

## MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD BITS

Review of March 20, 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, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson and Pam Rice in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Shawna Bowman, parent; Lisa Bigelow, staff member; Penny Kirby, resident; Brandi Crumrine, parent; Ben Crumrine, parent; Nicki Heilman, parent; Ashley Demmitt, staff member; Sandy Swigart, staff member; Curtis Enis, parent; Isaac Canan, resident; Robyn McLain, parent; Donna Abshire, parent; Stacy Hamaker, parent; Michelle Enis, parent; Chris Hellyer, staff member; LaDonna Mays, staff member; Mindy Penn, parent; Debby Roeth, parent; Jeff Rose, resident; Curt Thompson, parent; Ashley Comer, parent; Tiffany Sampson, staff member; Ben Sampson, parent; Jennie Hewitt, staff member; Emma Niswonger, parent; Jessie Roeth, resident; Justin Roeth, staff member; Kristi Cole, parent; Jennifer Hughes, parent; Ryan Fine, parent; Sarah Fine, parent; Dustin Edwards, parent; Claudia Edwards, staff member; Kalyn Hollatz, staff member; Noelle Mumpower-Davis, staff member.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no Public Comments

### **GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INFORMATION REPORT:**

From your Miami East Education Foundation . . .

On behalf of the Miami East Education Foundation, please accept our heartfelt **THANK YOU** for your generous contribution and support of VikingFest 2023, benefiting the Miami East Education Foundation.

You helped create a fun-filled community event where Miami East family and friends gathered to appreciate one another, our Miami East students and their many talents.

The event was successful in raising funds for the Miami East Education Foundation. The Foundation provides school personnel educational grants (for student enrichment activities) and student scholarships. The greatest wealth of a community is in the education of its children.

Thank you again for making a difference on behalf of our future, our youth, and for your part in making the **16th Annual VikingFest** a huge success.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

Pam Rice moved and Amanda Howell seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting of February 21, 2023, as presented.
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for February, 2022, as presented.

3. Recommend approval of the Tax Rates and Amounts for Tax Year 2023 (to be collected in 2024), as previously approved by the Miami County Budget Commission.

**Motion Passed**

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

1. Mark Lawson moved and John Demmitt seconded motion to approve grants/donations as follows:
  - \$400.00 from the National FFA Foundation to the Miami East FFA Student Activity Account.
  - \$200.00 from Martha W. Dale to the Miami East High School Softball team.
  - \$300.00 from Heath Murray Insurance to the Miami East High School softball team.
  - \$1,000.00 from Steel Aviation, Inc. to the Miami East Junior High Principal's Fund for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade field trip to COSI.

**Motion Passed**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:**

1. John Demmitt moved and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the acceptance of Bethany Koester's letter of resignation, effective at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year as an elementary Intervention Specialist.

**Motion Passed**

2. Pam Rice moved and Amanda Howell seconded the motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following employees:

Amy Hall – May 3-8, 2023 (4 total days)  
Claudia Edwards – March 6-10, 2023 (5 total days)  
Christa Everett – March 31, 2023 (1 day)

**Motion Passed**

3. Mark Lawson moved and Pam Rice seconded the recommendation of the non-renewal of all fall and winter supplemental contracts for personnel outside the teaching staff of Miami East, effective at the close of the 2022-2023 school year season as follows:

**High School**

Head Boys Soccer – Nakilee Weni  
Asst. Boys Soccer – Nathan Gudorf  
Flag Corps – Lisa Ritchea  
Head Girls Soccer – Jeremy Paulus

**Jr. High**

Site Manager- Deb Sandlin  
Junior High Football Coach – Frank Hall  
Asst. Football- Nathan Collett  
Junior High Football Coach – Chris Hellyer

JV Volleyball – Jamie Fletcher  
Head Boys Golf Coach- Scott Robinson  
Head Girls Golf Coach- Ron Patton  
Head Boys Wrestling – Rich Randall  
Head Girls Wrestling- Jared Cole  
Boys Asst. Basketball Coach – Kevin Gump  
Girls Reserve Basketball – Tami Hill  
Assistant Girls Basketball- Rick Hickman  
Assistant Girls Wrestling- Chelsea Conner  
Asst. Cheer- Jennifer Hewitt  
Site Manager- Deb Sandlin

7<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Coach – Reuben Slock  
8<sup>th</sup> Boys Basketball Coach – Anthony Crane  
8<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball- Doug Knostman  
7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball – Megan Rutledge  
7<sup>th</sup> Girls Basketball – Brock Shepard  
Cheerleader Advisor – Katie Doseck  
Head Wrestling – Jason Sroufe  
Assistant Wrestling – Stewart Strubler  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball – Heather Roeth  
Cross Country- Brittany Shively

**Motion Passed**

4. Amanda Howell moved and John Demmitt seconded the approval of the following persons for supplemental contracts, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, based on their years of experience, at the board approved rate of pay:

HIGH SCHOOL

Volunteer Track Coach- Roger Bowen  
Rescind A+ Grant/HS Musical- Chris Weddle – step .014  
Instrumental Director – Chris Weddle – Step 3

**Motion Passed**

5. John Demmitt moved and Mark Lawson seconded the 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 \$105.00 per day through 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive day and \$110.00 per day from 11<sup>th</sup> day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

**Motion Passed**

6. Mark Lawson moved and Amanda Howell seconded the motion to approve an additional classified substitute for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:  
Shelby Webb – Substitute Bus Driver (effective March 3, 2023)

**Motion Passed**

7. John Demmitt moved and Amanda Howell seconded the motion to approve the staff member who will be providing extended learning at the Elementary.

a) Elizabeth Kerr

**Motion Passed**

**A. APPROVAL OF INTERDISTRICT OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR 2023-2024:**

Pam Rice moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion for approval of the Interdistrict Open Enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year, for students who reside in school districts

that border the Miami East Local School District. Applications will be available the months of April and May only. Grade level enrollment numbers will prohibit new student open enrollment requests that have not been submitted/approved during the 2018-2019 school year.

**Motion Passed**

**B. MOU AGREEMENT FOR A STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING POSITION FUNDED THROUGH STUDENT WELLNESS AND PREMIER HEALTH GRANT FUNDS**

Amanda Howell moved and Mark Lawson seconded motion for approval of the Strength and Conditioning Position filled utilizing Student Wellness Grant Funds and Premier Health Grant Funds.

**Motion Passed**

**C. MOU AGREEMENT FOR ASSISTANT INSTRUMENTAL DIRECTOR**

John Demmitt moved and Amanda Howell seconded motion for approval for a second instrumental director for the 2022-2023 school year for the high school musical.

**Motion Passed**

**D. APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES PER NEOLA:**

Mark Lawson moved and Pam Rice seconded

motion to approve the first reading of the following Board Policies changes as presented for review. These changes include updates to items such as policies related to

po 0131.1 Technical Corrections, po2114 State Performance Indicators, po2271 College Credit Plus, po2412 Homebound Instruction, po3120.09 volunteers rescind, po4120.09 rescind, po5310 health services, po5460 graduation requirements, po5610 suspensions, po6325 procurement, po8120 volunteers, po8390 animals, po8400 school safety, po8420 emergencies, po8462 student neglect, po7540 technology, po7540.01 technology privacy, po7540.02 web accessibility, po7540.03 acceptable use, po7540.04 acceptable use, po8300 coop, po8305 information security, po8315 information management, po9700.01 advertising (Vol. 41 Number 2.)

**Motion Passed**

**E. APPROVAL OF SYNTHETIC TURF AT MIAMI EAST:**

Mark Lawson moved and Amanda Howell seconded

motion to approve Dr. Rappold to enter into an agreement with the MOTZ Group to install synthetic turf at the Stadium as part of the District's five-year facilities plan.

**Motion Passed**

### **OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Kindergarten registration dates for the 2023-2024 school year have been set for Thursday, May 4th and Friday, May 5th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in our kindergarten classrooms.

Parents who have a child who will be 5 years of age on or before August 1, 2015 are encouraged to complete your son/daughter's information on Final Forms.

After completing Final Forms call the elementary school office at 335-5439 and schedule an appointment. School secretary, Mrs. Mumford, will take your name, your child's name, date of birth, address, and telephone number. A packet of information will be sent to you along with an appointment time.

- Applications for the Miami East common scholarship are now available in the scholarship file. This application form includes different scholarships that are available to Miami East Seniors only. The deadline for completion of this common scholarship is March 31st. The electronic version of the common application is now online and can be found on the high school's main web page.

### **HIRING OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT:**

Pam Rice moved and John Demmitt seconded motion for approval of the hiring of Dr. Daniel Kaffenbarger as Interim Superintendent. Service under this contract shall commence no later than May 1, 2023, and continue thereafter on an as-needed, per diem basis for a period of time which shall not extend July 31st. Total contract days will not exceed the equivalent of forty-five (45) whole days.

**Motion Passed**

### **BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- General Discussion(s) -

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

### **NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL  
APRIL 17, 2023  
7:00 P.M.