

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2024**

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

President Wyckoff called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2023-2024-124

Mitchell/Long to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 8, 2024
- b) Minutes of Special Meeting on May 8, 2024
- c) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – 12 students announced as March Bolts of the Month.

Sheriff's Department Presentation - Sherriff Grace presented Officer Bryce Degrammont to the board and the department's plans for a School Resource Officer. This position will be funded by a millage in the future. Officer Degrammont said he was looking forward to the opportunity and asked board members to reach out if there were any questions or concerns.

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

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Wyckoff stated that there were no updates this month.

Presentation of the COOR ISD 2024-2025 budget – Mr. Wyckoff asked board members if there were any questions on the submitted budget.

Presentation of the contract for Central Office Secretary/Transportation Director – Mr. Wyckoff asked board members if there were any questions on the submitted contract.

Presentation of the contract for Interim Superintendent – Mr. Wyckoff asked board members if there were any questions on the submitted contract.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Mr. Wood stated that Elementary students are wrapping up M-STEP testing. AuSable Valley Community Mental Health arranged for David Bartley, a member of the Association
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for Youth Mental Health to speak to students. OK2SAY presented to the 5th grade students. Paraprofessionals attended Differentiated Instruction training led by Michelle Ewald. Mr. Wood provided board members with the May Elementary newsletter. Mr. Grob stated that his first day was fantastic and saw many students behaving well. Current Enrollment is 226.

Athletic Director’s Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Varsity softball and baseball districts will be held in Alcona. Track regionals will be held in Pellston. State Track Finals will be held on May 31st in Hudsonville. Mr. Long broke the 110 M High Hurdle record. Middle School track is wrapping up in Whittemore Prescott. Miss McDonald, Miss Blamer, Miss Ruth, and Miss Wickham broke the Middle School 3200 M relay record. Miss. Barringer, Miss Rondo, and Mr. Burden received scholar athlete awards.

Middle School / High School Principal’s Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Ms. Margaritis reported Senior Prom was a success and students had a great time. Ms. Margaritis thanked Mrs. Knepp, Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mr. and Mrs. Auten, Mr. and Mrs. Cowie, Mr. and Mrs. Vicars, Ms. Marsh and Mr. Shephard for their help with prom. State assessments are in the process of being completed. OKAY2SAY presented to MS/HS students and presenter David Bartley spoke to students. Ms. Margaritis presented the board with profiles of the top 10 graduating seniors and acknowledged the seniors in attendance. Ms. Margaritis shared upcoming events with the board. Current enrollment is 268.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Wood presented the report on behalf of Mr. Taylor. Mr. Wood reported that the consolidated application is complete and approved. This grant will provide funding for staff expenses, the summer enrichment program, and Chromebook purchases. The 35j grant is complete and will be used to purchase materials for the CKLA program. Mr. Wood thanked ALRO steel for their donation of materials to the robotics program. Staff members are busy planning events for the Spring Fling on May 30th from 5:00 – 6:30 pm. Rebecca Binkley has been hired as a secondary math teacher. The security screens will be installed in May and vape detectors will be ordered in May. Thunder Bay Community Health Centers released a press release stating that the school wellness center will be expanded. Funding has been obtained to move the center in to a full school-based health center with medical services which includes the hiring of a nurse practitioner. Mr. Wood reported that the admin team participated in the first stages of Title IX training as there are new changes to the law.

Citizens’ Comments – Ms. Nolan spoke on her life at Mio AuSable Schools. She also touched on the need for Administrator evaluations and the amount of staff resigning mid school year. Mrs. Miller informed board members that phase one of the MS/HS cafeteria refresh will be complete at the end of May with the delivery of a mural.

Action Items

2023-2024-125

Long/Whaley accept the resignation of Hannah LaBush, Paraprofessional and Joseph Hooper, Custodian.

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-126

Long/Mitchell to approve the retirement of Stacy Nolan, with years of service(30), Secondary ELA teacher.

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-127

Long/Mitchell

Accept the retirement of Karen Mitchell with years of service (25), Secondary Social Studies Teacher.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-128

Mitchell/Hoffman

Consider the approval of the hire of Bill Quackenbush, Paraprofessional, Emilee Crandall, Substitute Bus Driver, and Rebecca Binkley, Secondary Math Teacher.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-129

Irelan/Long

Approve FMLA leave for Dylan Higgins from April 16, 2024 to May 24, 2024.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-130

Hoffman/Penny

Consider the approval second 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: 1

Motion approved.

2023-2024-131

Whaley/Hoffman

Approve an overnight trip for state qualifiers to the State Track Meet to be held at Hudsonville on May 31, 2024 to June 1, 2024.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-132

Mitchell/Long

Approve Central Office Secretary/ Transportation Director contract for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years as presented.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-133

Mitchell/Long

Approve Central Office Secretary/ Transportation Director contract for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 fiscal years as presented.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-134

Irelan/Hoffman

Approve Interim Superintendent contract for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as presented.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-135

Mitchell/Long

Approve COOR ISD's budget resolution as presented

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mr. Wyckoff thanked Ms. Nolan for her contributions to Mio AuSable Schools. Mr. Hoffman thanked Ms. Nolan for her contributions to Mio AuSable Schools.

Correspondence -

None

There was no other business.

2023-2024-136

Whaley/Harless

to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary

