

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of January 7, 2014
Reorganizational Board Meeting

Kevin Accurso, board president, called the Reorganizational 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.

Also in attendance were: Tricia Fellers, parent; Barb Minnich, staff member; and Wes Welbaum, elementary principal.

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE: Treasurer, Lisa Fahncke

Kevin Accurso, Mark Davis, and Brandon Fellers

ROLL CALL:

Kevin Accurso
Brad Burton
Mark Davis
Brandon Fellers
Rusty Miller

RE-ORGANIZE AND ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2014:

- a) President – Mark Davis

- b) Vice-President – Brad Burton

- 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 2014:
 - 1) OSBA (Legislative Liaison & Student Achievement Liaison) – Kevin Accurso
 - 2) M.V.C.T.C. – Mark Davis
 - 3) Athletic Council – Rusty Miller
 - 4) Facilities – Mark Davis
 - 5) Alumni Hall of Fame – Brad Burton
 - 6) Miami East Foundation – Brandon Fellers
 - 7) Audit Committee – All members of the Miami East Board of Education

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no Public Comments.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION:

VikingFest 2014 is coming . . . February 15, 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. Arliss Perry will emcee . . . free stage entertainment . 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. 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

Brandon Fellers 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 2015, and that said body approves the same.

B. Authorize contractual payments, authorize payment of bills, borrow funds, request advance of taxes, invest funds, and to apply for, appropriate and expend grants

Rusty Miller 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, 2014.

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 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 2014 ;
- Section 3 That the authorization herein conferred shall extend to any advances that may be requested during the calendar year 2014; and
- Section 4 That the Treasurer of the board be and he 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

Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to appoint Kevin Accurso to serve as the Ohio School Board Association Student Achievement Liaison and appoint Brandon Fellers as the Ohio School Board Association Legislative Liaison for Miami East Local School District for 2014.

Motion Passed

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke
Brad Burton moved and Brandon Fellers seconded motion to approve the following:
1. The minutes of the regular board meetings of December 16, 2013, as presented
 2. The financial reports for the month Of December, 2013, as presented
 3. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certifications, as presented

Motion Passed

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

- \$200 from the Fletcher Lions Club for the HS choir

- C. General Discussion- Release from Fiscal Caution

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT :

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Rusty Miller moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve hiring Lorraine Smith as a bus driver for the 2013-2014 school year, Step 0, effective January 6, 2014

Motion Passed

2. Kevin Accurso moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve sub teachers who have been approve 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

3. Brad Burton moved and Brandon Fellers seconded motion to approve the following supplemental for the 2013-2014 school year:

Junior High School

Boys Basketball Coach – Blake Heim – Volunteer

Motion Passed

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRIP APPROVAL:

Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve the following out-of-state field trip for the 2013-2014 school year:

- 1) Miami East High School FFA, Fair Oaks, IN. –March 26 & 27, 2014

Motion Passed

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Miami East 10th Annual Staff Appreciation Night – Friday, January 24, 2014
- Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination Applications due by January 31, 2014

The Miami East School District has been very fortunate to have countless alumni members aspire and achieve remarkable accomplishments following graduation from Miami East High School. As a result, to recognize and inspire future graduates the Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame was created. Since its inception in 1992, graduates have been recognized who have made significant contributions to society by vocation, avocation, philanthropy, deed, or other endeavor.

Alumni Hall of Fame applications are currently available in the Board office. Each year nominations for the Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame are sought from employees of the district, alumni, and community members. Nominations should be sent to the Superintendent's office. Committee members who are selected by the superintendent will meet and review the nominated candidates in March.

Excellence demands commitment and a tenacious dedication. Once it is accepted and expected, it must be nourished and continually reviewed and renewed. It is a never-ending process of learning and growing. It requires a spirit of motivation and boundless energy. It is always the result of a creatively conceived and precisely planned effort. Please consider nominating a graduate from Miami East that meets these criteria to help inspire future graduates of Miami East. Nominations must be returned the Miami East Board of Education no later than January 31, 2014.

- Update of the E-Calamity Day Plan.

The State of Ohio now 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).

By January 19th make-up lessons will either be posted on the school web site or sent home with students. All students and parents should be aware of the location of these lessons in the event an e-Day needs to be utilized. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal.

- November/December Race to the Top (RttT) Progress Report.
- Presentation of certificates in recognition of "School Board Recognition Month" –

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s). Mr. Davis thanked the MEEA for the cookies and treats in recognition of "School Board Recognition Month".

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

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

**Miami East High School
February 18, 2014 (Day after Presidents' Day)
7:00 P.M.**