

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES**

November 20, 2023
Regular 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: Heidi Perry, staff member; Erin O’Neal, parent; Todd Gentis, staff member; Les Kinder, community member; LaDonna Mays, staff member; Julie Kiesewetter, staff member; Cassidy Knoop, parent; Grayce Goodin, student; Haley Barnes, student; Hailey Register, student; Gabe Cathcart, student; Blake Boggess, student; Braylon Rhoads, student; Wylena Hahn, staff member; Kathy Knoop, staff member; Montana Cushard, staff member; Jason Unger, staff member; Marcus Duff, parent; and Kevin Evans, staff member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Resolution #207-11-2023

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

GOOD NEWS/ INFORMATIONAL REPORT:

- A. GNG Teacher Leader of the Year
- B. Fall Athletics
- C. FFA Member of the Month
- D. Veteran’s Day Breakfast

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Resolution #208-11-2023

Amanda Howell moved, and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve the [November 2023 Five-Year Forecast](#), as presented.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

Resolution #209-11-2023

John Demmitt moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the following grant/donations:

- a) \$1,300.00 from the Miami East After Prom Parents to the High School Principal's Fund (018-9801).
- b) \$1,460.00 from the Miami East Athletic Boosters to the Athletic Fund (300) for the purchase of wrestling uniforms.
- c) \$3,959.00 from the Miami East Athletic Boosters to the Athletic Fund (300) for softball field lines.
- d) \$5,470.96 from the Miami East Athletic Boosters to the General Fund (001) for the purchase of weightlifting equipment.
- e) \$2,250.00 from the Miami East Athletic Boosters to the Athletic Fund (300) for the purchase of Junior High girls' basketball uniforms.
- f) \$669.00 from the Miami East Music Boosters to the Class of 2026 Student Activity Account (200-9326).
- g) \$200.00 from Beth and James Perkins to the Athletic Fund (300).

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

TREASURER'S CONSENT AGENDA:**Resolution #210-11-2023**

Pam Rice moved, and Amanda Howell seconded the motion to approve the following:

- 1. Recommend approval of the [October 16, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes](#), as presented.
- 2. Recommend approval of the [Financial Report](#) for November 2023.
- 3. Recommend the approval of [2023 OHSAA Fall Tournament Expenditures](#), including payroll timesheet expenditures, as presented.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

- A. FFA National Convention and Updates
- B. Building Project Updates

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA:**Resolution #211-11-2023**

Mark Lawson moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the following:

- A. Recommend the approval for the Indoor High School Club Track.
- B. Recommend the approval of the MOU with MEEA for the purpose of salary pay steps for hours beyond a master's degree.
- C. Recommend the approval of the MOU with MEEA for the purpose of adding HS Winter Ticket Sales (Girl's Basketball) at a rate of 0.020 and the addition of HS Track Ticket Sales at a rate of \$25 per hour.
- D. Recommend the approval for a twenty-four (24) month period Farm Rental Agreement with Brian Francis for 20 (+/-) acres to be farmed between November 1, 2023 and October 31, 2025.
- E. Recommend the approval for the 8th-grade students to take an out-of-state field trip to Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia, from May 13th to May 17th.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

PERSONNEL CONSENT AGENDA:

Resolution #212-11-2023

John Demmitt moved, and Amanda Howell seconded the motion to approve the following personnel items:

- A. Recommend the approval of FMLA leave for Kimberlee Wagner from November 10, 2023, to February 4, 2024.
- B. Recommend the approval of FMLA leave for Lori Pyers from November 1 to December 26, 2023.
- C. Recommend the acceptance of Sandra Swigart's letter of resignation, effective December 15, 2023, for the position of Student Monitor.
- D. Recommend the approval of the [attached](#) list of supplemental contracts for the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. Recommend the approval of the [attached](#) list of classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.
- F. Recommend the approval of the [attached](#) list of certified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES PER NEOLA:

Resolution #213-11-2023

Pam Rice moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the second reading and final approval of the following Board Policies.

These changes include updates to the following policies:

Policy 0141.2, Conflict of Interest; Policy 0164, Notice of Meetings; Policy 2623.02, Third Grade Reading Guarantee; Policy 3120.08, Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities; Policy 4120.08, Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities; Policy 5320, Immunization; Policy 5330, Use of Medications; Policy 5337, Care of Students with Active Seizure Disorders; Policy 6700, Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA); Policy 7440, Facility Security; Policy 8210, School Calendar; Policy 8330, Student Records; Policy 8600, Transportation; Policy 8650, Transportation by School Van; Policy 9160, Public Attendance at School Events; Policy 9211, District-Support Organizations; and Policy 9270, Equivalent Education Outside the Schools & Participation in Extra-Curricular for Students not Enrolled in the District.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Upcoming Meetings - December, January/Organizational Meeting, Records Commission

Resolution #214-11-2023

Approval of Cooling Tower Replacement Bid:

Amanda Howell moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion for approval of the Cooling Tower Replacement Project. On November 10, 2023, bids were received for the cooling tower replacement at the K-8 school. The recommended contract is 8.4% below our published estimate and thus can be awarded. Therefore, the Buehrer Group Architecture & Engineering, Inc. recommends the following contract be awarded to Air Force One.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

General Discussion(s)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:**Resolution #215-11-2023**

Amanda Howell moved, and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the dismissal into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 (G)(5), Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes and Section 121.22 (G)(3), Conferences with an attorney.

Time in: 8:14 p.m. Time out: 9:31 p.m.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:**Resolution #216-11-2023**

Amanda Howell moved, and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to return to open session following the executive session pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, Section 121.22 (G)(5) and Section 121.22 (G)(3).

Time in: 9:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

Yeas: John Demmitt, Amanda Howell, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson, and Pam Rice.

Nays: none Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT:**Resolution #217-11-2023**

Mark Lawson moved, and Amanda Howell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer