

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 14**

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PRESENT: Hoffman, Hunter, Irelan, 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.

**2023-2024-12**

Long/ Mitchell to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on July 10, 2023
- b) Minutes of special meeting on July 17, 2023
- c) Monthly Finance

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
Motion approved.

**Bolt of the Month – None**

**Elementary Principal’s Report** – Mrs. Shiffer presented the report. Mrs. Shiffer informed the board of staff resignations and hiring. Kindergarten Camp is being scheduled. Supply lists have been posted. Class lists will be posted prior to the upcoming open house which will be held on August 23 from 4:30-6:00 pm. Mrs. Beek attended a TBRI conference and will be presenting at next month’s meeting. \$1,800 is still needed by October in order for the weekly food bag program to take place. September’s True Success character trait will be respect. Mrs. Shiffer thanked the custodial staff for their hard work over the summer. 35 students have been enrolled for Kindergarten.

**Middle School / High School Principal’s Report** – Mr. Ahearne presented the report. Mr. Ahearne announced that there are a lot of room and staffing changes happening before the start of the year. Dates and times have been set for middle school orientation/scheduling and high school scheduling. Mr. Ahearne welcomed Mrs. Esper, Mr. Ciske, and Mrs. Ward to the secondary team. Mr. Ahearne announced that there is still an opening for a math/science teacher and a music or art teacher.

**Athletic Director’s Report** – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Fall practice started August 7<sup>th</sup>. The first home Varsity Football game will be August 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Marsh commented on the large amount of student athletes without physicals done in time for the start of practice.

**Superintendent’s Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor reported that a scholarship has been awarded to Mio AuSable Schools for Mr. Taylor to attend a Business Manager’s Academy put on by MSBO. The consolidated application for title funding is partially completed and is due on August 31<sup>st</sup>. Sinking fund survey results are in with main entrance/security, parking lot updates/expansion and updated camera system being the top three community wide selections. Scott Morrell from MASB will be facilitating the strategic planning process. Secure Education Consultants will be working to assess the school’s security. Mr. Taylor applied for Mio AuSable Schools to take part in an energy audit.

Mr. Taylor thanked the staff members who worked over the summer. The book bus will be at The Creamery on August 14 and at the school on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Summer School Presentation**– Ms. Mitchell presented the report. 35 students attended two summer school sessions. There were four classrooms and eight paraprofessionals. Students and staff were presented with perfect attendance awards. Six students, one paraprofessional, and one teacher had perfect attendance. Ms. Mitchell emphasized that this is a brand-new program and there are many areas needing improvement which she plans to shore up for next year.

**Committee Assignment Presentation** – Mr. Taylor presented the board with the current committee member assignments. Board members discussed which committees needed to have members assigned.

**Elementary and Middle/High School Handbook Changes Presentation** - The policy committee reviewed proposed changes to the student handbooks. A middle school handbook was created and made separate from the high school handbook. Handbooks use a tier system for infractions and disciplinary action.

**Citizen’s Comments** – None

**Finance Committee Report** – The finance committee met on August 9<sup>th</sup>. Sinking Fund questionnaire results were reviewed. The wrestling practice space was discussed. A plan for 2023-2024 safety funds was made.

**Policy Committee Report** – The Policy Committee reviewed proposed changes to both the Elementary and Middle/High School handbooks.

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

#### **Action Items**

##### **2023-2024-13**

Mitchell/Irean

consider the approval of Mio AuSable School’s graduation date being set at May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

YES: 3

NO: 4

Motion failed.

##### **2023-2024-14**

Whaley/Long

consider the approval of Mio AuSable School’s graduation date being set at May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion carried.

**2023-2024-15**  
Wyckoff/Whaley

accept the resignation of Judy Eurich, Kindergarten Teacher

YES: 7  
NO: 0

Motion carried.

**2023-2024-16**  
Mitchell/Hunter

accept the resignation of Pamela Schanck, Paraprofessional

YES: 7  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-17**  
Long/Wyckoff

accept the resignation of Jessica Buchanan, Food Service Cook

YES: 7  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-18**  
Hunter/Mitchell

accept the resignation of Diana Angel, Music Teacher

YES: 7  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-19**  
Whaley/Wyckoff

consider the approval of Richard Hoffman serving on the continued improvement and policy committees

YES: 7  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-20**

Whaley/Mitchell

consider the approval of Todd Wyckoff serving as Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education Secretary.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-21**

Hunter/Mitchell

consider the approval of proposed changes to the Elementary and Middle/High School student handbooks as presented

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-22**

Mitchell/Whaley

consider the approval of hiring Candise Esper as secondary ELA Teacher

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-23**

Long/Hunter

consider the approval of Larry Rooker as substitute bus driver

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

**Board Members' Comments** – Mrs. Irelan commented she is glad to begin to see diversity on the board.

**Correspondence** - None

There was no other business.

2023-2024-24  
Whaley/Wyckoff

to adjourn at 7:05 pm

YES: 7  
NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Hunter, Vice President