

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 12, 2023**

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PRESENT: Hunter, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff  
ABSENT: LaVigne  
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor, Ahearne, Shiffer  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: Marsh  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

**2022-2023-89**

Long/ Hunter to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on May 8, 2023
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Bolt of the Month - None**

**Final 2022-2023 & Initial 2023-2024 Budget Presentations** – Mt. Taylor presented the final budget for 2022-2023. The final fund balance projection is \$533,530 (7 %.) The initial budget for the 2023-2024 school year is projecting a fund balance of 7.7%. The initial 2023-2024 budget was prepared using conservative estimates as the state’s budget is not completed at this time. Great efforts were made to maximally utilize state and federal funding when preparing the 2023-2024 budget. The following mills will be levied for various fund/budgets:

General Fund: 18 Mills on non-homestead & non-qualified agricultural property taxable value, 6 mills state education tax on all property

Debt Millage (Bond): 0.00 mills on all property taxable value

Sinking Fund: 1.00 Mills on all property taxable value

**Sharing classes between Mio AuSable Schools and Fairview Area Schools Presentation** – Mrs. Sarah Taylor presented the board with information regarding the possibility of Mio and Fairview High Schools sharing classes. Students from both schools were surveyed to better understand levels of interest. Classes would be offered to juniors and seniors. Mio students showed interest in taking robotics, building trades, and art classes at Fairview. Fairview students showed interest in taking industrial arts, Spanish, and the CTE business class at Mio. There would be no additional cost to either school. There are still details to be worked out such as transportation and scheduling.

**Wrestling Program Location Presentation** – Mr. Taylor presented the board with information regarding the need for the wrestling program to have a designated practice area. Mrs. Angel (Music) is currently sharing a room with the wrestling team. This is working for now, but in the long-term is not ideal. Mr. Taylor has been working with the finance committee to find a solution. One proposed solution is to use the 2019 sinking fund income to build an addition to the concession house. There is already electricity, plumbing, etc. in this building and it is close to the school building. Bids will need to be procured for this project.

**Elementary Principal's Report** – Mrs. Shiffer presented the report. Mrs. Shiffer thanked the board for the lunch and goodies provided to staff during staff appreciation week. Flower planting went well. Two pilot curriculums will be utilized for the 23-24 school year - CKLA and Bookworms. Another grade level will be added to the Eureka Squared math pilot. Mrs. King's class held a poetry reading and 5<sup>th</sup> grade had a great graduation ceremony. The Welcome Summer concert was a success along with field day. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Ms. McArdle, Mrs. Sutton, and Mrs. Eurich for their hard work and dedication to students. Over half of Elementary students were recognized for exemplary student behavior. Mrs. Shiffer also thanked Ms. Lewis who hand selected a summer reading book for every Elementary student. Enrollment is 218.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Spring sports are done. The summer dead period will be July 3-9. Two athletes competed at State Track Finals. Varsity Girls Softball lost in districts.

**Middle School / High School Principal's Report** – Mr. Ahearne presented the report. Mr. Ahearne announced that all senior activities went well. Summer school enrichment will begin shortly with currently 38 students enrolled. The maintenance and custodial crew are hard at work with summer projects. Mr. Ahearne presented the board with the trip club Europe travel agenda, they leave June 20<sup>th</sup>. Revisions to the student handbook are underway. Currently seeking a secondary ELA teacher. Mr. Higgins will be joining the MS/HS paraprofessional team. Mr. Ahearne thanked all who helped him during his second year as principal. Enrollment is 254.

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that Title allocation estimates for next year have been released. There will be a Title audit scheduled during the summer months. 31a reports are currently being finalized. Mr. Taylor thanked Ms. Mitchell and Mrs. DeGuzman for their hard work organizing summer school programming. Mrs. Morris has been hired as the elementary math and reading interventionist. Mr. Taylor thanked Mrs. Eurich, Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Beltz, and Ms. McArdle for their commitment to the district and their years of service. The P.A. system is now fully functional and working thanks to funding from section 97 funds. Mr. Taylor presented Mrs. Hunter with a 10-year service pin and Mrs. Irelan with a 25-year service pin.

**Citizen's Comments** – Mrs. Rhoads addressed the board with questions and concerns regarding Mio and Fairview sharing classes. Mrs. Rhoads also addressed concerns regarding Oscoda County's lack of childcare and preschool options. Ms. Mitchell inquired when the sinking fund questionnaire results would be available and if the building addition bids will be available to local builders.

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

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

**Finance Committee Report** – The finance committee met on June 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss and finalize the final 2022-2023 and initial 2023-2024 budget.

## Action Items

### 2022-2023-90

Mitchell/Wyckoff

consider the approval of the final budgets for the 2022-2023 school year and the initial budgets for the 2023-2024 school year for the general fund, food service fund, and student activity fund.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

### 2022-2023-91

Whaley/Long

consider the acceptance of Courtney Beltz's resignation.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

### 2022-2023-92

Hunter/Whaley

consider the approval of sharing courses with Fairview as presented by Mrs. Sarah Taylor, Superintendent of Fairview Area Schools

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

### 2022-2023-93

Mitchell/Long

consider the approval of creating a request for bid package in order to procure bids for the construction of a wrestling practice addition to the concession building.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Board Members' Comments** – Mr. Wyckoff thanked Mrs. Shiffer for allowing him to visit the classrooms of Ms. Demory and Mrs. Beek. Mrs. Mitchell thanked Mrs. Miller for allowing her to visit the cafeteria and kitchen. She was impressed with the food service program's precise schedule and how well it runs.

### Correspondence -

The 2023 class advisors sent a thank you note to the board for attending graduation and for their support. Zaremba Equipment sent a thank you note for the recent purchase of two school buses.

There was no other business.

**2022-2023-94**

Whaley/Long

to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Hunter, Vice President