

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

PRESENT: Hoffman, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff
ABSENT:
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor, Margaritis, Wood
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Marsh
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the mission, vision, goals, and belief statements.

2023-2024-105

Long/Whaley to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on March 18, 2024
- b) Minutes of Special Meeting on April 2, 2024
- c) Monthly Finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – 14 students announced as March Bolts of the Month.

Staff Appreciation Presentation – Board members read one staff appreciation submission aloud for Miss Nordstrand. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Taylor stated the administrative team continues to meet and progressing towards achieving goals. The curriculum goal is in motion with the hiring of Ms. Margaritis as K-12 Curriculum Director. The culture/learning environment goal is being addressed with staff hiring and partnering with COOR for behavior resources. The team is working on ideas for the communications/community engagement goal.

Introduce and Interview Candidates for the Vacant Board Seat – Mr. Darryl Harless introduced himself to the board. Mr. Wyckoff then invited board members to ask the applicant interview questions. Mr. Harless gave his responses and was given the opportunity to ask the Board questions.

2023-2024-106

Irelan/Long to appoint Mr. Darryl Harless to fill the vacant board seat

Roll call vote.

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

NO:

Motion carried.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Mr. Wood thanked Mr. Ciske for providing staff and students with eclipse glasses. Reading month was a success. Ms. Lewis raised \$3,203 Scholastic dollars to be used to purchase books during the recent book fair. Elementary staff made the decision to utilize CKLA curricular materials after piloting the program. Mr. Wood presented the parent teacher conference attendance rates. Elementary students are entering assessment season. Kindergarten round up radio advertisements are currently being aired. Mr. Wood provided the board with the most recent newsletter. Mr. Wood thanked the elementary staff for being so easy to work with. Current enrollment is 226.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. The varsity girl's basketball team received honorable mention 3.0 team GPA average. Varsity baseball and softball games have begun. The first varsity track meet will be in Whittemore. Track state final overnight dates will need to be approved at next meeting. Middle school track meets have begun.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Ms. Margaritis reported that middle school students had a special assembly called Birds of Prey from The Wildlife Recovery Association. Senior awards will be May 15, 2024. Prom will take place at the Sojourn Lakeside Resort on April 27, 2024. Mr. McFalda has been working with Moran Iron Works to secure scholarships for students attending a trade school. Moran Iron Works will also be awarding an auto-darkening welding hood to a chosen junior or sophomore. Ms. Margaritis thanked Mr. Ciske for arranging eclipse activities. Sixth graders continue to attend Starbase in Alpena. Eighth graders will be attending a Kirtland event in April. MI Works will be hosting a job fair in the gymnasium for students in April. Current enrollment is 268.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that the consolidated application amendments have been submitted. Plans for summer activities are underway. Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Marsh for working with the gym floor vendor to create a layout and work to save funds. The window screening project is moving forward. Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Hoffman for his assistance with this project. The board discussed possible options for screen designs. Mr. Taylor reviewed the first reading of Spring NEOLA updates. Mr. Taylor provided a hiring update.

Citizens' Comments – Mrs. Shattuck inquired as to why the Spanish position was not filled with an existing staff member.

Action Items

2023-2024-107

Whaley/Irelan accept the resignation of Matt Lewis, Maintenance Director.

YES: 6
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-108

Mitchell/Long to approve April Margaritis contract as 6-12 Principal/K-12 Curriculum Director

YES: 6
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-109

Irelan/Long

Consider the approval of 2024 summer tax collection agreements with townships of Big Creek (\$16,000), Elmer (\$3,155.95), Greenwood (\$1,966.25), and Mentor (\$7,027.68.)

YES: 6
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-110

Irelan/Hoffman

Consider the approval first reading of Spring NEOLA policy updates:

i. NEW POLICY

Policy 6350 – Prevailing Wage

ii. RESCINDED POLICY

Policy 2410 – Prohibition of Referral or Assistance

III. REVISED POLICIES

Policy 1240 – Superintendent Evaluation

Policy 2414 – Reproductive Health and Family Planning

Policy 2418 – Sex Education

Policy 6520 – Payroll Deductions

Policy 8800 – Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances

IV. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS

Policy 3220 – Professional Staff Evaluation

Policy 6320 – Purchasing

Policy 6321 – New School Construction, Renovation

Policy 6325 – Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds.

YES: 6
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-111

Mitchell/Long

accept the resignation of Landyn Johnson, Paraprofessional.

YES: 5
NO: 1

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Whaley commented that the applicant for Elementary Principal should be seriously considered before they accept an offer from another school.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2023-2024-112

Whaley/Long

to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathi Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".