

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
July 24, 2023
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, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice in attendance. Amanda Howell was absent.

Also in attendance were: Wylena Hahn, staff member; Jackie Winner, staff member; Montana Cushard, staff member; Eric Hughes, staff member; Sandy Swigart, staff member; Erin O’Neal, parent; and Matt Clevenger, Miami Valley Today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INFORMATIONAL:

Summer inspections are occurring across the campus in anticipation of the students and staff arriving in August. During the month of July, items such as the bleachers, boilers, elevators, and buildings are inspected. Annual inspections and safety programs are a definite plan of action designed to prevent accidents.

Update on Summer Projects:

- Phase 2 of the Flooring Replacement Project is progressing well. This summer, an additional 14 classrooms will be completed using ESSER Funds.
- Field Turf Project - Almost all of the excavation and subgrading have been completed. We are expected to receive pad and turf deliveries this week, with pad and turf installation to follow. This project, while encountering 12 “weather days” to date, is expected to be completed on time (August 14th).
- Phase V LED Lighting Project - Energy Optimizers, USA has continued to make progress on the LED Lighting Project, with many sections of the High School already completed, including the gymnasium.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer’s Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items:

Resolution #153-07-2023

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

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the June 26, 2023, regular board meeting, as presented.
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for June 2023.
3. Account modifications, as presented.
4. Participation in and acceptance of federal, state, and local grant applications and receipt of funds for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Recommend approval of the Final Appropriations and Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year 2023.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

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

Resolution #154-07-2023

John Demmitt moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve donations as follows:

- \$539,510.00 from Premier Health/UVMC Community Benefit Fund Grant to the Permanent Improvement Fund (003) to provide support for the Field Turf Project.
- \$250.00 from Buckeye Ag Testing to Miami East Boys Basketball (300-9002).
- \$100.00 from Barnes Wildlife Control to Miami East Boys Basketball (300-9002).
- \$150.00 from D.A. Bowman Construction to Miami East Boys Basketball (300-9002).
- \$100.00 from Viking Product Supply to Miami East Boys Basketball (300-9002).
- \$100.00 from T.C. Holzen Inc. to Miami East Boys Basketball (300-9002).

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #155-07-2023

Mark Lawson moved, and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve the transfer of unclaimed funds from FY2022 and FY2023 to Fund 022, as presented.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

Resolution #156-07-2023

Pam Rice moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve a voluntary transfer of Kristin Steffel from a third-grade teacher to a fourth-grade teacher at Miami East Elementary, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #157-07-2023

John Demmitt moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Morgan Robbins as a 3rd Grade Teacher at Miami East Elementary, on a one-year limited contract, for the 2023-2024 school year, step 0, with a Bachelor's Degree, effective August 21, 2023, pending licensure, transcripts and background checks.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #158-07-2023

Pam Rice moved, and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve Gretchen Heidenreich, as an assistant cook, at Miami East K-8 on a one-year limited contract, step 0, at 3.5 hours per job description, effective August 22, 2023, for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #159-07-2023

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the acceptance of Chris Weddle's letter of resignation as the Assistant Marching Band Director for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #160-07-2023

John Demmitt moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve extended service days for the 2022-2023 school year for the following classified staff:

- a) Cyndi Rose – Athletic Secretary – not to exceed 3 days (21 hours)

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #161-07-2023

Pam Rice moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve extended service days for the 2022-2023 school year for the following exempt staff:

- a) Jennifer Dennis – Superintendent Secretary – not to exceed 10 days (80 hours)

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #162-07-2023

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve an additional 2.5 hours per day for Paul Teem, K-8 Swing Shift Custodian, from July 12 to August 14, 2023, to prep the building for the start of the school year.

Additional hours shall be on an as-needed basis and submitted by timesheet to the building administrator for approval. These additional hours do not constitute a change in employment status for benefit purposes.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #163-07-2023

John Demmitt moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve an additional five (5) days to be paid at the board-approved daily rate of pay to Eric Hughes, "Consultant," for the purpose of transitioning the office of the superintendent.

Resolution #84-05-2023 was previously approved by the Board of Education on May 1, 2023.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #164-07-2023

Pam Rice moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Montana Cushard as a bus driver for the 2023-2024 school year, step 0, effective August 21, 2023.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #165-07-2023**2023-2024 CLASS FEES:**

John Demmitt moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2024 class fees, as recommended by the principals for Miami East High School, Miami East Jr. High, and Miami East Elementary.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #166-07-2023**PURCHASING AGENT:**

Pam Rice moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve Mr. Eric Hughes as purchasing agent for Miami East Local Schools, effective August 1, 2023.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #167-07-2023**PARENT CONTRACTS FOR TRANSPORTATION:**

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve Parent Transportation Agreement(s) for special education students, as enclosed in your board packet.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #168-07-2023**2023-2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGAL REPRESENTATION:**

Mark Lawson moved, and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve Bricker Graydon, LLP, as the Miami East Local Board of Education's legal representation, for the 2023-2024 school year, on an as-needed basis.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #169-07-2023**2023-2024 CHEMICAL HYGIENE AND SHOP SAFETY PLAN(S):**

Pam Rice moved, and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Chemical Hygiene and Shop Safety Plans, as presented.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #170-07-2023

BAND EQUIPMENT TRAILER AGREEMENT:

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the band trailer agreement that shall be reviewed annually.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #171-07-2023

ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP):

John Demmitt moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2024 District-Wide Electronic Telecommunication Services Agreement & Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #172-07-2023

2023 OHSAA BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL EXPENDITURES:

Pam Rice moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the OHSAA 2023 Baseball and Softball Tournament expenditures, including payroll timesheet expenditures, as presented.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #173-07-2023

REVISED 2023-2024 HANDBOOK(S):

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the following handbook(s) for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Bus Driver Handbook

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #174-07-2023

FLOATING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS 2023-2024:

Pam Rice moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the use of two (2) floating substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year.

The district will utilize two (2) floating substitute teachers who have been approved by the Miami County Educational Service Center and are on file in the central office. The board-approved rate of pay has been set at \$105.00 per day.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #175-07-2023

PREMIER HEALTH AGREEMENT:

Mark Lawson moved, and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve the Sponsorship, Marketing Rights, Naming Rights, and Services Agreement between Miami East Local Schools and Upper Valley Medical Center for the term from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2026.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

General Discussion(s)

Resolution #176-07-2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pam Rice moved, and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve the dismissal into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 (G)(4), preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

Time in: 7:29 p.m.

Time out: 8:44 p.m.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #177-07-2023

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to return to open session following executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 (G)(4).

Time in: 8:45 p.m.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: None Motion passed.

Resolution #178-07-2023

ADJOURNMENT:

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer