

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of January 9, 2023
Budget/Re-Organization/Regular Board Meeting

Mark Iames, board president, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., held in room 116 in the Lecture Hall at Miami East High School. The country was honored by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken with board members John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson and Pam Rice in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Jackie Winner, staff member; Brian Rohrer, elementary principal; Cassidy Knoop, parent; Kristi Cole, parent; Jennifer Hughes, parent; Nicki Heilman, parent; Misti Gustin, parent; Rondi Littlejohn, parent; LaDonna Mays, staff member; and Haylee Pence; Troy Daily News.

RE-ORGANIZE AND ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2023:

- a) President – Mark Iames

Motion Passed

- b) Vice-President – John Demmitt

Motion Passed

- c) Schedule of Regular Monthly Board Meetings:

Date: 3rd Monday of each month, except February (3rd Tuesday)

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Miami East High School, Lecture Hall, Room 116

Motion Passed

- d) Committee Appointments for 2023:

- 1) OSBA (Legislative Liaison) - Mark Iames
- 2) M.V.C.T.C. - Mark Lawson & Mark Iames
- 3) Athletic Council - Amanda Howell, Pam Rice, and John Demmitt
- 4) Facilities - Pam Rice & Amanda Howell
- 5) Alumni Hall of Fame - Pam Rice & Mark Lawson
- 6) Miami East Foundation - Amanda Howell
- 7) Audit Committee - All members of the BOE

John Demmitt moved and Amanda Howell seconded the motion to approve committee appointment for 2023, as noted above.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS: LaDonna Mays and Rondi Littlejohn addressed the Board.

GOOD NEWS/ INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

School board members are ordinary people who have an extraordinary dedication to our public schools. It is time we thanked them for their untiring efforts. Too often we forget about the personal sacrifices school board members routinely make. Too often we forget about the important role school board members play in assuring local control over our public schools, control that is in the hands of people we know ... people who are our neighbors. Too often the efforts of school board members go unrecognized and unrewarded.

We can begin to correct these oversights throughout January, which is School Board Recognition Month. This is a time to show our appreciation and to begin to better understand how school board members work together to provide leadership for our schools. The school board works closely with parents, education professionals and other community members to create the educational vision we want for our students. It then formulates goals, defines results and sets the course for an adequate and equitable educational program for all students. The school board is accountable to the public. It is responsible for assuring the public that the money allocated to the public schools is providing a good return on the investment. Thus, the board oversees regular assessment of the district's students, staff and programs. The school board also is a strong advocate for public schools and is responsible for communicating the needs of the school district to the public and the public's expectations to the district.

In January, join with others throughout our district and state to salute the men and women who provide grassroots governance of public schools. Make a special effort to tell each school board member his or her hard work has been noticed and is very much appreciated.

TREASURER'S REPORT- TAX BUDGET MEETING

Approve Alternative Tax Document

Pam Rice moved and Mark Lawson seconded motion to approve "A Resolution Declaring that the Board of Education of the Miami East Local School District has reviewed the documents and information prepared by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Miami East Local School District for Submission to the Budget Commission of Miami County, Ohio, in relation to the Alternative Tax Document Format Filing provided under Section 5705.281 of the Ohio Revised Code and authorized by said Commission for Fiscal Year 2024, and that said body approves the same.

Motion Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT- REORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

Authorize contractual payments, authorize payment of bills, borrow funds, request advance of taxes, invest funds, and to apply for, appropriate and expend grants.

John Demmitt moved and Amanda Howell seconded motion to approve the following resolution:

AUTHORIZE CONTRACTUAL PAYMENTS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to make payments on all payrolls of any funds as they fall due; also, on contractual and current obligations of the board, i.e. bonds and coupons, payments and interest on temporary loans, lunch fund bills, substitute teachers, wages and all such emergency services as they come due. The Treasurer is authorized to sign the general warrants and general wage warrants; and that this authority is to remain in force until and including December 31, 2023.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is authorized to issue vouchers for bills as they come due and shall provide a list of all bills paid at the regular board meeting following said payment.

RESOLUTION TO BORROW

WHEREAS, for the purpose of making payment of certain demands against the Board of Education of Miami East Local School District there may be insufficient money in the treasury to meet operating costs, and

WHEREAS, there will come into the treasury of the Board on or about the 15th day of March and August, monies from the County Auditor due from the semiannual settlement of real estate tax, and

WHEREAS, the Board is authorized by law to borrow money and issue notes in anticipation of the collection of such revenue,

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED that the President and Treasurer of this Board of Education issue all necessary papers to secure a sum up to \$300,000 and place the monies accredited to the proper funds in the treasury of this board.

RESOLUTION TO ADVANCE TAXES

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Miami East Local School District, County of Miami, State of Ohio:

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| Section 1 | That the Auditor of Miami County be and he/she is hereby requested to issue an order to the Treasurer of Miami County to pay to the Treasurer of this Board of Education such funds as may be available for distribution by said County Treasurer; |
| Section 2 | That the Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign the necessary documents to secure such advances and also the secondary documents to secure the semiannual settlement with the County Treasurer during the calendar year 2023; |
| Section 3 | That the authorization herein conferred shall extend to any advances that may be requested during the calendar year 2023; and |
| Section 4 | That the Treasurer of the Board be and he/she is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to the County Auditor and make such other certifications and reports to the County Auditor as may be necessary to make this resolution effective. |

RESOLUTION TO INVEST

BE IT RESOLVED, that when money becomes available to make specific investments to the best interest of the Miami East School District, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to do so and further he/she is directed to bring to the attention of the Board any such investments made at the next regular meeting.

RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS, TO APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDS ACCORDING TO GRANT REQUIREMENTS, AND TO EXPEND GRANT FUNDS

BE IT RESOLVED, that when State and Federal grants become available, that District personnel may apply for grants that are in the best interest of the Miami East School District, the Treasurer is hereby authorized to appropriate grant funds according to grant requirements, and expend grant funds according to those appropriations and is directed to bring to the attention of the Board any such grants at the next regular meeting.

Motion Passed

11. TREASURER'S REPORT- REGULAR MEETING

A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items:

Pam Rice moved and Mark Lawson seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the minutes from the December 12, 2022 regular board meeting as presented. (Addendum #1)
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for December 2022, as presented. (Addendum #2)
3. Recommend approval of account modifications, as presented. (Addendum #3)

Motion Passed

B. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Regular Agenda Items:

1. John Demmitt moved and Amanda Howell seconded motion to retroactively approve the purchase order(s) listed below:

- EMS LINQ, Inc. \$4,359.99 PO 2300831

Motion Passed

2. Mark Lawson moved and Pam Rice seconded motion to approve the following donations:

- \$5,000.00 from the Miami East Athletic Boosters to the Miami East Athletic Department to pay for a portion of the high jump pit.
- \$50.00 from Rick and Cindy Gold to the Miami East Softball Team to be used for the Spring Softball trip.
- \$200.00 from Kandar Farms to the Miami East High School FFA Program.
- \$100.00 from Matt Rutledge to the Miami East Athletic Department for "JAM the Gym" night.

Motion Passed

3. Amanda Howell moved and John Demmitt seconded motion to approve a Resolution to Participate in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund.

Whereas, the Miami East Local Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2023, and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the OSBA Legal Assistance Fund \$250.00.

Motion Passed

4. Mark Lawson moved and Pam Rice seconded motion to approve a Resolution to Participate in the OSBA Virtual Transportation Supervisor Program.

Whereas, the Miami East Local Board of Education wishes to receive transportation expertise, guidance, review of T-1 and T-2 reports, and a Comparative Cost Analysis Report (CCA) of transportation costs.

Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA Virtual Transportation Supervisor Program for calendar year 2023, and authorizes the Treasurer to pay the OSBA \$250.00.

Motion Passed

9. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT :

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Pam Rice moved and Amanda Howell seconded approval of substitute teachers who have been approved by the Miami County Educational Service Center and are on file in the central office. These are all on an as needed basis for the 2022-2023 school year. The board-approved rate of pay has been set at \$110.00 per day through 10th consecutive day and \$115.00 per day from 11th day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

Motion Passed

2. John Demmitt moved and Mark Lawson seconded approval of the following certificated personnel for upgrade of degrees on the approved salary schedules:

Masters to Masters + 15– Dan Peterson
Masters +35 to Masters +45- Kevin Evans
Masters +15 to Masters +30- Breanne Stager

Motion Passed

3. Pam Rice moved and Amanda Howell seconded motion to approve the acceptance of Max Current’s letter of resignation, as the Head Football Coach at Miami East High School.

Motion Passed

4. Mark Lawson moved and Amanda Howell seconded motion to approve the acceptance of Dr. Todd Rappold’s letter of retirement, as the Superintendent of Miami East Local Schools. His last day will be April 30, 2023 as the District’s Superintendent.

Motion Passed

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Presentation of certificates in recognition of “School Board Recognition Month” –
- February Board Meeting Date. February 21, 2023

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Miami East High School
February 21, 2023 (Day after Presidents’ Day)
7:00 P.M.**