

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 11, 2024**

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PRESENT: Harless, Hoffman, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff  
ABSENT: None  
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.

**2024-2025-20**

Long/Mitchell to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on October 14, 2024
- b) Monthly Finance
- c) Personnel Report
- d) First Reading of Board Policy Updates

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion approved.

**Bolt of the Month** – Eight students were awarded Bolt of the Month awards.

**Staff Appreciation Presentation** – Board read submissions for DeGuzman, Boright, Mason, Reynolds, Wad, Margaritis, Case, Lewis, Fritz, Jackson, Beek, Green, Johnson, Kachiros, Grob, King, Gusler, and Marsh. Submissions will be accepted for the next board meeting.

**Audit Presentation** - Julie Ellis from Weinlander Fitzhugh, PC presented the 2023-2024 audit results. There were no findings on the single audit. There were unfavorable variances in the Food Service Fund and Student Activities Fund within the budget. The general fund balance was \$1,377,827, a net increase to the fund balance of \$261,273. The Food Service fund balance was \$92,172, a net decrease to the fund balance of \$40,788. The Sinking Fund balance was \$359,718, a net increase of \$227,730. Ms. Ellis informed the board of upcoming accounting pronouncements that will affect future audit processes.

**Strategic Planning Update Presentation** – Mr. Wood presented the report. Many staff have been attending curriculum training. The Professional Development Advisory Committee met and voted to approve at least eight hours of professional development to count as instructional hours. Bolt Buddies program is up and running. ABA therapy is moving forward. Ms. Margaritis is working on restructuring the secondary R & R program. Ms. Margaritis has released the first Thundercast podcast. The telephone system is currently being updated. The Transportation Department passed a bus inspection with 100%. The Food Service Department also received a 100% score on a recent inspection.

**Elementary Principal/Special Education Director's Report** – Mr. Grob presented the report. Mr. Grob announced 12 spark awards winners. November's character trait will be gratitude. The elementary leadership team was been created and will be attending the MCIP Roadshow with secondary staff. 48% of elementary students earned the citizenship award. Lorri Downey has been hired as a paraprofessional. Pumpkin carving was well attended. Mr. Grob thanked Mrs. Beek for her work organizing the event. Mr. Grob invited the Aviles family to share their experience with ABA therapy provided by Wellvance in their home. Both first grade classrooms went on a nature hike. Six students were awarded with a "Do the Right Thing" award from Officer Blair. Tutoring has begun. JJ Jackson has started practicing with students for the annual winter concert. Current enrollment is 236.

**Athletic Director's Report** – Mr. Marsh presented the report. JV football ended up 7-1 this year. The football program won a \$5,000 prize from the T-Mobile Friday Night Lights Sweepstakes. Varsity Volleyball were district champs. Basketball and wrestling practices are underway.

**Middle School / High School Principal's Report** – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. The Bolt Hygiene Closet is accepting donations. Students attended an internet safety presentation. Mr. McFalda's students took a field trip to the Industrial Arts Institute Trade School and Moran Iron Works. Study Sanctuary has seen an increase in attendees. The Robotics Team has begun meeting on Tuesdays. There is a new art club on Wednesdays. Sarah Brege has been hired to fill the ELA opening. Current enrollment is 263.

**Superintendent's Report** – Mr. Wood presented the report. Staff attended a district wide professional development hosted by COOR. Spark and Bolts of the Month radio ads are currently running. Security Camera work has begun. Awaiting quotes on the PA system and scheduling of security assessment of outside fields. Stronger Connections and 35a(5) grants have been submitted. There will be a board opening starting in January.

**Personnel Committee Report** – Personnel Committee discussed calendar change and ELA vacancy.

**Citizens' Comments** – None

**Action Items**

**2024-2025-21**

Whaley/Harless consider a motion to approve the FY24 Audit as presented by Weinlander Fitzhugh, PC.

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
Motion approved.

**2024-2025-22**

Mitchell/Long consider a motion to approve the district-wide professional development advisory committee's recommendation to count DPPD days as instructional days for the 2024-2025 school year.

YES: 7  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
Motion approved.

**2024-2025-23**

Hoffman/Harless

consider a motion to approve overnight athletic trips as follows:

1. Boys Basketball - Dec. 6 @ Mackinaw City
2. Wrestling - Dec 6 @ Dansville, Feb. 7 @ TBD (Districts), Feb. 14 @ TBD (Regionals), Feb. 27-28 @ Ford Field (State Finals)
3. Girls Basketball - Dec. 27-28 @ Dexter, Jan. 17 @ St. Ignace

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion approved.

**2024-2025-24**

Irelan/Whaley

consider a motion to approve the 2025 Annual Summer Tax Resolution.

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion approved.

**2024-2025-25**

Harless/Long

consider a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8c of the Michigan Open Meetings Act at 7:19 pm.

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion approved.

**2024-2025-27**

Whaley/Mitchell

consider a motion to return to open session pursuant to Section 8c of the Michigan Open Meetings Act at 7:23 pm.

YES: 7

NO: 0

ABSENT: 0

Motion approved.

**Board Members' Comments** – Mr. Wyckoff thanked Mr. McFalda for his work in the Industrial Arts programs.

**Correspondence -** None

There was no other business.

**2024-2025-28**

Harless/Hoffman

to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathi Mitchell, Secretary*

Kathi Mitchell, Recording Secretary