

MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD BITS

Review of January 11, 2021
Re-Organizational Board Meeting

Mark Iames, board president, called the Re-Organizational 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, John Demmitt, Brandon Fellers, Mark Iames, and in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Jackie Winner, staff member; Renee Woodward, staff member; Jamie Brown, staff member; and Matt Clevenger, Troy Daily News.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

RE-ORGANIZE AND ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2021:

- a) President – **Mark Iames**
- b) Vice-President – **John Demmitt**
- 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
- d) Committee Appointments for 2021:
 - 1) OSBA (Legislative Liaison) - Mark Iames
 - 2) M.V.C.T.C. - Mike Rindler & John Demmitt
 - 3) Athletic Council - Brandon Fellers & Kevin Accurso
 - 4) Facilities - John Demmitt & Mike Rindler
 - 5) Alumni Hall of Fame - Mike Rindler
 - 6) Miami East Foundation - Mark Iames
 - 7) Audit Committee - All members of the BOE

Kevin Accurso moved and Mike Rindler seconded motion to approve committee appointments for 2020, as noted above.

Motion Passed

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

A. Approve Alternative Tax Document

Mike Rindler moved and Kevin Accurso 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 the fiscal year 2022, and that said body approves the same.

Motion Passed

B. 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 Brandon Fellers 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, 2021.

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:

- 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 2021;
- Section 3 That the authorization herein conferred shall extend to any advances that may be requested during the calendar year 2021; 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

C. OSBA Student Achievement and Legislative Liaison

Mike Rindler moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to appoint Mark Iames to serve as the Ohio School Board Association Student Achievement Liaison and appoint Mark Iames as the Ohio School Board Association Legislative Liaison for Miami East Local School District for 2021.

Motion Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT- REGULAR MEETING

- A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke
Brandon Fellers moved and Mike Rindler seconded motion to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the regular board meetings of December 21, 2020, as presented
2. The financial reports for the month Of December, 2020, as presented
3. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certifications, as presented
4. Account modifications, as presented
5. Recommend approval of appropriations and est. resources modifications for Dec 2020 as follow:
Increase estimated resources for Cares Act fund 510 (9521) by \$454.25
Increase est. resources for Student Wellness & Success fund 467 (9120) by \$87,813.82
Increase appropriations for Student Wellness & Success fund 467 (9120) by \$87,813.82

Motion Passed

- B. Kevin Accurso moved and John Demmitt seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:

- \$200 from BW3 to the Miami East Athletic Program for athlete of the week.
- \$10,000 from Premier Health to Miami East Schools/Miami East Athletic program for the maintenance of athletic fields and sports facilities, programs that support academic development, and programs that are intrinsic to the development of student skills and talents.
- \$195 from various donors in memory of Richard Roeth to the Miami East FFA Program.

Motion Passed

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Brandon Fellers moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following employee(s):

Bev Gheen – January 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, and 26, 2021 (8 total days)
Amanda Paulus – February 1, 2021 (1 total day)
MaryAnn Mumford – January 11-15, 2021 (5 total days)
Kyrie Kelner – February 12, 2021 (1 total day)

Motion Passed

2. Mike Rindler moved and Kevin Accurso 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 2020-2021 school year. The board-approved rate of pay has been set at \$95.00 per day through 10th consecutive day and \$100.00 per day from 11th day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

Motion Passed

3. John Demmitt moved and Brandon Fellers seconded the motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Renee Woodward beginning on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and concluding on approximately May 7, 2021 to complete her student teaching.

Motion Passed

4. Kevin Accurso moved and Mike Rindler seconded motion to approve an additional classified substitute for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

Julia Bates – Substitute Educational Aide

Motion Passed

5. Brandon Fellers moved and John Demmitt seconded motion to approve a floating classified substitute for the 2020-2021 school year as follows:

Lisa Maxson – cook, custodian, and bus driver

Motion Passed

6. John Demmitt moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve the following adjustments for the following certified teaching contract, after receiving original transcripts and/or verification of previous employment for the following employee, effective for the 2020-2021 school year:

a) Julie Mack –MS+30 to MS +45

Motion Passed

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Presentation of certificates in recognition of “School Board Recognition Month” –
- February Board Meeting Date. February 16, 2021
- February Records Disposal Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Miami East High School
February 16, 2020 (Day after Presidents' Day)
7:00 P.M.**