

MIO-AUSABLE SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2025

PRESENT: Harless, Hoffman, Long, Mitchell, Stephens, Whaley, Wyckoff
ABSENT:
ADMINISTRATION: Wood, Margaritis, 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.

2024-2025-86

Long/Mitchell to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Meeting on May 19, 2025
 - b) Monthly Finance
 - c) Personnel Report
- YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – 6 students announced as May Bolts of the Month.

Staff Appreciation Presentation – Staff appreciation submissions were read aloud for Roy Ickes, Tim Jones, Ashley Marsh, and Chris Grob. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

Recognition of Track Athletes – Sawyer Carter and Carter Long were recognized for their recent success at the state track meet.

24-25 Final Budget and 25-26 Initial Budget – Miss Belanger presented the report. The current year's budget included the new teacher contract, which had a significant increase in wages, a fifth bus route was added, and there were large increases in coaching costs. The final budget presented has an 18% fund balance. There are a lot of unknowns about next year's budget due to the state budget not being finalized. The Initial 2025-2026 budget factors in ten less students due to low Kindergarten enrollment numbers and a \$400 per pupil increase. Increases to the support staff wages due to recent negotiations were also included. The initial budget presented has a 12.1% fund balance.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Wood presented the update. The school applied for the 35m literacy grant. There were many end of year events. Project Connect will be held at the school on June 12th. Several staff members are attending a training on AI. Quotes are being gathered for the parking lot and roof repair. The gym needs new speakers. The Emergency Operations Plan has been updated and submitted. Thunder Bay is expanding their space over the summer.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report. Mr. Wyckoff announced the June Spark award winners. Mr. Jackson was announced as the new Elementary Principal. Summer school planning is wrapping up. Mrs. Sutton and Mrs. Mason raised over \$500 with a pie in the face contest. There continue to be whooping cough cases. Mr. Wyckoff shared the contingent middle school special education plan for 2025-2026. Current enrollment is 250.

Athletic Director’s Report – Mr. Marsh presented the report. Varsity Baseball ended 5-5 in Big Dipper League. Varsity softball lost in regionals. Mr. Carter placed third in Pole Vault and Mr. Long placed 5th in the 110 hurdles and 8th in the 300 hurdles at the state track meet. Mrs. McGregor has resigned from the middle school basketball coaching positions.

Middle School / High School Principal’s Report –Ms. Margaritis presented the report. A self-defense class was offered to senior girls. Graduation, Spring Fling, and the high school play were a success. Mrs. Beek will be running a high school theater and drama club in the fall. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the Second Lady Summer Reading Challenge. Summer curriculum work days have been scheduled. Mentoring groups for students are being created. Current enrollment is 251.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Mr. Wood updated the board on upcoming election information regarding the operating and sinking funds. New network switches are being installed over the summer. These were purchases using USF discounts.

Committee Reports – The extracurricular committee met to review the athletic handbooks. Changes will be made to all extracurricular handbooks. A branding guide is also being created. The safety committee discussed the parking lot and roof needs. The committee is considering changing the entry system. The finance committee met to discuss the final 2024-2025 and initial 2025-2026 budgets. New buses are needed.

Citizen Comments – Mr. Gendernalik spoke about the recent Elementary Principal hire.

Interview Candidate for Board Vacancy - Board members interviewed Kelsey Myczkowiak.

Action Items

2024-2025-87

Mitchell/Whaley Consider a motion to approve the appointment of Kelsey Myczkowiak to fill the Board vacancy in accordance with MCL - Section 168.311 effective July 1, 2025.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-88

Whaley/Long Consider a motion to approve the 2024-2025 Final Budget Amendment.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-89
Long/Stephens

Consider a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Preliminary Budget.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-90
Mitchell/Long

Consider a motion to approve the 2025-2026 MHSAA Membership Resolution.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-91
Hoffman/Harless

Consider a motion to approve the district's revised Emergency Operations Plan.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-92
Harless/Whaley

Consider a motion to approve membership with the Michigan Association of School Boards for the 2025-2026 school year.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-93
Mitchel/Long

Consider a motion to authorize the superintendent to accept a bid to repair the parking lot using sinking funds for the project.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-94

Harless/Long

Consider a motion to approve the wrestling team's overnight trip to Johnstown/Somerset, Pennsylvania July 12 - 18, 2025.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-95

Harless/Long

Consider a motion to approve the girls' basketball team's overnight trips to Grand Valley State University and Frankfurt, June 12-17, 2025 and Northwood University June 27-28, 2025.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-96

Mitchell/Long

Consider a motion to approve the boys' basketball team's overnight trip to Albion Team Camp, June 12, 2025.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-97

Mitchell/Long

Consider a motion to go into closed session to discuss negotiation strategy pursuant to Section 8(c) of the Open Meetings Act.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-98

Mitchell/Long

Consider a motion to return to open session.

YES: 7
NO: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: None

Motion approved.

2024-2025-99

Harless/Whaley

Consider a motion to ratify the 2025-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement with Mio-AuSable Education Support Personnel/MEA/NEA.

YES:	7
NO:	0
ABSENT:	0
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion approved.

Board Member Comments – Mr. Wycoff thanked Mrs. Long for her service to Mio AuSable Schools. Mr. Stephens thanked Mr. Marsh for his good work as athletic director.

Correspondence – None

There was no other business

2024-2025-100

Whaley/Hoffman

To adjourn at 7:40 pm

YES:	7
NO:	0
ABSENT:	0
ABSTAIN:	None

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Board Secretary

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