

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 7, 2022**

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PRESENT: Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Long, Whaley  
ABSENT: Holzwarth, Szymanski  
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor, 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.

**2022-2023-26**

La Vigne/ Long to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 10, 2022
- b) Minutes of Special Meeting of October 11, 2022
- c) Monthly Finance

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Bolt of the Month** - Six students announced as October Bolts of the Month

**Audit presentation** – Samantha Cain – Weinlander Fitzhugh, presented and reviewed the Annual 2021-2022 Audit Report, including the General Fund, Capitol Projects (Sinking) Fund, Food Service and 2013 Debt Retirement Fund. Presentation also included ending fund balances and upcoming accounting requirements.

**Elementary Principal's Report** – Mrs. Shiffer presented the elementary report. Elementary staff working on rubric development with COOR literacy coaches as well as behavior coaching with teachers and paras with COOR staff. Book fair was a great success! 94 attended free pumpkin carving for families. Mrs. Shiffer expressed her gratitude for the Thunder Bay Clinic. The health department administered hearing and vision screenings. Elementary students have begun to receive teletherapy speech services. Parent teacher conferences had 87% participation. Enrollment is at 230. Staff is working to look at classroom and whole group incentives at achievable intervals to promote positive behavior from students. Mrs. Shiffer thanked the anonymous donor who gave \$200 at the book fair. Mrs. Shiffer also thanked Mr. & Mrs. Mier, Mrs. Boright, and Mrs. DeGuzman for their help with pumpkin carving.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. 20 varsity football records will be in the 8-man Division 2 record books from Mio athletes for the 2022 season. Volleyball districts were held at Hale – Mio lost 3-0 to Atlanta. Eight student athletes will be attending the Sportsmanship Summit in Posen. Wrestling and high school basketball practices start in November. Three Mio athletes played soccer and one ran cross country with Fairview this Fall.

**Middle School / High School Principal's Report** – Mr. Taylor provided an update on behalf of Mr. Ahearne. The Discipline Committee has met and are working to discuss ideas with staff. Kristen Eagle from COOR has begun working with the middle/high school staff on behavioral interventions. FAFSA night will be held November 8<sup>th</sup>. The high school drama class will be performing *Humbug High: A Contemporary Christmas Carol* on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. In the auditorium. Enrollment is 265.

**Superintendent’s Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor announced that funds have been awarded from MDE to be used for the purchase of a new dishwasher. A 31aa grant application has been submitted. If awarded, funds could be used for student and staff mental health supports. Financial Expenditure Reports are in the process of being completed. The bus fleet recently passed the annual MDOT inspection. Mr. Taylor expressed thanks to Mrs. Holloway and Mr. Small for their work to keep busses road-ready. Mr. Taylor also thanked Mrs. Shiffer and Mr. Ahearne for their hard work in getting the teletherapy speech services up and running.

**Citizens’ Comments** – Mr. King inquired about the cost of teletherapy speech services versus in person speech services and requested clarification of the audit’s presentation of fund balances. Mr. King also commented that he believes prom should occur before graduation in the future. Mrs. Mitchell commented that graduation has historically not been held on Memorial Day out of respect for local business owners.

**Safety Committee Report** – Nothing to report at this time

**Strategic Planning Committee Report** – Nothing to report at this time.

**Policy Committee Report** – Neola policy updates were sent to board members.

**Action Items**

**2022-2023-27**

La Vigne/Whaley to table approval of May 17, 2023 as senior’s last day and May 19, 2023 as graduation date until next month’s meeting.

YES: 5  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2022-2023-28**

Long/Hunter to approve agreement with COOR ISD to provide CTE classes for students at Mio AuSable Schools

YES: 5  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2022-2023-29**

Hunter/Whaley to approve annual summer tax collection resolution

YES: 5  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2022-2023-30**

La Vigne/Long to approve goals for superintendent’s evaluation as listed on agenda

YES: 5  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2022-2023-31**

Whaley/LaVigne

to approve first readings of Neola Policy Updates: “Compensation”, “Authorization to Use Electronic Fund Transfers and Automated Clearing House Arrangements”, “Vendor Relations”, “Fair Labor Standards Act”, “Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems”, “Flags and Displays”, “School Visitors”, and Vol. 37, No. 1.

YES: 5

NO: 0

**2022-2023-32**

La Vigne/Long

to accept the resignation of paraprofessional Lauren Loop effective November 19, 2022.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Board Members’ Comments** – Mrs. Irelan reminded board members of superintendent evaluation December 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the auditorium. She also reminded board members that Mr. Taylor would be providing his self-evaluation to board members by Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Whaley mentioned that she has witnessed students opening doors for the public. This issue will be discussed more at the next Safety Committee meeting.

**Correspondence -**

None

There was no other business.

**2022-2023-33**

Whaley/La Vigne

to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary