

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2024**

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

2024-2025-14

Long/Irelan to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on September 9, 2024
- b) Monthly Finance
- c) Personnel Report

YES: 6
NO: 0
ABSENT: 1
Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – Seven students were awarded Bolt of the Month awards.

Staff Appreciation Presentation – None. 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. The MS/HS course catalog is on the agenda for approval. Academic coaches at the Elementary level have been successful. Mr. Wood thanked staff involved in organizing and presenting at the recent de-escalation training. Mr. Grob has been working to arrange for an ABA therapist to work in the school. MS/HS staff will be working on behavior expectation training. Do the Right Thing tickets have begun to be issued to students. Ms. Margaritis will be recording podcasts starting in November. Staff will be attending professional development sessions in Houghton Lake and Grayling. Ms. Margaritis attended the Curriculum Leadership Institute. The Central Office will be updating accounting software. Athletic field safety will be assessed using 97c grant funds. Mr. Wood asked meeting attendees for public comment to gather 31aa grant expenditure ideas.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the report. The JV football team is undefeated. The Pink Out volleyball game is scheduled for October 15th at Mio. Middle School volleyball season has ended and Middle School girls' basketball practice has begun. Mr. Marsh shared upcoming overnight travel dates that will need to be approved at the next board meeting. Mr. Marsh thanked the Athletic Boosters for contributing to a new volleyball pole and net system. Mr. Wood thanked Mr. Marsh and Mr. Shephard for traveling to Ohio to pick up the new volleyball system.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. Homecoming week was full of events and went well. Parent teacher conferences were held on October 10th. Mio students will be working with local rangers to create a Kirtland's Warbler activity booklet. The school store is up and running. Mio art students have their work on display at the Oscoda County District Library, Paddle Inn, Daily Grind, and Mio AuSable Library. Ms. Margaritis will be holding Feedback Fiestas throughout the year for staff, parents, students, community members, etc. to voice their concerns and offer suggestions. Ms. Margaritis is working to analyze how the new CKLA curriculum is being implemented. Current enrollment is 263.

Elementary Principal/Special Education Director's Report – Mr. Grob presented the report. The fifth-grade students went on a rafting trip down the AuSable River. The Student Support Network team met. The Elementary Curriculum Guide approval is included as an action item. Twelve Elementary students received spark awards for respect. October's character trait is responsibility. Mr. Grob completed the 5d training. Kindergarten students hiked to the overlook. All Elementary students attended demonstrations at Tri-Town Fire Department. Mr. Grob reported that student behavior has improved this year. Tutoring will be underway soon. The school improvement team met to work on the MCIP report. Work has begun to develop a weekly parent support group and a Read at Home Room. Current enrollment is 236.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Mr. Wood reported that radio ads are running on Mondays & Tuesdays to recognize students and staff. The transportation department is still looking for a mechanic. Snow plow bids have been received. The 23-24 audit will be presented at the November meeting. There are several job openings. Pumpkin carving will take place on October 29th.

Safety Committee Report – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report. A new intercom system is being researched. Concession lighting is now working. No parking signs have been posted in the fire lane. No parking will be painted on the drive soon. All entrances have been clearly marked with numbers. Parking around the building has been stopped. The Safe Routes to School surveys are live.

Principal Appreciation – The board recognized Ms. Margaritis and Mr. Grob with certificates for Principal Appreciation Month.

Citizens' Comments – Mr. McFalda shared that Advanced Shop and Welding will be travelling to Alpena to tour the trades facilities. Students will also be travelling to the Moran Iron Works Industrial Arts Institute where a Mio AuSable graduate will be leading a tour.

Action Items

2024-2025-15

Mitchell/Long

consider a motion to accept the district-wide professional development advisory committee.

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion approved.

2024-2025-16

Long/Hoffman

consider a motion to approve course catalog for MS/HS.

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion approved.

2024-2025-17

Mitchel/Wyckoff

consider a motion to approve curriculum guide for Elementary.

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion approved.

2024-2025-18

Irelan/Long

consider a motion to approve awarding the snow plow bid to Patrick Stephens.

YES: 6

NO: 0

ABSENT: 1

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mr. Hoffman thanked Mr. Marsh for handling an incident with another school at a recent volleyball game. Mr. Hoffman also commended the Mio AuSable volleyball coaches and students for handling themselves so well and avoiding confrontation.

Correspondence -

Mrs. Mitchell read a thank you letter from staff for providing soup and salad for lunch on conferences day.

There was no other business.

2024-2025-19

Harless/Hoffman

to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathi Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Handwritten signature of Kathi Mitchell in cursive script.