

**MIO AUSABLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 8, 2024**

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

2024-2025-1

Mitchell/Whaley to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Minutes of Special Meeting on June 24 2024
- b) Monthly Finance
- c) Personnel Report
- d) Organizational Items for 2024-2025 School Year
 - 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 2024-2025 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 8, 2024, August 12, 2024, September 9, 2024, October 14, 2024, November 11, 2024, December 9, 2024, January 13, 2025, February 10, 2025, March 10, 2025, April 14, 2025, May 12, 2025, and June 9, 2025. 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 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 fiscal year.
- f. **Board Member Compensation** – the Board of Education establishes the following rates of compensation for all Officers and Trustees for the 2024-2025 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.

YES: 6
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 – The Elementary office and R & R positions are being restructured and there will be a focus on restorative practices. Mr. Wood created a new job posting format to entice talent. The window screens for the main and elementary entrances have been installed. A request for proposal is being created for camera work. EGLE will be conducting water testing.

Elementary Principal’s Report – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report on behalf of Mr. Grob. The summer enrichment program part one is complete. Mr. Grob spent June 20th at COOR working on special education issues and updates. Changes are being made to incorporate restorative practices to resolve conflicts, prevent bullying, and address behavioral issues by encouraging accountability and empathy. Two paraprofessional positions will be shifted to academic coaches and the R & R room will only be available to students in crisis.

Athletic Director’s Report – Mr. Marsh presented the report. JV and varsity football and volleyball practices begin August 12th. Middle school volleyball practice begins August 26th. The Thunderbolt Wellness Clinic will administer sports physicals until August 1st. The gym floor work has been delayed and will begin on July 10th or 11th.

Middle School / High School Principal’s Report – Mr. Wyckoff presented the report on behalf of Ms. Margaritis. A blood drive was held on June 12th. Mr. Frantzen, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Poff will be joining staff for the 2024-2025 school year. Session two of the summer enrichment program begins August 6th. Current enrollment is 252.

Superintendent’s Report – Mr. Wood presented the report. Maintenance department is working on getting the school ready for August. A revision to the 2024-2025 budget was included to address changes in funding sources, changes in staffing, and to correct errors regarding the fund balance and staff classifications. Fifth grade teacher and middle school special education teacher vacancies have not been filled. There will be a board policy update regarding Title IX changes. Board members will need to be retrained for superintendent evaluations due to changes made to the process. Miss Bills has been selected to receive a Talent Together grant allowing her to take an alternate pathway to become a certified teacher by the 2025-2026 school year. She will be working as a teacher apprentice with Mr. Poff during the 2024-2025 school year at no cost to Mio AuSable Schools. Mr. Wood invited Mrs. Oates and Ms. Kalbfleisch to speak on behalf of the Thunderbay Thunderbolt Wellness Clinic. The clinic will be a full pediatric clinic for ages 0-21 and those up to age 26 with disabilities open to Oscoda County families. The clinic will work closely with the school to follow policies and procedures regarding visitors within the building.

Citizens’ Comments – None

Action Items

2024-2025-2

Harless/Hoffman

consider a motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget amendment.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2024-2025-3

Mitchell/Whaley

consider a motion to approve the School Affiliation Agreement with Thunder Bay Community Health Service, INC.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

2024-2025-4

Harless/Long

consider a motion to approve the Superintendent to execute the Talent Together Commitment Agreement.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Board Members' Comments – Mrs. Whaley spoke about the Thunder Bay collaboration and the benefits it will provide the county.

Correspondence - None

There was no other business.

2024-2025-5

Whaley/Mitchell

to adjourn at 6:36 p.m.

YES: 6

NO: 0

Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Belanger, Recording Secretary

Kathi Mitchell, Secretary

