

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2025

PRESENT: Harless, Hoffman, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff
ABSENT:
ADMINISTRATION: Wood, Margaritis, Grob, Marsh
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

Superintendent Wood called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance.

All organizational business, other than the Election of Officers, was previously conducted at the July board meeting. Due to election law changes, the Election of Officers is held in January of each year. Mr. Wood called for nominations for the office of president. Mitchell nominated Wyckoff for president.

2024-2025-35

Mitchell/Whaley that nominations for President are closed and a ballot be cast for Wyckoff for President.

Roll call vote.

YES: Harless, Hoffman, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff

NO: None

Abstain: None

Motion approved.

- **President, Board of Education for 2025: Todd Wyckoff**

President Wyckoff conducted the balance of the Organizational Meeting business. Wyckoff called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Mitchell nominated Long for vice president.

2024-2025-36

Mitchell/Harless that nominations for Vice President are closed and a ballot be cast for Long for Vice President.

Roll call vote.

YES: Harless, Hoffman, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

- **Vice President, Board of Education for 2025: Allison Long**

President Wyckoff called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Whaley nominated Mitchell for Secretary.

2024-2025-37

Whaley/Long

that nominations for Secretary are closed and a ballot be cast for Mitchell for Secretary.

Roll call vote.

YES: Harless, Hoffman, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

- **Secretary, Board of Education for 2025: Kathi Mitchell**

President Wyckoff called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Whaley nominated Hoffman for Treasurer.

2024-2025-38

Whaley/Long

that nominations for Treasurer are closed and a ballot be cast for Hoffman for Treasurer.

Roll call vote.

YES: Harless, Hoffman, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff

NO: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

- **Treasurer, Board of Education for 2025: Richard Hoffman**

2024-2025-39

Long/Whaley

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on December 9, 2024
- b) Monthly Finance
- c) Personnel Report

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – Seven students announced as November Bolts of the Month

Staff Appreciation Presentation – Board members read 3 staff appreciation submissions aloud. Mrs. Wood and Miss Brown were selected to win the giveaway. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

Board Member Recognition – Mr. Wood announced that January is Board Recognition Month and thanked each board member for their service and dedication to the district. Miss Mylee Kann spoke on the importance of board members.

Board members were presented with book trees made by students in the Media Center with Ms. Lewis, certificates, and books to be donated to the Media Center in their honor.

Big Creek Grant Support Presentation - Mr. Booth of Big Creek Township presented the board with details of an upcoming grant to develop a park downtown. Mr. Booth also thanked the board for their support on the Safe Routes to School grant.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Wood presented the update. School Improvement Committee meetings are occurring regularly. Several safety updates have been made including Narcan kits, Ok 2 Say, and security cameras. The PA system repairs will begin soon.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Grob presented the report. Mr. Grob announced December's Spark Award winners. The playground sledding hill is open. Donations of safe sleds are being accepted. Mr. Grob thanked recess staff and Miss Sharpe for their help in getting the hill open. Voices of Thunder musical was rescheduled to January 17th. NWEA testing is almost complete. Community Coffee Hour will begin January 22nd in the Media Center from 8:00 AM -9:00 AM. Summer program planning is underway. Current enrollment is 236.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the report. Several wrestlers placed in recent tournaments including A. Burden, G. Knepp, G. Gifford, S. Carter, T. Burden, T. Smith, and A. Burden. M. McGregor scored 1000th point at recent basketball game.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report –Ms. Margaritis presented the report. NWEA testing will begin for grades sixth through eighth. FAFSA night was well attended. Honor Society inductions were held on December 9th. High School students attended the Think Fast Interactive Program teaching safe driving. Awards night will be May 7th. Elementary teachers will be visiting Fairview to observe how they implement various components of the CKLA curriculum. Current enrollment is 259.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. The new website should be live soon. The new bus mechanic is working out great. Heating system corrections have been made. The PA preinstallation inspection is scheduled and PA repairs will begin when done. The final allocation for Title funds have been approved. Water filter grant materials have been received and installation will begin soon. Mr. Wood thanked the basketball team for venturing out in the cold for caroling in the community. There will be upcoming changes to the Title IX laws.

School Improvement Committee Report – Mr. Grob included these updates in his Elementary report.

Citizen Comments – None

Interview of Board Candidates - Mr. Stephens was interviewed by board members. Board discussed interview.

Action Items

2024-2025-40

Mitchell/Harless Consider a motion to approve the Big Creek Recreation Grant Support Resolution as presented.

YES:	6
NO:	0
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-41

Whaley/Long

Consider a motion to approve the appointment of Patrick Stephens to fill the current Board vacancy. (Followed by Oath of Office given by Mr. Wood)

YES: 6
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-42

Harless/Long

Consider a motion to go into closed session to conduct a student discipline hearing for Student #2425-01 pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act at 6:51 PM.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-43

Whaley/Long

Consider a motion to return to open session at 7:26 PM

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-44

Whaley/Long

Consider a motion to approve a Resolution for Student Discipline on Student #2425-01.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-45

Mitchell/Hoffman

Consider a motion to go into closed session to conduct a student discipline hearing for Student #2425-02 pursuant to Section 8(b) of the Michigan Open Meetings Act at 7:47 PM

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-46

Hoffman/Harless

Consider a motion to return to open session at 8:03 PM

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-47

Hoffman/Long

Consider a motion to approve a Resolution for Student Discipline on Student #2425-02.

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

Board Member Comments – Board members welcomed Mr. Stephens to the board. Mrs. Whaley expressed disappointment in the need for such disciplinary decisions and hopes help will be provided to the students in need.

Correspondence – Mrs. Mitchell read cards received by Mrs. Irelan and the Cain Family.

There was no other business

2024-2025-48

Whaley/Long

to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Board Secretary

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