

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
July 10, 2023**

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PRESENT: Ireland, Long, Mitchell, Wyckoff  
ABSENT: Hunter, Whaley  
VACANCY: LaVigne  
ADMINISTRATION: Taylor  
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR: None  
RECORDING SECRETARY: Belanger

President Ireland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Organizational Business issues are conducted annually at the July board meeting, with the remainder of the organizational meeting held in January of each year.

**2023-2024-1**

Long/Mitchell

to approve consent agenda items:

- a) **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.
- b) **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.
- c) **Meeting Dates** – the regular meeting of the Mio AuSable Schools Board of Education for 2023-2024 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 10, 2023	January 8, 2024
August 14, 2023	February 12, 2024
September 11, 2023	March 11, 2024
October 9, 2023	April 8, 2024
November 13, 2023	May 13, 2024
December 11, 2023	June 10, 2024

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.

- d) **Appointment of Auditors** – the Board of Education shall retain the firm Weinlander Fitzhugh as the school district’s auditors for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- e) **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 2023-2024 fiscal year.
- f) **Board Member Compensation** – the Board of Education establishes the following rates of compensation for all Officers and Trustees for the 2023-2024 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.
- g) Minutes of regular meeting on June 12, 2023
- h) Monthly finance

YES: 4  
 NO: 0  
 ABSENT: 2  
 VACANCY: 1  
 Motion approved.

**Presentation of proposed use of 31aa funds for student and staff mental health** – Mr. Taylor presented the board with a budget for proposed expenditures of 31aa grant funds. Proposed expenditures include contracting a School Success Coordinator from NEMCSA with a primary focus on third grade, sponsoring staff yoga sessions, outdoor tables for students and staff to utilize, classroom snacks, creating an after-school art club for K-12 students, starting a Bolts on the Run club for grades 3-5, and staff mental health related swag bags. The list of expenditures was created based on feedback from staff, students, and the community.

**Presentation and discussion of graduation dates for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond** – Mr. Taylor presented the board with possible graduation dates. Mrs. Long provided the board with upcoming Spring sports schedules. Board members discussed possible dates and times to best accommodate students - especially athletes and those with families from out of town.

**Elementary Principal’s Report** – None

**Athletic Director’s Report** – None

**Middle School / High School Principal’s Report** – None

**Superintendent’s Report** – Mr. Taylor presented the report. Mr. Taylor informed the board about recent state budget updates. Highlights for the upcoming school year include a 5% per pupil increase, which was used to create the Mio AuSable 23-24 initial budget. There will be an increase in at-risk and mental health funding. There will be a declining enrollment stabilization component allowing Mio AuSable to use a two-year student count blend for funding. The Central Office has begun working on supplying auditors with documents needed to complete pre-audit work. Mr. Taylor thanked Ms. Mitchell and Mrs. DeGuzman for their work during summer school. The book bus was in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and at Project Connect. Over 100 students have been served and two new students have been enrolled with Mio. Current teaching vacancies include one elementary, one middle school ELA, and one middle school math positions. COOR ISD Superintendents will be attending a mini retreat held July 25-26, 2023. MASB has been contacted regarding beginning strategic planning work.

regarding the state of the Mio AuSable baseball/softball fields. Mrs. Rhoads also inquired about special education funding in the new state budget. Ms. Mitchell inquired about local art club opportunities through the MSU Extension office. Mrs. Ray-Welch commented about the lack of seating near the baseball/softball fields.

**Safety Committee Report** – The Safety Committee did not meet.

**Strategic Planning Committee Report** – The Strategic Planning Committee did not meet.

**Finance Committee Report** – The finance committee did not meet.

### Action Items

#### 2023-2024-2

Irelan/Wyckoff

consider the approval of Mio AuSable School’s graduation date always being set at Friday after Memorial Day at 7:00 PM every year

YES: 4  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
VACANCY: 1

Motion approved.

#### 2023-2024-3

Mitchell/Long

accept the resignation of Richard Mayville, middle school science teacher

YES: 4  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
VACANCY: 1

Motion approved.

#### 2023-2024-4

Long/Wyckoff

consider the approval of 31aa fund expenditures (student/staff mental health) as presented

YES: 4  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
VACANCY: 1

Motion approved.

#### 2023-2024-5

Mitchell/Wyckoff

consider the approval of membership to MHSAA for the 2023-2024 school year

YES: 4  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
VACANCY: 1

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-6**

Long/Wyckoff

consider the approval of membership to MASB for the 2023-2024 school year

YES: 4  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
VACANCY: 1

Motion approved.

**2023-2024-7**

Wyckoff/Mitchell

consider the approval of memorandum of understanding between Fairview Area School, COOR ISD, and Mio AuSable School District for reimbursement of truancy expenses by COOR ISD

YES: 4  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
VACANCY: 1

Motion approved.

**Board Members' Comments** – Mr. Wyckoff inquired about the amount of hours truancy officer will spend each week on truancy work. Mrs. Long commented about snacks being offered in classrooms and R & R rooms.

**Correspondence -**

None

There was no other business.

**2023-2024 -8**

Mitchell/Long

to adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

YES: 4  
NO: 0  
ABSENT: 2  
VACANCY: 1  
Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Mary Lou Hunter, Vice President