

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 11, 2023**

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PRESENT: Hoffman, Hunter, Long, Mitchell, Wyckoff  
ABSENT: Irelan, Whaley  
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor, Shiffer  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: None  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

Vice President Hunter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**2023-2024-54**

Long/Hoffman to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 13, 2023
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion carried

**Bolts of the Month Presentation** – 30 MS/HS students were recognized as October and November Bolts of the Month.

**Staff Appreciation Presentation** – Board members read 11 staff appreciation submissions aloud. Mrs. Thompson was selected to win the giveaway. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

**COOR ISD Millage Presentation** – Mr. Shawn Petri, Superintendent of COOR ISD, presented information regarding the 2024 Millage for the Career Tech Ed program. This millage would allow COOR to add programming, continue free transportation, and provide free tuition to students. COOR ISD is proposing one mil over 10 years. Information about the proposal as well as ballot language can be found at: [www.coorisd.net](http://www.coorisd.net)

**Elementary Principal's Report** – Mrs. Shiffer presented the report. Mrs. Shiffer announced that Mio Elementary was awarded the Extended Time grant in the amount of \$6,382 to assist with targeted literacy needs and professional development. Starbase Alpena field trips for the fifth grade have begun. NWEA assessments will be done in December, with data being shared in February. Mrs. Shiffer attended the MEMSPA conference. The Elementary music program will be December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Shiffer shared copies of the December dress up days, recent newsletter, and music program information with board members. Mrs. Shiffer thanked those that have donated warm outdoor items. Mrs. Shiffer also shared a picture of Mio students holding Friday Folders in the recent PIE & G Newsletter. PIE & G graciously donated this year's Friday Folders. Mrs. Shiffer invited board members to visit the Elementary and ask questions anytime. Current enrollment is 220.

**Middle School / High School Principal's Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that middle school students will be receiving morning social & emotional learning lessons in the cafeteria. Mrs. Esper is sponsoring an American Sign Language club. Four students attended the first meeting. Youth in Government has been hosting Friday movie night fundraisers. The Knowledge Bowl team recently beat Onaway 135-50. The high school drama class put on great performance and Mr. Taylor thanked Mrs. Ahearne for her hard work. The current enrollment is 272.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report on behalf of Mr. Marsh. Ms. Miller earned MIVCA honors and academic all-state. This is the last week of middle school boys' basketball. Varsity boys are 2-2 so far. Wrestling season is underway. Varsity girls are 2-0 so far. The December 21<sup>st</sup> basketball game has been moved to the MAC because of scheduled floor maintenance.

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that the community center grant status has been moved to January. The 31aa grant application has been submitted with a focus on security camera system expenses. The Central Office is currently working on a budget amendment. Mio has loaned Fairview Area Schools a loaner bus for five days while two of their buses are repaired. Scott Morrell from MASB will be meeting with the administrative team on December 13<sup>th</sup> to discuss strategic planning. There are two letters of agreement in the works between Mio AuSable Schools and Mio AuSable Education Association that will be presented to the board when finalized. Mr. Taylor thanked the board for providing coffee and donuts to staff recently. There have been two applicants for the interim principal position, but no interest in the instruction, paraprofessional or custodian openings.

**Finance Committee Report** – The Finance Committee did not meet.

**Policy Committee Report** – The Policy Committee reviewed suggested NEOLA policies.

**Safety Committee Report** – The Safety Committee did not meet.

**Strategic Planning Committee Report** – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report. The committee discussed filling the MS/HS principal vacancy with an interim hire to finish up the 23-24 school year. An interview committee is being created including a mixture of board and staff members. The committee also discussed the upcoming MASB follow up to the strategic planning retreat.

**Board Committee Reorganization Discussion** - Mr. Wyckoff presented the board with ideas regarding the possibility of reorganizing/creating committees to align with strategic planning goals.

**Action Items**

**2023-2024 - 55**

Mitchell/Wyckoff

consider the approval of the second reading of NEOLA policy updates from Vol. 38, No. 1 Supreme Court Decision Relating to ADA and IDEA, Oxford Cases – Government Immunity, Changes to the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act, Transgender Students and Employees, Recent Legislative Changes.

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion carried

**2023-2024 - 56**

Mitchell/Hoffman

consider the approval of the first 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: 5

NO: 0

Motion carried

**2023-2024 - 57**

Long/Wyckoff

accept the resignation of Tammy Ahearne, MS/HS Drama & ELA Teacher

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion carried

**2023-2024 - 58**

Long/Wyckoff

accept the resignation of Mark Schmidt, Custodian

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion carried

**Citizen's Comments** – Mrs.Larrison inquired as to whether the drama classes will continue to be offered to students.

**Board Members' Comments** – None

**Correspondence** - None

There was no other business.

**2023-2024-59**

Mitchell/Hoffman

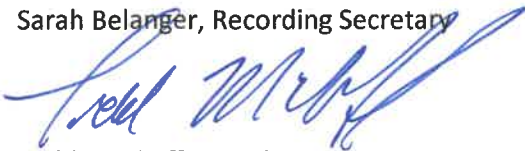
to adjourn at 7:02 pm

YES: 5

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary



Todd Wyckoff, Board Secretary

