

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of January 10, 2022
Re-Organizational 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: Susan Slone, staff member; Matt Howell, parent; Alicia Barlow, parent; Lori Lawson, parent and Matt Clevenger, Troy Daily News.

OATH OF OFFICE: Treasurer administers oath of office to Mrs. Amanda Howell, Mr. Mark Lawson, and Mrs. Pam Rice.

RE-ORGANIZE AND ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2022:

- a) President – Mark Iames

Motion Passed

- b) Vice-President – John Demmitt

Motion Passed

- 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 2022:

- 1) OSBA (Legislative Liaison & Student Achievement Liaison) – Mark Iames
- 2) M.V.C.T.C. – Mark Lawson & Mark Iames
- 3) Athletic Council – Amanda Howell, Pam Rice, and Mark Lawson
- 4) Facilities – Pam Rice & Amanda Howell
- 5) Alumni Hall of Fame – Pam Rice & Mark Lawson
- 6) Miami East Foundation – Amanda Howell
- 7) Audit Committee – All Members of the Miami East Board of Education

Amanda Howell moved and John Demmitt seconded motion to approve committee appointments for 2022, as noted above.

Motion Passed

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Pam Rice 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 2023, and that said body approves the same.

Motion Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT- REORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA

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 Lawson moved and Amanda Howell 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, 2022.

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 2022;
- Section 3 That the authorization herein conferred shall extend to any advances that may be requested during the calendar year 2022; 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

Pam Rice moved and Amanda Howell seconded motion to appoint Mark Iiames to serve as the Ohio School Board Association Student Achievement Liaison and appoint Mark Iiames as the Ohio School Board Association Legislative Liaison for Miami East Local School District for 2022.

Motion Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT- REGULAR MEETING

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

John Demmitt moved and Pam Rice seconded motion to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the regular board meetings of December 20, 2021, as presented
2. The financial reports for the month of December, 2021, as presented
3. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certifications, as presented
4. Recommend approval of initial advances in the amounts of \$235,345.61 and \$3,052.28 from the general fund to the ESSER II fund 507 (9922) and the Title II-A fund 590, respectively, to be repaid within one year.
5. Recommend approval of appropriations modifications for Dec 2021 as follow:
Increase appropriations for Class of 2021 fund 200 (9321) by \$252.69

Motion Passed

B. Amanda Howell moved and Mark Lawson seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:

- \$50 from a donor in memory of Carolyn Cavender to the Miami East Athletic Program.
- \$50 from a donor in memory of Betty Kirk to the Miami East Athletic Program.
- \$1,000 from Sunrise Cooperative to the Miami East FFA Program.
- \$61 from the Ohio FFA Foundation to the Miami East FFA for the Blue Jackets program
- \$200 from Kandar Farms to the Miami East FFA Program.

Motion Passed

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT :

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Mark Lawson moved and Pam Rice 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 2021-2022 school year. The board-approved rate of pay has been set at \$105.00 per day through 10th consecutive day and \$110.00 per day from 11th day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

Motion Passed

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

Susan Blocher – January 10 & 11, 2022 (2 total days)

Motion Passed

3. John Demmitt moved and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve Kimberlee Wagner's request for FMLA leave beginning January 3, 2022 through February 12, 2022.

Motion Passed

4. Pam Rice moved and Amanda Howell seconded the motion to approve the following staff member who is providing tutoring at the Elementary.

- a) Bethany Koester (effective January 11, 2022)

Motion Passed

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Presentation of certificates in recognition of "School Board Recognition Month" –
- February Board Meeting Date. February 22, 2022
- February Records Disposal Meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

John Demmitt moved and Pam Rice seconded motion to enter executive session for the purpose of consideration of the appointment, employment, of a public employee, or official.

Time In: 7:30 p.m. Time out: 9:04

Motion Passed

Mark Lawson moved and Amanda Howell seconded motion to reconvene to regular session.

Time In: 9:04 p.m.

Motion Passed

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Miami East High School
February 22, 2022 (Day after Presidents' Day)
7:00 P.M.**