

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 13, 2025**

PRESENT: Harless, Hoffman, Mitchell, Myczkowiak, Stephens, Whaley, Wyckoff
ABSENT:
ADMINISTRATION: Wood, Margaritis, Jackson
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

President Wyckoff called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Reading of the mission, vision, goals, and belief statements.

2025-2026-15

Harless/Stephens to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Special Meeting on September 8, 2025
- b) Monthly Finance
 - a. Approval of Included Check Registers
 - b. Fund Balance Report
 - c. Journal Entry Listing
 - d. Monthly Financial Statement
- c) Personnel Report

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Motion approved.

Staff Appreciation Presentation – Staff appreciation submissions were read for Mr. Wood, Mr. McMaster, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Oberg. Mrs. Morris was selected as the staff appreciation winner. Submissions will be collected for the next meeting.

Bolt of the Month – Seven secondary students were awarded Student of the Month.

Audit Presentation – Ms Ellis from Weinlander Fitzhugh, PC presented the 2024-2025 audit results. There were no findings on the single audit. There is a finding due to an unfavorable variance in the revenue and expenditure portions of the final budget. The general fund balance as of 6/30/2025 is \$1,303,305 with a net decrease of \$74,522. The Food Service fund balance as of 6/30/2025 is \$80,920 with a net decrease of \$11,252. The Student Activities fund balance as of 6/30/2025 is \$104,474 with a net increase of \$3,714. Ms. Ellis informed the board of upcoming accounting pronouncements that will affect future accounting and audit processes.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Wood presented the report. Elementary teachers continue to collaborate with Fairview teachers on CKLA curriculum. Secondary teachers completed syllabi. Teachers are working on essential standards for ELA and Math. The Student Success Network met with COOR. Coffee and Connect was well attended. Ms. Margaritis released a new episode of the podcast. Fifth grade will be attending Starbase. A new sidewalk was installed to limit students walking on the parking lot. A new doorbell buzzer system was installed. Parking lot pick up procedures have been tweaked to ensure students are safe in the parking lot. Supervisors will be attending a training at COOR.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Ms. Margaritis discussed multiple upcoming events. NJHS and NHS inductions were held. Several colleges have met with juniors and seniors. NWEA is complete. Ms. Margaritis discussed the upcoming cell phone policy. Ms. Margaritis discussed the upcoming presentation by Rachel's Challenge. Current enrollment is 260.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Jackson presented the report. Mr. Jackson discussed the new pick up procedures. Students have been rewarded with a Principal dance party and lunch with Mr. Jackson. NWEA testing is finished for the fall and data will be examined next. Several staff members walked to school with students for the annual Walk to School day. Title 1 pumpkin carving will be held October 28th. Mr. Jackson announced the Spark Award winners for respect. Board members were reminded to vote for their favorite t-shirt design.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Current enrollment is 484. Mr. Wood discussed the audit and recent facility improvements. There are several upcoming committee meetings including a Wellness Committee meeting on October 15th. The Thunder Bay Clinic open house will be October 28th.

Committee Reports – Mr. Wyckoff announced that the Extracurricular Committee is in the last stages of the final draft of the crest being completed. Mr. Wyckoff read the Athletic updates.

Citizens' Comments – Mrs. Beek spoke to the board regarding the Mio-AuSable Theater Club and the upcoming student election in her classroom. Mr. McFalda spoke about upcoming field trips and career day. Mrs. Carter spoke on the condition of the building and concern about cold/flu season.

Action Items

2025-2026-16

Mitchell/Myczkowiak consider a motion to approve the FY25 financial audit as presented.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

2025-2026-17

Whaley/Mitchell consider a motion to approve the annual resolution for summer tax collection. Roll call vote.

Harless: Yes
Hoffman: Yes
Mitchell: Yes
Myczkowiak: Yes
Stephens: Yes
Whaley: Yes
Wyckoff: Yes

NO: 0
Motion approved.

2025-2026-18

Whaley/Harless consider a motion to approve the new cell phone policy as presented by the administration with an implementation date of November 3, 2025.

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mr. Wykcoff reminded board members to stay after to vote on t-shirt designs. Mrs. Myczkowiak asked about playground donations. Mr. Stephens spoke on the condition of the playground.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2025-2026-19

Whaley/Myczkowiak to adjourn 7:07 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary

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