

## **MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD BITS**

Review of January 9, 2017  
Re-Organizational Board Meeting

Brandon Fellers, 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, Mark Davis, John Demmitt, Brandon Fellers, and Mark Iames in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Jodi Metzger, staff member; LaDonna Mays, staff member; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily News.

### **RE-ORGANIZE AND ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2017:**

- a) President – Brandon Fellers
- b) Vice-President – Kevin Accurso
- c) Schedule of Regular Monthly Board Meetings:
  - Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, except February (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)
  - Time: 7:00 P.M.
  - Place: Miami East High School, Lecture Hall, Room 116
- d) Committee Appointments for 2017:
  - 1) OSBA (Legislative Liaison & Student Achievement Liaison) – Kevin Accurso
  - 2) M.V.C.T.C. –
  - 3) Athletic Council –
  - 4) Facilities –
  - 5) Alumni Hall of Fame –
  - 6) Miami East Foundation –
  - 7) Audit Committee – All members of the Miami East BOE

**Motion Passed**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jodi Metzger, staff member; and LaDonna Mays, staff member both recognized and thanked Board members during School Board Recognition Month for their support of students and staff members across the District.

### **GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION:**

VikingFest 2017 is coming . . . February 18, 10-3, K-8 Building . . . a fun day with lots of family entertainment . . . free admission . . . tickets for games cost 25 cents each or 5/\$1. Vikingfest will include free stage entertainment and games for the kids . After-prom parents will sell sandwiches and other delicious food items. If you are a vendor with unique items and are interested in selling during the day, please contact Beth at 335-2771 or [bethculb@woh.rr.com](mailto:bethculb@woh.rr.com). This event helps fund student scholarships and school personnel grants to support learning activities for ME students.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT- REGULAR AGENDA :**

### **A. Approve Alternative Tax Document**

Kevin Accurso moved and John Demmitt 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 2018, 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**

Mark Davis moved and Kevin Accurso 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, 2017.

#### **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 February 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 2017 ;

- Section 3 That the authorization herein conferred shall extend to any advances that may be requested during the calendar year 2017; 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**

Mark Iames moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to appoint Kevin Accurso to serve as the Ohio School Board Association Student Achievement Liaison and appoint Kevin Accurso as the Ohio School Board Association Legislative Liaison for Miami East Local School District for 2017.

#### **Motion Passed**

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

- A.** Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke  
Kevin Accurso moved and John Demmitt seconded motion to approve the following:
1. The minutes of the regular board meetings of December 19, 2016, as presented
  2. The financial reports for the month Of December, 2016, as presented
  3. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certifications, as presented
  4. Account modifications, as presented
  5. Recommend approval of advances, effective December 30, 2016, in the amounts of \$71,078.91, \$10,909.41, and \$4,494.71 from the general fund to the FY2017 IDEA-B fund 516, the FY2017 Title I fund 572, and the FY2017 Title II-A fund 590, respectively.

6. Recommend approval of appropriations and estimated resources modifications for December, 2016 as follow:

Increase appropriations for food service fund 006 by \$50,000  
Increase estimated resources for food service fund 006 by \$50,000  
Increase appropriations for classroom facilities maintenance fund 034 by \$60,000  
Increase estimated resources for IDEA-B fund 516 by \$71,363.50  
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Increase estimated resources for Title I fund 572 by \$22,642.68  
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Increase estimated resources for Title II-A fund 590 by \$10,812.45  
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**Motion Passed**

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

- \$500.00 from various Miami East student activities to the High School Principal's fund for the senior citizen's dinner.
- \$3,500.00 from PAC to the Junior High Principal's fund.
- \$200.00 from the Fletcher Lions Club to the High School chorus.
- \$754.72 from Youth wrestling for the High School athletic wrestling program.
- \$516.00 from the Miami County Farm Bureau for the Miami East FFA program.

**Motion Passed**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT :**

##### **A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:**

1. Mark Iiames moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve Lori Smith as the Miami East K-8 swing- shift custodian, Step 1, 5.5 hours per day, 260 days per year, effective January 10, 2017.

**Motion Passed**

2. Mark Davis moved and John Demmitt 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 2016-2017 school year. The board-approved rate of pay has been set at \$80.00 per day through 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive day and \$85.00 per day from 11<sup>th</sup> day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

**Motion Passed**

3. Kevin Accurso moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve an additional classified substitute for the 2016-2017 school year as follows:

Diane Lochtefeld –Bus Driver

**Motion Passed**

4. Mark Iiames moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion of approval of an unpaid leave of absence for the following staff member:

Marisa Digel - February 13-16, 2017 (4 Days)

**Motion Passed**

5. Mark Davis moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion of approval of Amanda Paulus, as a Bus Driver for Miami East, Step 0, effective as of January 10, 2017.

**Motion Passed**

6. Kevin Accurso moved and Mark Iiames seconded the motion of approval of Karen Pemberton, as an assistant cook for Miami East K-8, Step 1, effective as of January 10, 2017.

**Motion Passed**

7. John Demmitt moved and Mark Davis seconded motion of approval of Sandra Welker, as a Bus Aide for Miami East, Step 0, effective as of January 10, 2017.

**Motion Passed**

**B. ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR STADIUM PROJECT**

Kevin Accurso moved and Mark Iiames seconded the approval to advertise for Bids for the stadium field project with our Field Bid and a quote through The Kleingers Group.

**Motion Passed**

**OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination Applications due by January 31, 2017
- Presentation of certificates in recognition of “School Board Recognition Month” – 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.

***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.

- February Board Meeting Date.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- General Discussion(s)

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**Miami East High School  
February 21, 2017 (Day after Presidents' Day)  
7:00 P.M.**