

MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 14, 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.

2025-2026-1

Harless/Stephens to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Special Meeting on June 9, 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
- d) Policy Updates (Compliance Officers)
- e) Organizational Items for the 2025-2026 School Year
 - 1. **Depositories and Signatures** – The Mio AuSable Schools designates Fifth Third, Huntington, and the Michigan School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus as the official depositories for school monies. Said designation conveys approval of all necessary forms for transacting business with said depositories and authorizes the President, Treasurer, Superintendent and his designees to sign necessary forms, vouchers, checks, receipts, wire transfers, etc., related to the district's use of specified depositories. Food Service account depositories and signatures: Treasurer, Food Service Director, Superintendent and his designee.
 - 2. **Authorization for posting notices** – the Superintendent, or his designee, shall be designated as the person responsible for posting notices of all regular, rescheduled or special Board of Education meetings.
 - 3. **Meeting Dates** – the regular meeting of the Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education for 2025-2026 shall be held on the second Monday of each month.

Regular board of education meetings will start at 6:00 p.m., not to exceed 9:00 p.m., to be held in the Mio AuSable School auditorium.

Accordingly, the meeting dates are as follows:

July 14, 2025	January 12, 2026
August 11, 2025	February 9, 2026
September 8, 2025	March 9, 2026

October 13, 2025	April 13, 2026
November 10, 2025	May 11, 2026
December 8, 2025	June 8, 2026

NOTE: Any changes from the above dates or the announcement and dates of any special meeting(s) shall be posted in the lobby of the school.

4. **Appointment of Auditors** – the Board of Education shall retain the firm Weinlander Fitzhugh as the school district’s auditors for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
5. **Legal Counsel** – the Board of Education shall retain the firm of Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as the school district’s legal counsel and representative for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.
6. **Board Member Compensation** – the Board of Education establishes the following rates of compensation for all Officers and Trustees for the 2025-2026 fiscal year: \$30.00 per meeting attended; \$0 for absent members; \$10.00 per committee meeting attended, plus mileage at the prevailing rate; maximum compensation shall be for 52 meetings.
7. **Credit Card Authorized Users** - Gerald Jackson will be added as an authorized purchaser on the school ELAN credit card account. David Grob will be removed as an authorized purchaser on the school ELAN credit card account.

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSTAIN: 1

Motion approved.

Staff Appreciation Presentation – There were no submissions. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Mr. Wood presented the report. Principals are working on schedules, required trainings, and reviewing handbooks. 31N Provider will be changing. Board discussed updating the cellphone policy. Mr. Wood participated in the My Town radio broadcast. The sinking fund and operating fund renewals will be on the November ballot. The parking lot work is almost complete and paid for with the sinking fund.

Middle School / High School Principal’s Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. The CSHCS Bullying Prevention Initiative grant has been award to Mio AuSable Schools. Summer Camp was a success! Ms. Margaritis is planning for the upcoming school year and foresees an increase in enrollment. Current enrollment is 251.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Maintenance department is working on getting the school ready for August. Roof work bids are being collected. Network switch work will be commencing. Mr. Wood discussed current employment openings. Project Connect was a success.

Elementary Principal’s Report – Mr. Jackson presented the report. Summer Camp was well attended. Incoming Kindergarten numbers are low, so only one classroom will be needed at this point. Mr. Jackson will be bringing Mio Proud to the school. Students will be encouraged to share why they are proud of their school. Students who are recognized within the program will be offered to join the “Lunch with the Principal” table on Fridays. Mr. Jackson is looking forward to a great school year.

Citizens’ Comments – None

Action Items

2025-2026-2

Mitchell/Hoffman

Consider a motion to approve the changes to the Athletic Handbook

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2025-2026-3

Harless/Whaley

consider a motion to approve the changes to the Coaches' Handbook

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2025-2026-4

Mitchell/Stephens

consider a motion to adopt the special election proposals resolution

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2025-2026-5

Wyckoff/Whaley

consider a motion to elect Richard Hoffman as Vice President

Roll Call:

Harless: Yes

Hoffman: Yes

Mitchell: Yes

Myczkowiak: Yes

Stephens: Yes

Whaley: Yes

Wyckoff: Yes

Motion approved.

2025-2026-6

Wyckoff/Harless

consider a motion to elect Linda Whaley as Treasurer

Roll Call:

Harless: Yes

Hoffman: Yes

Mitchell: Yes

Myczkowiak: Yes

Stephens: Yes

Whaley: Yes

Wyckoff: Yes

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mr. Harless thanked Mrs. Myczkowiak for joining the finance committee. Mr. Stephens welcomed Mr. McMaster as the new Athletic Director. Mrs. Mitchell shared information regarding the Missoula Community Theater program.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2025-2026-7

Whaley/Hoffman to adjourn 7:30 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary

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