

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2022**

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

2022-2023-14

Szymanski / Long

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 8, 2022
- b) Monthly Finance

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mrs. Shiffer presented the elementary report. TC Energy Foundation awarded the Elementary a grant in the amount of \$6,200 for a sensory space and sensory tools to help students regulate. Mr. Kerry Harwood will be working with the school as an additional counselor available to students through C.O.O.R. and 31n dollars. Christina Pudvin will be joining the school as a behavior coach through C.O.O.R. and 31n dollars. Mrs. Foss resigned as a paraprofessional prior to start of school. Existing paraprofessionals have been able to work together to cover her absence. Mrs. Green and Ms. Demory are piloting a Eureka Squared program with C.O.O.R. and surrounding schools. DRA scheduling has begun. Professional development strategies being put into action. Student enrollment is up 27 students from last year. ELA scores improved at least 5% and Math scores improved over 10%. The True Success theme for September is Respect. Mrs. Shiffer thanked Ms. Holloway and Mr. Warren for their hard work behind the scenes with transportation and technology. Mrs. Shiffer also thanked Hannah, Korsae, and Kaitlyn for their caring work with the Thunder Bay center.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the athletic report. Football team is in the process of ordering new protective gear with the help of the Mio Athletic Boosters. Volleyball games are underway, with a tournament in Jo Burg starting them off. Good turnout from MS/HS students for a tailgate planned by the positive culture committee. Another tailgate in the process of being planned. Homecoming game is scheduled for October 14th vs Whittemore.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Mr. Ahearne provided an update. Mr. Ahearne stated staff is settling in amidst limited flexibility in scheduling due to the loss of a math and special education teacher. Mrs. McGregor is in the process of beginning to organize 6th-8th grade trips for the upcoming year. Welcome bags were distributed to students at the start of the year as part of the positive culture project. First round of NWEA testing has taken place. New cabinets and countertop have been installed in the health lab. Next will be sink and exhaust hoods. Homecoming theme is board games. A powder puff game is planned and a parade at 4. Mr. Ahearne welcomed the community and especially alumni to the Homecoming events.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Central Office is busy preparing for the annual audit. October 5th is count day. The outside basketball court has been resurfaced free of charge by the company refinishing the tennis courts. 98B goals have been updated on the school website. The Sinking Fund millage will be on the November ballot. These funds will be used for major projects at the school. There will be an upcoming staff wide building security professional development day. MASB has granted the school and board a \$1,500 discount for upcoming training sessions. Mr. Taylor shared an itinerary with the board for an upcoming trip for the JV & Varsity football teams to see a Detroit Lions game.

Citizens' Comments – Mrs. Knepp spoke on behalf of the football team and the upcoming trip. She informed the board that an informational parent meeting had taken place. The trip will be free to players thanks to generous local donors. Mrs. Knepp also shared her concerns for the wrestling team and the importance of the team having their own space. Mr. Smith, the current wrestling coach, spoke on the importance of maintaining the wrestling team's positive progress. There are currently 74 students signed up for wrestling. While sharing a room with the music program is not ideal, the wrestling team will make it work until a better option is available. Mrs. McGregor shared some preliminary details about the 6th-8th grade trips. Last year over \$20,000 was donated for the trips and this year may require more since she expects more students to be interested in attending. She is considering swapping a previous destination for Philadelphia.

Safety Committee Report - Meeting was rescheduled.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – MASB workshop scheduled.

**Action Items –
2022-2023-15**

Whaley/Holzwarth

Consider the approval Lee Walth for the position of bus driver

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved

2022-2023-16
Szymanski/Hunter

Consider the approval of Chasatee Evans for the position of elementary paraprofessional
YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved

2022-2023-17
Whaley/Long

Consider the approval of Diana “Nicki” Angel for the position of K-12 music teacher
YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved

2022-2023-18
Holzwarth/Long

Consider the approval of Lynn Morris for the position of second grade teacher
YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved

2022-2023-19
Holzwarth/Long

Consider the approval of Gerald “Jay” Jackson for the position of high school math teacher
YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved

2022-2023-20
Long/Holzwarth

Consider the resignation of Melissa Foss as elementary paraprofessional
YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved

2022-2023-21
Holzwarth/Long

Consider the approval of overnight trip to the Detroit Lions football game for the JV and Varsity football teams with the trip to take place on Saturday, October 1 to Sunday, October 2
YES: 6
NO: 0
Motion approved

Board Members’ Comments – Mrs. Holzwarth shared she is looking forward to students on the football team being able to experience the Detroit Lions game. Ms. Szymanski stated that the tailgate is a great way to get students involved and going to the football games.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2022-2023-22

Whaley/Szymanski to adjourn at 6:46 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Cheryl La Vigne, Board Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Cheryl La Vigne', written in black ink.