Committee did not meet.

Safety Committee Report – The Safety Committee did not meet.

Action Items

2023-2024-40

Whaley/Long

consider the approval of hiring Ameer Sutton as an elementary teacher

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried

2023-2024-41

Long/Hunter

to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

2023-2024-42

Mitchell/Wyckoff

to return to open session at 7:06 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Irelan commented that she enjoyed the Elementary newsletter.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2023-2024-43
Mitchell/Hunter


to adjourn at 7:11 pm

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary



Todd Wyckoff, Board Secretary

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