

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2024**

PRESENT: Harless, Hoffman, Irelan, Long, Mitchell, Whaley, Wyckoff
ABSENT:
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.

2024-2025-11

Mitchell/Long to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 12, 2024
- b) Monthly Finances
- c) Personnel Report

YES: 7

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Bolt of the Month – None

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

Strategic Planning Update Presentation – Multiple academic programs are being utilized this year including IXL, Happy Numbers, and Mystery Science. Ms. Margaritis has created a curriculum team. De-escalation training will take place for all staff on September 13th. MS/HS is working on a behavior matrix. Mr. Grob is meeting with an ABA therapist in hopes to provide additional support to students in the classroom. First day photos were taken and framed for new Kindergarteners. Radio ads will begin soon spotlighting staff and students. Ms. Margaritis and Mr. Grob completed 5d training. Ms. Margaritis and Mr. Grob also completed Title IX training and will serve as the Title IX coordinators. A facility inspection has been done and the report will be available in November or December. K-12 students attended a water safety presentation and grades 8-12 attended a grief processing presentation. The camera bidding and lead water testing processes are underway. A new parent pick up procedure has been implemented to keep students safe in the parking lot.

Elementary Principal's Report – Mr. Grob presented the report. The new parent pick up procedure is now working properly after a small set back the first day. Mr. Grob is holding grade level meetings twice a month. The fifth graders will be taking a field trip down river. Staff are fully implementing the new ELA curriculum. Mrs. Beek will be leading her classroom families in a new program titled "Nurture Group." Mr. Grob thanked Thunder Bay for their amazing work this year. There is a new sensory path in the K-2 hallway.

Athletic Director's Report – Mr. Marsh presented the report. JV and Varsity Football seasons are underway. Varsity is 1-1. Homecoming is scheduled for October 4th. Volleyball travelled to Mt. Morris for a tournament. Middle School Volleyball

hosted a tournament at home and finished in second place.

Middle School / High School Principal's Report – Ms. Margaritis presented the report. A blood drive was held on August 26th. Middle school students began NWEA testing. Ms. Margaritis reminded the board of the importance of students receiving timely vaccinations in order to remain in good standing. Study Sanctuary began September 4th. Class sponsors held class wide meetings on September 6th. Ms. Margaritis also provided the board with the latest copy of the MS/HS newsletter.

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Staff are participating in COOR area wide workgroups. Transportation mechanic, Stan Gardner, will be resigning. The Critical Incident Mapping report has been received. This report will provide first responders with important information in case of an emergency. The financial audit will be presented at the November meeting. The 11bb grant has been approved. Camera bids were received and a proposed vendor is on the agenda for approval.

Citizens' Comments – Mrs. Welch commented on the good start to the year both as a staff member and a parent.

Action Items

2024-2025-12

Harless/Whaley consider a motion to approve the security camera bid of \$75,430.00 submitted by Catch-M-Cams

YES: 7
NO: 0
Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mr. Hoffman commented on the success of the class wide meetings this year. Mr. Wyckoff thanked those who worked on the parent pick up and congratulated everyone on their ability to work together to come up with a resolution to keep students safer. Mrs. Whaley commented on the positive presence Mr. Blair is providing the school as the School Resource Officer.

Correspondence - Ogemaw Heights sent a sympathy card for the Mio AuSable student who recently passed away.

There was no other business.

2024-2025-13

Harless/Whaley to adjourn at 6:40p.m.

YES: 7
NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary

