

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD BITS**

Review of July 20, 2015  
Regular Board Meeting

Mark Davis, 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, Mark Davis, Brandon Fellers, and Rusty Miller in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Marie Carity, staff member; John Demmitt, parent; Amy Barger, Piqua Daily Call; Madeline Davis, student; and Lauren Williams, student.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments heard.

**GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/REPORTS TO THE BOARD:**

Madeline Davis, Lauren Williams and Marie Carity attended tonight's meeting to discuss their recent trip to Costa Rica, Jun 10 to 18, 2015. "It was an educational and trip of a life-time for all involved." The Costa Rica Proficiency and Stars Travel Seminar empowered FFA members to be leaders by providing us with a global perspective of the diversity of agriculture and customs. Through this experience, they gained knowledge by visiting farms and agribusinesses in Costa Rica. The students discussed the various farms they visited and the many differences between these farms and those here in Ohio.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the June 15, 2015 regular board meeting, as presented by the treasurer.
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for June 2015.
3. Recommend approval of Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, the Certificate of the Total Amount Available from all Sources, and the Temporary Appropriations for FY 2016.
4. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certification, as presented.
5. Account modifications, as presented.
6. May 2015 baseball/softball tournament payroll time sheet expenditures, as presented.
7. Participation in and acceptance of federal, state, and local grant applications and receipt of funds for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Motion Passed**

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

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

\$310.50 from the Miami East Academic Booster to the Miami East High School Principal's fund for the purchase of lanyards for seniors.

**Motion Passed**

2. Rusty Miller moved and Brandon Fellers seconded motion to approve a depository agreement for active, interim, and inactive deposits with Unity National Bank effective July 20, 2015 through July 19, 2019, as presented. Addendum #7

**Motion Passed**

3. Kevin Accurso moved and Brandon Fellers seconded motion to revise Miami East Local School District board policy number 6423- Use of Credit Cards to read:

The Board authorizes the use of District credit cards.

**Motion Passed**

4. Rusty Miller moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve application with Unity National Bank/Elan Financial Services for the Elan One Credit Card Program.

**Motion Passed**

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS CONT.:**

1. Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion to approve extended service days for the 2015-2016 school year for the following certified staff:
  - a) Danielle Dillon – High School/Elementary Counselor – 10 days
  - b) Sandra Finkes – Jr. High Counselor – 5 days
  - c) Wade Meyers – AV/Library – 6 days

**Motion Passed**

2. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the following certificated personnel for upgrade of degrees on the approved salary schedule:

Bachelor's to Masters – Breanne Frasher

**Motion Passed**

3. Rusty Miller moved and Brandon Fellers seconded the motion to approve the following additional classified substitute for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

Custodian – Zach Sharits

**Motion Passed**

4. Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion to approve the updates of supplemental contracts, effective for the 2015-2016 school year:

**HIGH SCHOOL**

High School Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach – Dan Peterson – Step 6  
National Honor Society Advisor – Meghan Arnold  
Flag Corps – Lisa Ritchea – Step 5  
Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach – Julie Mack – Step 6

**Motion Passed**

5. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the voluntary transfer of Stephanie Larson from Third Grade to Kindergarten at Miami East Elementary for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Motion Passed**

6. Rusty Miller moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve Denise Gibson from 6.50 hours per day to 7.25 hours per day for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Motion Passed**

7. Brandon Fellers moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion to approve Janea Mitchell, as a classroom aide, at Miami East Elementary on a one-year limited contract, step 0, at 6.5 hours per job description, for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Motion Passed**

8. Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion to approve Dave Magill, as a classroom aide, at Miami East Elementary on a one-year limited contract, step 0, at 6.5 hours per job description, for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Motion Passed**

9. Rusty Miller moved and Brandon Fellers seconded the motion to approve Renee Woodward, as a classroom aide, at Miami East Elementary on a one-year limited contract, step 0, at 6.5 hours per job description, for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Motion Passed**

**B. 2015-2016 HANDBOOKS:**

Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the 2015-2016 handbooks for Miami East High School, Miami East Junior High, Miami East Elementary, District-Wide Staff Handbook, and Bus Driver Handbook as presented at the June meeting.

**Motion Passed**

**C. 2015-2016 CLASS FEES:**

Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion to approve the 2015-2016 class fees, as recommended by the principals for Miami East High School, Miami East Jr. High, and Miami East Elementary.

**Motion Passed**

**D. PURCHASING AGENT:**

Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve Dr. Todd Rappold as purchasing agent for Miami East Local Schools effective August 1, 2015.

**Motion Passed**

**E. 2015-2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGAL REPRESENTATION:**

Rusty Miller moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve John Podgurski, as the Miami East Local Board of Education's legal representative, for the 2015-2016 school year, on an as needed basis.

**Motion Passed**

**F. 2015-2016 CHEMICAL HYGIENE AND SHOP SAFETY PLAN(S):**

Brandon Fellers moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion to approve the 2015-2016 Chemical Hygiene and Shop Safety Plans as presented at the June meeting.

**Motion Passed**

**G. BAND EQUIPMENT TRAILER AGREEMENT:**

Kevin Accurso moved and Brandon Fellers seconded the motion to approve the band trailer agreement that is recommended to be reviewed annually.

**Motion Passed**

**H. ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY (AUP):**

Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion to approve the 2015-2016 District-Wide Electronic Tele-communication Services Agreement & Acceptable Use Policy (AUP).

**Motion Passed**

**I. 2016 EPC BUS BID:**

Rusty Miller moved and Brandon Fellers seconded the motion to participate in the 2016 Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council bus bid process. The District is under no obligation to accept the bid if it so chooses.

Whereas the Miami East Local School Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of one school bus.

Therefore, be it resolved the Miami East Local School Board of Education wishes to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids on said Boards' behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of one school bus.

**Motion Passed**

**J. HOUSE BILL 212:**

Kevin Accurso moved and Brandon Fellers seconded

motion to approve the following resolution in support of Local Control of Education through HB212

WHEREAS HB212 restores local control of curriculum and instruction; and

WHEREAS HB212 restores local control of instruction priorities and class schedules; and

WHEREAS HB212 restores local control of faculty evaluation and development; and

WHEREAS HB212 restores local control of Kindergarten Readiness Assessment; and

WHEREAS HB212 restores protection of student and teacher data; and

WHEREAS HB212 restores protection and assessment stability; and

WHEREAS HB212 restores protection of transparency and community, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Miami East Local School District Board of Education, being duly elected and statutorily vested with the management and control of all public schools in our respective district, with authority over curriculum and instruction, honoring our oath of office as representatives of an independent body politic and corporate entity, declare support for passage of HB212 and its provisions for clarity, protection, and restoration of local authority, and be it further

Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Ohio State Board of Education, the Governor of Ohio, and members of the Ohio General Assembly.

**Motion Passed**

**OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- 2015 Miami County Safety Council Award
- Substitute Teacher Rates
- Thank you letter to Elizabeth Township for the donation of a commercial treadmill to the District

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- Motion to approve the Superintendent's contract.

**Motion Passed**

- General Discussion(s)

**ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

**MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL (ROOM 116)**

***August 17, 2015***

***7:00 P.M.***