

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 10, 2024

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

President Wyckoff called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2023-2024-136

Mitchell/Whaley to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 13, 2024
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

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

Staff Appreciation Presentation – There were no submissions. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – The School Improvement Committee met to discuss curriculum, attendance, and behavior plans.

Presentation of the final 2023-2024 and initial 2024-2025 budgets – Mr. Taylor presented the final budget, which shows a deficit. Income is down because ESSER money has been depleted. The initial budget also shows a deficit. Mr. Taylor warned that expenditures will need to be watched closely going forward. The initial budget anticipates less money from categorical sources.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Grob presented the report. Mr. Grob shared NWEA growth and achievement statistics with the board. Mr. Grob pointed out that the kindergarten scores are high and thanked Ms. Oliphant and Mrs. Gusler for their hard work. There were a lot of end of the year Elementary field trips. Fifth grade graduation was a success as well as the annual flower planting. Mr. Grob commented on the well-attended Spring Fling. Current enrollment is 225.

Athletic Director's Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Varsity softball lost to Whittemore in districts. Miss Rondo was named All-Conference 1st team and Miss Strach was named 2nd team. Varsity baseball lost to Alcona in districts. Mr. Cooper was named All-Conference 1st team. Three track athletes competed in state finals. Miss Hengy broke the Mio pole vault record. Mr. Long finished 7th in 110m hurdles which makes him All State. Ms. Margaritis congratulated all athletes and coaches for their achievements.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Ms. Margaritis reported that Fairview Area Schools hosted a picnic for seniors. Senior awards night went well and Ms. Margaritis commented on the amazing support the community provides students and their families. Students in grades 8-11 attended MiCareer Quest. A Top Ten senior breakfast was held for the first time this year and Ms. Margaritis hopes to continue this in the future. Baccalaureate was held at Tripoint Church. Ms. Margaritis heard great comments from the community about the Spring Fling. Current enrollment is 260.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor thanked those involved in the collective bargaining negotiations process. The Title program allocations have been released for the 2024-2025 school year. Final arrangements are being made for the Summer Enrichment program. Mr. Taylor thanked Ms. Mitchell and Mrs. DeGuzman for their hard work planning the program. Spring Fling was well attended. Mr. Taylor thanked the staff that participated for making the event so wonderful. Staff vacancies are beginning to be filled for the 2024-2025 school year. The district improvement plans are going well. Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Grob for his work leading the School Improvement Committee. Mr. Taylor presented Mrs. Oberg to board members and allowed her to introduce herself to the board. Mr. Taylor presented Mrs. Binkley to board members and allowed her to introduce herself to the board.

Citizens' Comments – Ms. Mitchell requested an exit interview. Mrs. McGregor spoke about the athletic boosters and requested that fundraising should be handled differently. Mrs. Knepp spoke about the need to change fundraising as well.

Action Items

2023-2024-137

Irelan/Hoffman

consider the approval of the final 2023-2024 budget as presented.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-138

Whaley/Long

consider the approval of the initial 2024-2025 budget as presented.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-139

Mitchell/Whaley

consider the approval of the hire of Daisy Oberg as Spanish teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-140

Long/Hoffman

consider the acceptance of letters of resignation from Jeannette Jenkins, food service cook and Michael Jenkins, assistant.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-141

Mitchell/Long

consider the acceptance of a letter of resignation from Mrs. Shawna Short, Elementary Teacher.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-142

Hoffman/Wyckoff

consider the acceptance of a letter of resignation from Dawn Short, Custodian.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-143

Irelan/Long

consider the approval of the MHSAA resolution as presented.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-144

Mitchell/Wyckoff

Consider the authorization of the addition of Gary Wood to district financial accounts including Huntington, Milaf, and ELAN Credit Card.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Mitchell asked board members to learn about the current legislation regarding the MPERS funds and encouraged members to contact legislators. Mrs. Mitchell spoke about a previous Mio student, Mr. Harwood, who is working with his students to propose a state insect. Mrs. Mitchell asked the board to support his work. Mrs. Irelan thanked Mr. Taylor for all he has done for Mio AuSable Schools. Mr. Wyckoff commented that the personnel committee was working on scheduling exit interviews.

Correspondence - None

2023-2024-145

Whaley/Long

To move into closed session for purposes of discussing negotiations at 7:00 pm.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2023-2024-146

Mitchell/Hoffman

To return to open session at 7:30 pm.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

There was no other business.

2023-2024-147

Mitchell/Wyckoff

to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathi Mitchell".