

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 9, 2024**

PRESENT: Harless, Hoffman, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Wyckoff
ABSENT: Whaley
ADMINISTRATION: Wood, Margaritis, Grob
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR:
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.

2024-2025-29

Long/Irelan to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on November 11, 2024
- b) Monthly Finance
- c) Personnel Report
- d) Second Reading & Approval of Board Policy Updates
 - i. Vol. 39, No. 1 - EDGAR/UGG (Policy #'s: 1130, 3110, 4110, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6325, 6550, 7310, 7450)
 - ii. Vol 39, No. 1 - Local (Policy #'s: 2264, 3120.08, 5330.02, 5340, 5500, 7440.03, 7540.09, 8321)
 - iii.

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – November Bolts of the Month will be recognized at the January meeting.

Staff Appreciation Presentation – Submissions were read for K. Oliphant, K. Bowers, and A. Margaritis. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Wood presented the report. Ms. Margaritis is moving forward with CKLA implementation. ABA initial observations have been done. The elementary handbook has been updated. Mr. Wood will be attending the Knights of Columbus annual dinner. Mr. Wood shared new district brochures and advertising materials that Ms. Holloway created. The first podcast is available for listening. A new bus mechanic has been secured. Mr. Grob, Ms. Margaritis, and Mr. Wood attended recent ASCD training. Mr. Warren is working on developing an emergency communication system for staff. Six new AED units have been purchased to be available within building and at outdoor sporting events.

Elementary Principal/Special Education Director's Report – Mr. Grob presented the report. Mr. Grob announced the November spark award winners. The playground sledding hill is back. The Voices of Thunder music program will be

December 17th at 6 pm. Mr. Grob thanked Mr. JJ Jackson for his hard work on the program. Mr. Grob shared significant staff attendance issues with the board. Tutoring is going well. NWEA testing has begun. Mr. Grob introduced Mr. Quackenbush and Miss Vargas to the board as the academic coaches. Mr. Grob thanked the coaches for their hard work, which is making a huge impact. Mr. Quackenbush and Miss Vargas voiced the importance of being proactive rather than reactive in their roles. Current enrollment is 236.

Athletic Director’s Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. A. Burden and H. Habas placed first at a recent wrestling match. There will be a home wrestling match at 2:00 PM on December 20th that students can attend during the day. J. Cooper was announced as All-State for Tight End/Wide Receiver.

Middle School / High School Principal’s Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Mr. Poff recently held a Campfire with a Cause where students were invited to attend a campfire with the donation of a canned good. The middle school drama class will be presenting “Horror Movie 101” and high school will be presenting “Evening of One Act Plays.” Mrs. McDonald will be hosting FAFSA night. The senior class will be selling candy grams. The junior class is hosting santa shop as a fundraiser. Ms. Margaritis reminded the board of the upcoming Feedback Fiesta on December 20th. Ms. Margaritis is working with Fairview Area Schools to aid Mio AuSable staff with CKLA training. Current enrollment is 261.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Mr. Wood reported that radio ads are running on Mondays & Tuesdays to recognize students and staff. Security camera upgrade installation is in progress. The maintenance department is working hard to get the heating system functioning properly. The Filter First grant has been approved. Interviewing will take place for a potential special education teacher for 2025-2026.

Finance Committee Report – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report. The bus garage well has been replaced. The school will be joining an E-Rate program to purchase technology equipment at a discounted price. Thunder Bay would like to expand, but more discussion is required. A bus purchase is being considered.

Citizens’ Comments – None

Action Items

2024-2025-30

Long/Harless	Consider a motion to approve the USF E-Rate professional services agreement with Triple R.
	YES: 6
	NO: 0
	ABSENT: 1
	Motion approved.

2024-2025-31

Irelan/Harless	Consider a motion to approve the contractual agreement with Richard Holsbeke to provide bus mechanic services for the district.
	YES: 6
	NO: 0
	ABSENT: 1
	Motion approved.

2024-2025-32

Hoffman/Long

Consider a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement with MAEA regarding Insurance Plan ABC Plan 1 (ET).

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion approved.

2024-2025-33

Mitchell/Hoffman

Consider a motion to approve the Letter of Agreement with MAESPA regarding Insurance Plan ABC Plan 1 (ET).

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion approved.

Selection of Board Candidate Questions - Board members discussed potential questions for potential board member(s) to be interviewed in January.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Irelan thanked the board, staff, and community. She recalled being interviewed 27 years ago. Mr. Wyckoff thanked Mrs. Irelan for her dedication to Mio AuSable Schools. Mrs. Irelan was presented with a campfire ring fabricated by Mr. McFalda's industrial arts class. Mr. Wood thanked Mrs. Irelan for her service.

Correspondence -

None

There was no other business.

2024-2025-34

Irelan/Hoffman

to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Bd Sec.

Kathi Mitchell, Recording Secretary