

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of February 18, 2014
Regular Board Meeting

Kevin Accurso, 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 Kevin Accurso, Brad Burton, Mark Davis, Brandon Fellers, and Rusty Miller in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Barb Minnich, staff member; Danielle Meier, staff member; Krista Ferguson, parent, and Michael Ferguson; parent.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INORMATION REPORT:

E-Day Update. The State of Ohio offers school districts an on-line option for making up calamity days in excess of the 5 permitted in Ohio Revised Code. In the spring, our Board of Education passed a resolution in support of using this option for up to 3 days of calamity closures (calamity days 6, 7, and 8).

The resolution, which gained the approval of the Ohio Department of Education, states that the on-line lessons will be developed by and graded by our teachers in the same manner as all classroom lessons.

Dr. Rappold recognized the efforts of the students, staff, and parents for their work and completion with the e-Day assignments. This is the third year the District has had the program in place, but the first year it needed to be utilized. The completion rate for the e-Day assignments totaled over 90% in grades K-12.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke

Kevin Accurso moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the re-organizational/budget/business board meeting of January 7, 2014, as presented.
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for January, 2014.
3. The account modifications, as presented.

Motion Passed

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

1. Rusty Miller moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:

- \$100.00 to the HS Athletic Program in memory of Howard Caven
- \$7,030.42 from the Elementary PTO
- \$289.00 from the Miami County Farm Bureau for FFA
- \$500.00 ARCOP grant from the Ohio FFA Foundation for the FFA
- \$1,000.00 grant from the National FFA Foundation for the FFA
- \$500.00 Small Grains donation for the FFA

Motion Passed

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve Erin Gutman's request for maternity leave to coincide with FMLA beginning April 18, 2014 through May 30, 2014.

Motion Passed

2. Kevin Accurso moved and Brad Burton seconded the motion to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2013-2014 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Head Boys' Baseball Coach – Barry Coomes – Step 6
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball Coach – Edward Meyers – Step 4
Volunteer Track Coach – Roger Bowen
Head Girls' Softball Coach – Brian Kadel – Step 5
Volunteer Softball Coach – Kevin Accurso
Volunteer Softball Coach – Harold Heffelfinger
Boys' Head Track Coach – Steve Karnehm – Step 6
Assistant Track Coach – Levi Karnehm – Step 3

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Head Track Coach – Gary Church – Step 6
Assistant Junior High Track – Zach Tyre – Step 0

Motion Passed

3. Brandon Fellers moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve additional classified substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year, on an as needed basis as follows for the following classification:

Mike Kirby – Custodian, effective January 13, 2014
Cheryl Wiley – Secretary, effective January 13, 2014

Motion Passed

4. Kevin Accurso moved and Brandon Fellers seconded motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following employees:

Diane Littlejohn – January 15-17, 2014 (3 total days)
Loretta Yantis – April 23, 24, & 25, 2014 (3 total days)

Motion Passed

5. Brad Burton moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve substitute teachers who have been approved by the Miami County Educational Service Center, and on file in the central office. These are all on an as needed basis for the 2013-2014 school year. The board approved rate of pay has been set at \$75.00 per day through 10th consecutive days and \$83.00 per day from 11th day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

Motion Passed

6. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the following elementary reading intervention tutor, who will be paid at an hourly rate using Title I grant money.

a) Kelli Barhorst

Motion Passed

7. Rusty Miller moved and Brandon Fellers seconded approval of the following certificated personnel for upgrade of degrees on the approved salary schedules:

BS+150 to Masters– Jodi Metzger
Masters +30 to Masters+45 – Chris Weddle

Motion Passed

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Board of Education Self-Appraisal Process. The Board discussed completing their annual self-appraisal. Board members discussed the possibility of waiting until later in the year to begin the process.
- Board of Education annual tour of the campus and classrooms. Board members also discussed their annual tour of the campus. Mr. Davis asked Dr. Rappold to offer several suggested dates for the Board to consider for their spring tour.
- Heather Gilliland and the Miami East Junior High Letter Holiday Project. Dr. Rappold shared a letter written to Mrs. Gilliland, the Junior High staff, and students for their support and success with a Holiday Project the Junior High coordinated.
- The Miami County Family Abuse Shelter forwarded a letter written to the Miami East Athletic Department and the members of the Miami East community that supported the recent Toys for Tots Program.
- Dr. Rappold shared with the Board the High School's schedule for the upcoming OGT Testing week in March.
- Update from Quandel. Dr. Rappold shared that Quandel Construction, the construction management firm for the high school project reported that the close out documents for the high school construction project were still being reviewed by the Ohio School Facilities Commission (OSFC). Quandel shared that the OSFC was approximately 50% completed with the review process and anticipated its completion

sometime in late March to early April.

- Dr. Rappold shared with the Board that the District had recently submitted an Ohio School Safety Grant. On Tuesday morning the District was informed that they had received the grant to install an additional school security system in all three of the school buildings. Dr. Rappold thanked and recognized Brandon Fellers and Miami County Sheriff Deputy James McGlinch for their assistance and guidance through the grant process.
- Vikingfest 2014 was held this weekend. Once again the Miami East Education Foundation and numerous school and parent groups all participated making the weekend's activity very enjoyable and positive for the community.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL

March 17, 2014

7:00 P.M.