

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 8, 2023

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

2022-2023-76

LaVigne/ Mitchell to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on April 10, 2023
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month - Six students announced as January Bolts of the Month

COOR ISD 2023-2024 Budget Presentation – Mr. Shawn Petri presented the initial COOR ISD 2023-2024 budget along with COOR ISD Board President, Mr. James Mangutz. Mr. Petri stated that the budget was prepared conservatively with many revenue figures based on 2022-2023 figures. Adjustments will be made as governmental budgets are finalized. Expenditures are now being calculated based on function codes. Mr. Petri encouraged members of the board to contact COOR with any questions or concerns. Mrs. Irelan inquired as to whether the adjustments will be given to the Mio AuSable Board members. Mr. Petri replied that adjustments will be shared and they will be documented in COOR board minutes. Mr. Mangutz stated that COOR is presenting a balanced budget for general and special education. He also added that he is pleased to see COOR ISD districts working together and building bridges between communities.

Mio AuSable Food Service Presentation – Mrs. Mary Miller presented the board with information about the food service department. The Health Department conducted a surprise inspection resulting in zero violations. Two food service staff members recently passed their serv-safe classes. A recent fundraiser held by local beauticians collected \$505 for the food service department along with a matched donation by the Steelworkers Union in the amount of \$1,000. Mrs. Miller is creating a plan for the donated funds. Mio AuSable Schools is a community eligibility provision school which means that all students are eligible to receive free breakfast and lunch. In April 6,072 lunches and 4,701 breakfasts were served. Mrs. Miller explained the different types of regulations that must be followed in the food service department including those on the types of foods allowed to be served. There are many restrictions on the amount and types of sugar, salt, grains, dairy, etc. allowed to be served to students. Mrs. Miller said that the supply chain is getting better, but not back at 100%. Mrs. Miller invited board members to stop by the food service department anytime to learn more. Mr. Wyckoff inquired as to the best times to visit. Mrs. Miller shared the meal service times for K-12 students.

Chromebook Purchase Presentation – Mr. Warren presented the board with information regarding the need to replace approximately 50 Chromebooks. The purchase will replace those that have been damaged beyond repair, lost, or have expired software. Mr. Wyckoff asked what options are available if Chromebooks were not replaced. Mr. Warren replied

That the computer lab would need to be utilized or a small number of Chromebooks would need to be set aside for testing that all classrooms would share. Mr. Warren added that teachers and students are currently utilizing Chromebooks on a daily basis as part of their lesson plans. Mr. Taylor encouraged the board to create a technology plan in order to be prepared for purchases such as these in the future.

Spring NEOLA Policy Updates Vol. 37-2 Second Reading Discussion – Mr. Taylor asked board members if there were any questions or comments regarding the second reading of NEOLA policy updates. There were none.

Social Media Class Action Lawsuit Discussion – Mr. Taylor presented the board with information regarding a nationwide litigation against social media platforms.

Thunder Bay Affiliation Agreement – Mr. Taylor presented the board with the 2023-2024 affiliation agreement. There are no changes from the current agreement.

Superintendent's Contract Discussion – Mr. Taylor asked the board to consider freezing his salary instead of advancing to the next pay level for the 2023-2024 school year to more closely align with his skill development as superintendent/business manager.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the report. Mrs. Shiffer reported that 51 students (43 k-5) attended the iSTEAM night. Staff are continuing to explore new curriculums using data and research. Mio will be hosting the COOR Elementary Principals meeting in June. The Beek Birds will be presenting a student led production on May 11th. There will be a NED (Never Give Up, Encourage Others, Do Your Best) show on May 16th. MStep testing has begun along with NWEA. Mrs. Shiffer thanked staff who donated their time and talents at the iSTEAM night. A special shout out was made to all fifth graders who have completed a series of intensive tests over the last month. Mrs. Shiffer announced that staff appreciation week is underway and thanked all staff for their work as a team. May's character trait is integrity. Enrollment is 218.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Baseball, Softball, HS Track, and MS Track are seasons are underway. 23 students are participating in high school track this year, many of whom are juniors. Personal records are being set at each meet. If any members qualify for the State meet, an overnight stay will be required on June 2nd. Schedules are busy with league games, pre-districts, and regionals coming up. Mr. Marsh mentioned the importance of scheduling events such as graduation in consideration of the busy Spring schedules so that student athletes do not have to miss out on anything. Sports physicals were done on April 25th – 46 athletes had them done at the school. There is currently a football fundraiser with a goal of \$20,000.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Ahearne presented the report. Mr. Ahearne announced that Christina Carroll's Business Info Tech class won 4th place in the 2023 Ferris State Auto-Owners Insurance Challenge. The class was awarded with a pizza party from Ferris State. 9th and 11th graders attended the Michigan Career Quest in Gaylord. A bonfire was held for the seniors and was well attended. The Protect Young Eyes presentation is happening on May 9th for 5th -11th graders. The 8th graders returned from Washington D.C., 7th graders are preparing to travel to Philadelphia tomorrow, and 6th graders will be headed to New York City May 22nd. The high school drama class put on another entertaining show with "Back to the 80s." May's schedule is full with events such as prom, graduation, concerts, AP testing, and plays. Enrollment is 257.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that the two new buses approved in June 2022 have been delivered. The buses have been paid for in full. The total price was \$207,518. COOR has reimbursed a portion the school's special education costs – the remainder will be received at the end of the school year. Summer school planning is progressing. Ms. Mitchell has been hired as the coordinator. Session one will run for three weeks in June and session two will run for two weeks in July/August. Mr. Taylor asked the board to consider the approval of hiring Mr. Ciske as a high school teacher and also the resignation of ELA teacher Mrs. Laird. Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. McFalda for

representing the school in a recent 9 & 10 news interview. Mr. Taylor also thanked Mr. King and Mrs. McDonald for their work in organizing a successful ISTEAM night. Mr. Taylor wished a happy staff appreciation week to all staff members and thanked all for their dedication to the students of Mio AuSable Schools.

Citizens' Comments – Mrs. Hockin addressed the board regarding recent transportation issues. Mrs. Beek addressed the board regarding 3rd grade class sizes for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Morse addressed the board regarding student behaviors and the special education program. Mrs. Boright addressed the board regarding student learning levels and behavior issues. Mrs. Fritz addressed the board regarding elementary learning levels and behavior issues. Mrs. Welch addressed the board and asked that all decisions be made with a student focus. Mr. Marsh encouraged board members to observe classrooms to better understand the issues staff are facing.

Safety Committee Report – The Safety Committee did not meet.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – The Strategic Planning Committee did not meet.

Finance Committee Report – Mrs. Long presented the report to the board. The finance committee met to review how ESSER funds were used. The committee discussed a proposal by the MAEA to add a letter of agreement to the contract to include volleyball coaching expense reimbursement stipends. The committee is looking into options for repairs that need to be made to the boiler system.

Action Items

2022-2023-77

Long/Hunter

consider the acceptance of Leslie Laird's resignation.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-78

Mitchell/Hunter

consider the approval of hiring Paul Ciske for the position of High School teacher.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-79

Whaley/Mitchell

consider the approval of the second reading of NEOLA Policy Updates: "Use of Tobacco by Administrators", "Student Assessment", "Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff", "Use of Tobacco by Support Staff", "Use of Tobacco by Students", "Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds", "Use of Tobacco on School Premises", "Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services", "Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety", "Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety", "Continuity of Organizational Operations", "Information Security", "Information Management", "School Safety Information", "Public Attendance of School Events", "Advertising and Commercial Activities", and "Vol. 37, No. 2"

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-80

Wyckoff/Whaley

consider the approval of joining the social media class action lawsuit as described in the Thrun law firm email.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-81

Long/Wyckoff

consider the approval of renewing the affiliation agreement with Thunder Bay Community Health Service

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-82

LaVigne/Long

consider the approval of 2023 summer tax collection agreements with townships of Big Creek (\$16,000), Elmer (\$2,954.61), Greenwood (\$1,966.25), and Mentor (6,684.74.)

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-83

Hunter/Wyckoff

consider the approval of the COOR ISD budget for the upcoming 2023-2024 fiscal year.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-84

Wyckoff/Mitchell

consider the approval of amendment to superintendent's contract. Amendment to include salary change for the 2023-2024 school year to \$106,000 instead of the current level which is \$107,050.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-85

LaVigne/Whaley

consider the approval of a potential overnight trip to Grand Rapids should our Boys or Girls Track teams qualify. The trip will occur on June 2, 2023.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-86

Hunter/Long

consider the approval of a Letter of Agreement between the Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education and the Mio AuSable Education Association. Letter of Agreement will include “a reimbursement for personal expenses” of \$600.00 for a Grade 6/7 Head Volleyball Coach, a reimbursement of \$360.00 for a Grade 6/7 Assistant Volleyball Coach, a reimbursement of \$600.00 for a Grade 8 Head Volleyball Coach, a reimbursement of \$360.00 for a Grade 8 Assistant Volleyball Coach, and a reimbursement of \$360.00 for an Elementary Boys/Girls Volleyball Coach (each.)

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2022-2023-87

Mitchell/Whaley

consider the approval of spending up to \$20,000 for chromebook replacements out of any remaining ESSER funds or Title funds.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members’ Comments – Mr. Wyckoff thanked Ms. Nolan for the invitation to speak to her leadership class.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2022-2023-88

LaVigne/Whaley

to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Cheryl LaVigne, Secretary