

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2025**

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2024-2025-44

Mitchell/Long to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on January 13, 2025
- b) Monthly Finance
- c) Personnel Report
- d) First reading to repeal Board Policy #2264

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – 14 students announced as December and January Bolts of the Month.

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

Budget Amendment Presentation – Mr. Wood presented amendments including food service and trust & agency. The general fund balance is predicted to be around 19%. Compared to the audited fiscal year 2024 budget, changes include a significant increase to educator wages, curriculum purchases, coaching costs, and grant changes. Mr. Wood reported student count is up ten students. The food service fund balance is predicted to be around 15%.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Wood presented the update. The first coffee and connect was a success. The new website is up and running. Annual education reports have been uploaded to the transparency page. The PA system upgrade is in progress. Staff are working hard to develop plans for struggling students.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Grob presented the report. Mr. Grob announced January's Spark Award winners. Mrs. Beek is leading a leadership book study. Fifth graders completed their time at Starbase in Alpena. Ms. Halsey is the new NEMCSA Grandma working primarily with the Title 1 staff. Mrs. Jagiello will be conducting lice checks. Lice shampoo donations are welcomed. Four teachers are providing regular after school tutoring. Mr. Grob thanked Mr. Teegarten for his work as the COOR school psychologist. Wellvance will be providing a day of youth mental health training on Wednesday, February 25th. Current enrollment is 243.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the report. Several wrestlers were named All-Conference: A. Burden, G. Knepp, T. Burden, and T. Smith. Several wrestlers advanced to individual regionals. Varsity Girls Basketball team is sitting first in the league. Varsity Boys Basketball team is tied for first in league with Hillman. Mr. C. Leach has been hired as the new Varsity Softball coach. Spring sport practices start on March 10th.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report –Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Expectation training/PBIS implementation is underway. Committee meetings are in full swing including leadership, data, curriculum, and sunshine. Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. Oberg are working to plan a travel opportunity for students in August of 2026. Deputy Easterday will be holding a safe driving assembly on February 21st. Sergeant Blair will be holding a sobriety assembly on February 24th. Elementary teachers will be traveling to Fairview to observe CKLA curriculum in action. Current enrollment is 256.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. The transportation department is seeking substitute bus drivers. Mio AuSable Schools will pay for training expenses. Mio AuSable is one of 51 districts in the state to receive the Stronger Connections grant. The COOR wide board dinner will be held April 4th. The Oscoda County EMS will be providing AED training to staff on February 14, 2025.

Safety Committee Report – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report. The safety committee met to discuss events held at the school during the school day and the doorbell system.

Citizen Comments – None

Action Items

2024-2025-45

Harless/Long

Consider a motion to approve the Robotics' Team overnight stays for events in Lake City on February 28-March 2 and Mt. Pleasant on March 7.

YES:	6
NO:	0
ABSENT:	1
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-46

Mitchell/Hoffman

Consider a motion to approve purchasing technology infrastructure from Moss Telecommunications utilizing E-Rate discounts (80%) for \$12,595.39.

YES:	6
NO:	0
ABSENT:	1
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-47

Whaley/Long

Consider a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented.

YES:	6
NO:	0
ABSENT:	1
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-48

Harless/Mitchell

Consider a motion to go into closed session under Section 8e of the Open Meetings Act to consult with legal counsel regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation at 6:47 PM. (2/3 Roll Call Vote)

Harless	Yes
Hoffman	Yes
Long	Yes
Mitchell	Yes
Stephens	Absent
Whaley	Yes
Wyckoff	Yes

Motion approved.

2024-2025-49

Harless/Whaley

Consider a motion to return to open session at 7:01 PM.

YES:	6
NO:	0
ABSENT:	1
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-50

Hoffman/Long

Consider a motion to extend council authority to resolve the pending litigation. (2/3 Roll Call Vote)

Harless	Yes
Hoffman	Yes
Long	Yes
Mitchell	Yes
Stephens	Absent
Whaley	Yes
Wyckoff	Yes

Motion approved.

Board Member Comments – Mr. Harless announced that several employees will be joining him to sort a large donation for the school from a clearing center downstate.

Correspondence – None

There was no other business

2024-2025-51

Whaley/Hoffman

to adjourn at 7:14 p.m.

YES:	6
NO:	0
ABSENT:	1
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Board Secretary

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