

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD BITS**

Review of May 18, 2020  
Regular Board Meeting

Mark Iames, board president, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., held via teleconference. 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 Mike Rindler in attendance. Also in attendance were: Jamie Brown, staff member.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments heard.

**GOOD NEWS INFORMATION/RECOGNITION REPORT:**

**Locker Clean Out & Final Homework Drop Off**

The week of May 18<sup>th</sup> will be our final homework drop off, textbook drop-off, and Locker Cleanout. Items can also be cleaned out of the locker rooms and Viking Hall. These dates will have the buildings open between Noon – 6:00 p.m.

*For the protection of yourself and others, during the locker cleanout we will ask that no more than 10 families are in each building at a time. A face covering will be encouraged of all persons entering the school. Disposable masks will be available for those that do not have a mask.*

**To assist families with multiple students we will be schedule these dates by family last names:**

-Friday, May 15: Seniors  
8-11am Last Name A-M      11am-2pm Last Name N-Z

-Monday, May 18: Students whose last names begin with letters A-F

-Tuesday, May 19: Students whose last names begin with letters G-M

-Wednesday, May 20: Students whose last names begin with letters N-Z

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

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

Kevin Accurso moved and Brandon Fellers seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 20, 2020, as presented by the treasurer.
2. Recommend approval of financial statements for April, 2020 and the five-year forecast to be submitted by May 31, 2020.
3. The then and now Treasurer’s 412 certification, as presented
4. The appropriation modification, as follows:

Increase appropriations for National Honor Society fund 200 (9230) by \$500.00

5. Approve account modifications, as presented.

**Motion Passed**

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

1. Mike Rindler moved and John Demmitt seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:
  - \$50 from Bolton for the Miami East FFA Program

**Motion Passed**

2. John Demmitt moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve the renewal of liability, property, and fleet insurance from the Ohio School Plan through The Hylant Administrative Services for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

**Motion Passed**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:**

1. Brandon Fellers moved and Mike Rindler seconded the motion to approve Bruce Vanover, as a summer school tutor, at Miami East High School, on an as needed basis.

**Motion Passed**

2. Kevin Accurso 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 2019-2020 school year. The board-approved rate of pay has been set at \$95.00 per day through 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive day and \$100.00 per day from 11<sup>th</sup> day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

**Motion Passed**

3. John Demmitt moved and Mike Rindler seconded the motion to approve the acceptance of Michael Dehart's letter of resignation, effective at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year as a junior high teacher.

**Motion Passed**

4. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve Jeff Staudt as K-8 school head custodian, at the approved board rate of pay, effective June 1, 2020.

**Motion Passed**

**B. APPROVAL OF CLASS OF 2020 FOR GRADUATION:**

Mike Rindler moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion of approval of the Class of 2020, which includes 91 seniors, for graduation on May 22, 2020, 6:30 p.m., at Miami East High School.

**Motion Passed**

**C. EXTRA-CURRICULAR TRANSPORTATION FEE POLICY:**

John Demmitt moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular Transportation Fee Policy.

**Motion Passed**

**D. ATHLETIC PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK AND ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES:**

John Demmitt moved and Mike Rindler seconded the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Athletic Parent/Student Handbook and Administrative Guidelines.

**Motion Passed**

**E. MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RANDOM DRUG TESTING POLICY:**

Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the following Random Drug testing Program for the 2020-2021 school year:

The Miami East Local School District Board of Education Drug Testing Policy was formed in an effort to deter students from using alcohol and illicit drugs. This policy reflects the Miami East School District Board of Education and the community's strong commitment to establish a truly drug and alcohol free school program. The MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS Board of Education desires to implement a policy which will attempt to provide this district with a safe and healthful student program.

The MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS have selected student athletes, students who participate in extra-curricular activities and students who, along with consent from their parents, agree to be tested, for inclusion in the testing pool. This policy applies to all athletes, volunteers and extracurricular activities from grades 7-12.

**Motion Passed**

**INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**2020 Graduation**

**Senior Parents and Students:**

**Senior Drive-Thru Brunch**—Friday, May 22 between **8:00** and **10:00am** there will be a **Senior Drive-Thru Brunch** at The Light on the Hill Barn on Rugged Hill. Seniors will pull in, roll down their window

to place their omelet order and then the brunch will be handed to the student and the student will then drive away.

### **Drive-In Graduation Ceremony**

**Date:** Friday, May 22 ***Inclement Weather Plan:*** Saturday, May 23 @6:30pm Monday, May 25 @6:30pm

**Time:** 6:30pm

**Location:** Miami East High School back parking lot—We plan to utilize 105 parking spots so that we can socially distance the vehicles throughout the parking lot.

**Broadcast:** The ceremony will be available to vehicles in the parking lot on **FM channel 89.7** and will be **Live Streamed** via Facebook Live on the **Miami East Local Schools** Facebook page.

### **Ceremony:**

- **The MEHS Class of 2020 graduation ceremony will begin at 6:30pm, Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **Welcome**
- **Invocation (Dr. Rappold)**
- **Presentation of the Class (Mr. Gentis)**
- **Acceptance of the Class (Dr. Rappold)**
- **Awarding of Diplomas** (The order in which students will receive diplomas is included in this mailing)
  - Each graduate will walk to the front of the parking lot as their name is announced. When the graduate reaches the stage area, their full name will be announced and the graduate will be presented with their diploma by Mr. Gentis and Dr. Rappold.
  - **Salutatorian (Gretchen Frock) and Valedictorian (Levi Marcum) speeches will take place during the awarding of diplomas.**
- **Turning of the Tassels**

**Photos:** A photographer from Color Green Photo will take 2 pictures of each graduate. A link to access graduation photos will be sent to each graduate.

### **Parade:**

- **At the conclusion of the ceremony, there will be a parade of seniors through the Miami East school district. The parade will include the Miami County Sheriff's Department, Casstown Fire Department and Fletcher Fire Department.**

I would like to personally thank our students and parents for your understanding and positivity with our plans to honor the Miami East High School Class of 2020. It has been the goal of the Miami East administrative team to make plans that will celebrate and honor the Miami East High School Class of 2020 in the most traditional and safest way possible. As their principal, I feel it is very important to honor our seniors sooner rather than later and to do so in a way that accounts for the safety and health of all participants. I am very appreciative for the support of our plan from the Miami County Health Department. I am equally as appreciative by the support that has been shown by our students, parents and community. I look forward to celebrating the **Miami East High School Class of 2020** on Friday, May 22 at 6:30pm.

Sincerely,

Todd A. Gentis

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- General Discussion(s)

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

***MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL***

***June 15, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.***