

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of August 20, 2012
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, Gayle Carson, Mark Davis, and Rusty Miller in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Barb Minnich, staff member; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- Beginning during the 2012-2013 school year the district will pilot a student laptop option at the high school. The district is very excited to begin piloting a program at the high school that will place twenty-five laptops throughout the high school that students will purchase and own.

This will be a voluntary program that will offer a laptop that would retail at over \$900 for approximately \$400. These laptops can be used both at school and the students will take them home to continue utilizing them for educational purposes. Students will utilize the benefits of the laptop while they are at Miami East and would then take ownership of the laptop when they graduate.

The pilot program will begin with 25 laptops. After the pilot period has concluded the district will review the program and look to expand the program to additional students.

- The district would like to recognize and Thank One Call Now for their support in initiating the Kids Read Now Program across the county. Third Graders at Miami East were encouraged to participate in the program and we have heard numerous positive comments about the program.

Seed funding was provided, One Call Now, America's largest message notification service. The program for 2012 brought roughly 18,000 books to 2,500 students. The added technology delivered weekly calls and texts to families, motivating them to keep reading and allowing them to respond and track their reading time, as well as earn additional books.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the July 17, 2012 board meeting, as presented by the treasurer.
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for July 2012.
3. Recommend approval of the then and now Treasurer's 412 certification, as presented

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

1. Brad Burton moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve Julian and Grube, Inc. to assist in the compilation of the fiscal year 2012, 2013, and 2014 G.A.A.P. Financial Statements, at a cost not to exceed \$3,700.00, annually.
2. Rusty Miller moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to appoint Gayle Carson as delegate and Kevin Accurso as alternate to the O.S.B.A. Capital Conference to be held November, 2012 in Columbus, Ohio.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. **EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:**

1. Gayle Carson moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve Christopher Barnes, as a 5th Grade teacher at Miami East Elementary School, on a one-year limited contract, step 0, at the board approved rate of pay for the 2012- 2013 school year
2. Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve Valerie Nass as a volunteer counselor to complete her Counselor Internship Program through Wright State University for the 2012-2013 school year.
3. Gayle Carson moved and Brad Burton seconded the motion of approval for the following persons for supplemental contracts, effective for the 2012-2013 school year, based on their years of experience, and at the board approved rate of pay:

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Fall Site Manager (1/2) –Preston Elifritz
Fall Site Manager (1/2) –Jennifer Ziegenbusch

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Volunteer Football Coach –Todd Hawkins
High School Volunteer Cross Country Coach –Kevin Accurso
High School Cheerleading Coach –Kayln Fowler
High School Reserve Girls Soccer –Jessica McCoy
High School Volunteer Reserve Girls Soccer –Tami Dehart

4. Rusty Miller moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the sub teacher daily rate pay for the 2012-2013 school year to continue at \$75.00 per day through 10th consecutive day, and \$83.00 per day from 11th day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

5. Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded approval of sub 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 2012-2013 school year. The board-approved rate of pay has been set at \$75.00 per day through 10th consecutive day and \$83.00 per day from 11th day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

6. Mark Davis moved and Rusty Miller seconded approval of additional sub classified personnel for the 2012-2013 school year as follows:

Cook – Elizabeth Smallwood
Cook, Clerical, and Aide – Susan Blocher

7. Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded the motion of approval of classified subs, by category, as on file in the central office. Classified subs are all on an as needed basis for the 2012-2013 school year, at the approved board rate of pay per sub category.

B. VENDORS FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR:

Gayle Carson moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve the following vendors for the 2012-2013 school year, as on file in the central office as follows: Klosterman's Bakery, Nickles Bakery, Aunt Millies, Reiter Dairy, and Buchy Food Services along with other vendors through the SWOEPD for all cafeteria bids; Aramark Services for dust mops and walk-off mats and dish towels; Kirk's Nationalease Garage for district bus maintenance; Grismer's for all tire service for buses and other district vehicles; and Paxton Communications, for bus and base radios for the district.

C. 2012-2013 ANTI-HARASSMENT COMPLIANT OFFICER:

Brad Burton moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve Dr. Todd Rappold as the 2012-2013 Miami East Local School District Anti-Harassment Compliant Officer.

D. 2012-2013 BUS STOP SCHEDULE:

Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve the adoption of the following resolution "Be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Miami East Local School District, a majority of its full membership therein concurring, that it approve the bus stop schedules for the 2012-2013 school year, attached hereto and incorporated herein

by reference as Exhibit A and that it grant authority to the administration to modify these schedules, if needed, throughout the year.”

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- The First Staff Day was held on August 20, beginning at 7:30 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. The first staff day was highlighted by visits from Mike Rindler, Piqua Fire Chief and the Miami East Education Foundation (MEEF).

Fire Chief Rindler presented a program focusing on the importance of fire drills and being proactive both at school and in your own home with regard to fire safety. The program was very powerful and emphasized how much time a person has to escape a fire before it is too late.

Myrna Yoder and Beth Culbertson were present to award this year’s school personnel grants. Last spring MEEF awarded \$5,000 in senior student scholarships and this morning MEEF award \$3,000 in school personnel grants. The district would like to thank MEEF and all of its supporters for its continued support of the students and district at Miami East.

- Miami East FFA Washington Leadership Conference letter.
- Dr. Rappold shared information regarding this year’s implementation of the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

The Third Grade Reading Guarantee is designed to ensure that all Ohio’s students are reading at grade level by the end of third grade. Students must receive diagnostic assessments so that those who are not on track for reading at grade level can get the extra time and help they need to overcome their reading deficiencies.

Some key points from the new requirement include:

- a. All K-3 students will undergo annual diagnostic tests to determine reading ability;
- b. If a student is not on track to read at grade level, the school district must create a reading improvement and monitoring plan that details the student’s reading deficiencies, describes needed interventions and includes parents in the improvement plan;
- c. Unless students are exempted for reasons stated in law, those who have not reached grade-level reading by the end of the third grade will be retained. Students who are retained will continue to receive intensive remediation, including at least 90 minutes of reading instruction daily; and
- d. These provisions take effect this fall, but student retention under the new criteria will not occur until the 2013-14 school year.

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL

September 17, 2012

7:00 P.M.