

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 8, 2022

PRESENT: Hunter, Irelan, La Vigne, Long, Szymanski, Whaley
ABSENT: Holzwarth
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.

2022-2023-5

La Vigne / Szymanski to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 11, 2022
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the elementary report. 24 weekend food bags will be distributed to students in need throughout the school year. Mr. Guerin has resigned to be closer to home and family. Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Morris have been hired as 4th and 2nd grade teachers. Ms. Laner will be transitioning from bus driver to part time paraprofessional. One elementary paraprofessional will be hired for upcoming school year. Kindergarten visits are planned to allow new students and families to have one on one time with Mrs. Eurich and Mrs. Gusler. Elementary open house scheduled for August 24th 4:30-6:00 PM. School of Choice commercial currently running on 4 local radio stations. Enrollment is increasing. C.O.O.R. has hired a new 31n provider to be at school three times a week to help support k-12 students with mental health and behavioral needs. Mrs. Shiffer thanked the custodial staff, Ms. Holloway, and Mr. Warren for their hard work over the summer.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. 3 officials attended the Officials Appreciation Dinner at the County Park - will be an annual event. Purler Wrestling Camp brought in 50 athletes, 17 from the Mio Wrestling Program. Fall sports begin August 8th. Junior High Volleyball has been moved to the fall schedule. Due to no interest, there will not be a cheerleading team. A few Mio athletes will be joining Fairview for soccer and cross country. Mr. Marsh will be attending an Athletic Director training in Lansing. August 18th Jv and Varsity Football scrimmaging Inland Lakes. Looking for volunteers to help at home sporting events, if interested please contact Mr. Marsh.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Ahearne provided an update. Mr. Ahearne thanked the custodial crew for their hard work. Middle School orientation set for August 18, 19 and 22. Students will be selecting electives, getting schedules and lockers. Two new teachers showing interest in getting the green house operational again. New cabinets and countertops being installed in nutrition lab. Working hard to fill vacant positions before school begins. New K-12 music teacher has been hired and will be offering MS/HS choir with hopes of building up to band. C.O.O.R. will be offering a Rec Engines class where Mio students will receive hands on learning for small engine, ORV, Motorcycle, etc. repairs.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. There is an new Michigan law concerning public school retirees. Retirees must wait for a period of nine months after their “bona-fide termination of employment” before returning to work at a school in any capacity in order to retain their pension and benefits. After the nine months, there are no earnings limitations for retirees in regards to their pension. Mr. Taylor attended the Big Creek and Elmer Township meetings. Holding monthly school leadership meetings with department heads and supervisors. Mr. Taylor provided a breakdown of the business office and the responsibilities of each party. The financial audit is scheduled for September 19-22. A new employee application has been created for prospective employees. Mr. Taylor provided information about MASB's program to develop a 3-5 year strategic plan for the school district. Sheriff Grace is looking to fill the crossing guard position. Staff safety training is scheduled for September 30th with the Oscoda County Sherriff's Department.

Citizens' Comments – Mrs. Knepp thanked the school on behalf of the Mio Chargers for allowing their athletes to use the field, house, and storage shed. There are currently 25 7th/8th athletes (10 of which are 8th graders and will become H.S. athletes next year) and 19 4th/5th/6th athletes. There are 3 Fairview and 2 homeschool students participating in the program. Mrs. Knepp also commented on the decline of interest in cheerleading in her program. There is still room and time for those students interested in becoming a cheerleader.

Safety Committee Report - Mrs. Whaley presented the safety committee report. Mrs. Long provided a list of community and staff safety concerns to the committee. Committee is working with local law enforcement for insight in regards to having a law enforcement presence in the school. Student drop off and pick up procedures are being evaluated. Door accessibility and use is being discussed.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – Mrs. Ireland presented the strategic planning committee report. The MASB workshops and training sessions will enable school to create a solid 3-5 year plan. A fall 2023 start date being discussed.

Action Items –

2022-2023-6

Whaley/Long

Consider the approval of Shannon Mason for the position of Elementary teacher and Rodney Mason for the position of MS/HS social studies teacher

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

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**2022-2023-7
Hunter/LaVigne**

Consider the approval of Lee Walth and Gary Beardslee for the positions of bus drivers

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

**2022-2023-8
Szymanski/Whaley**

Consider the approval of Jeanette Jenkins and Matthew Belanger for part-time custodian positions

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

**2022-2023-9
Long/Szymanski**

Consider the approval of securing MASB services for 3-5 year planning

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

**2022-2023-10
Hunter/LaVigne**

Consider the resignation of Mark Guerin

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

**2022-2023-11
Hunter/Long**

Consider the approval of adding Mathew Lewis as an authorized purchaser on the school ELAN credit card

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Whaley thanked the board for holding committee meetings, stating that it is good for the board to work together outside of board meetings. Mrs. Ireland welcomed the new staff member to Mio AuSable Schools.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2022-2023-12

La Vigne/Szymanski

to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary