

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of November 15, 2021
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 Kevin Accurso, John Demmitt, Brandon Fellers, Mark Iames, and Mark Davis in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Mary Ann Morgret, staff member; Susan Slone, staff member; Cindy Ritlet, resident; Suzie Weber, staff member; Kaitlyn Roop, student; Nicole Bailey, staff member; Erin O’Neal, parent, Pam Rice, Resident; Jennifer Knisely, parent, Katie Brasher, parent; Alicia Barlow, parent; Jenna Clark, parent; Lindsey Coning; David Barlow, parent; and Matt Clevenger, Troy Daily News.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Ritter K-12 Business Consulting, Inc. K-12 presented the Board the services they provide districts when filling treasurer’s vacancies.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

Miami East FFA Members Attend National Convention

The 94th National FFA Convention is the largest event hosted by the National FFA. 26 members of the Miami East-MVCTC FFA chapter were in attendance at the convention in Indianapolis. Last year’s convention was held virtually.

The Miami East-MVCTC FFA Chapter received a Three-Star National Chapter Award, the highest award bestowed to an FFA Chapter. The chapter was selected for this honor based on its activities during the previous school year, in the areas of growing leaders, building communities, and strengthening agriculture.

Miami East Schools graduates Ethin Bendickson, Elizabeth Bair, Michael Bair, Savannah Holzen, Luke Gilliland, and Kearsten Kirby received the American FFA Degree. The American FFA Degree is the highest degree awarded by the National FFA Organization and recognizes members’ ability to demonstrate leadership abilities and outstanding achievements in agricultural business, production, processing, and service programs. Recipients received gold American FFA Degree key and a certificate to commemorate the achievement.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahnce

A. Treasurer’s Kevin Accurso moved and Brandon Fellers seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 18, 2021, as presented.

2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for the month of October, 2021 and the Five-Year Forecast for FY 2022-2026, as presented.
3. Recommend appropriations and estimated resources modifications as follow:
Increase appropriations for fund 200 (9323) by \$15,000
Increase estimated resources for fund 200 (9323) by \$15,000
Increase appropriations for fund 200 (9324) by \$1,000
Increase estimated resources for fund 200 (9324) by \$1,000
Increase appropriations for fund 200 (9325) by \$600
Increase estimated resources for fund 200 (9325) by \$600
Correct a typographical error in item 5 of resolution 162-10-21 to read:
Increase estimated resources- ESSER ARP fund 507 (9923) by \$751,875.58 (instead of \$571,875.58)
Increase appropriations- ESSER ARP fund 507 (9923) by \$751,875.58(instead of \$571,875.58)
4. Recommend approval of The Treasurer's then and now 412 certifications, as presented.
5. Recommend approval of account modifications, as presented.
6. Recommend approval of initial advances in the amounts of \$200,000; \$100,000; and \$25,000 from the general fund to the IDEA-B fund 516, the Title I fund 572 and the Title II-A fund 590, respectively, to be repaid within one year.
7. Recommend approval of the Fall 2021 soccer tournament expenditures including payroll time sheet expenditures, as presented.

Motion Passed

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

1. John Demmitt moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:
 - \$ 275 from various donors in memory of Mark Bell to the Miami East Athletic program.

Motion Passed

C. MOU AGREEMENT

Mark Davis moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion between Miami East Board of Education and Miami East Association of Support Professionals REGARDING the Severance Pay Calculation of Bus Driver.

Motion Passed

OTHER – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- Set Re-Organizational Meeting and Alternative Budget Document Review proposed for Monday, January 10, 2022

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the acceptance of Denise Gibson’s letter of retirement. Her last day will be May 31, 2022 as an elementary art and physical education teacher.

Motion Passed

2. Kevin Accurso moved and Mark Davis seconded the motion to approve an additional classified substitute for the 2021-2022 school year as follows:
Claudia Edwards – Substitute Educational Aide (effective 10/29/2021)

Motion Passed

3. Brandon Fellers moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following employees:

Heather Cudd – October 15, 2021 (1 total day)
Thelma Purtee – November 22, 2021 (1 total day)
Tammy Hamiel – Until further notice (On medical leave)
Megan Noll- December 2nd & 9th, 2021 (2 total days)

Motion Passed

4. Mark Davis moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion of approval of the following persons for supplemental contracts, effective for the 2021-2022 school year, based on their years of experience, at the board approved rate of pay

High School

Winter Site Supervisor – Debbie Sandlin
Volunteer Wrestling Coach- Kris Black
Grade 11 Concessions- Breanne Stager
Volunteer Swimming Coach- Carol Bollinger

Junior High School

Winter Site Supervisor - Nicole Bailey

Elementary

A+ Grant Birding Club - Laura Weddle

Motion Passed

5. John Demmitt moved and Brandon Fellers 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

6. Mark Davis moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve Kimberlee Wagner's request for FMLA leave beginning November 12, 2021 through January 3, 2022.

Motion Passed

7. John Demmitt moved and Brandon Fellers seconded motion to approve Kyrie Hire's request for FMLA leave beginning April 11, 2022 through May 6, 2022.

Motion Passed

8. Mark Davis moved and Kevin Accurso seconded to transfer the remaining balance of \$4,170.09 from the student activity Class of 2021 fund to the general fund, per the superintendent's recommendation.

Motion Passed

9. Kevin Accurso moved and John Demmitt seconded to transfer \$1,670.09 from the general fund to the high school principal's fund.

Motion Passed

10. Brandon Fellers moved and Mark Davis seconded to transfer of \$1,500 from the General Fund to the Class of 2022 account, per the superintendent's recommendation.

Motion Passed

11. Kevin Accurso moved and Brandon Fellers seconded to transfer of \$1,000 from the General Fund to the Class of 2023 account, per the superintendent's recommendation.

Motion Passed

12. Mark Davis moved and Brandon Fellers seconded the motion to approve Luann Jordan's request for FMLA leave beginning November 8, 2021.

Motion Passed

B. FARM RENTAL AGREEMENT

Brandon Fellers moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve a twenty-four (24) month lease agreement for farm land rental for the 2022-2023 seasons with Brian Francis, for 20 (+/-) acres to be farmed.

Motion Passed

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- National FFA Convention Overview.
- Mask to Stay Guidelines

The Ohio Department of Health released new quarantine guidelines Monday, October 25, 2021. The new quarantine recommendation is in an effort to keep healthy children in school. This would allow families to avoid the current 10-day quarantine when a student has been determined as a close contact of a positive person in school or at a school related function.

Miami East has followed public health requirements quarantining students from school exposure. These students have had to miss in person instruction and extra-curricular activities. Both are important to their academic and social-emotional growth.

Mask to Stay Option

Direct contacts, regardless of vaccination or masking status, may remain in the classroom environment if they do the following:

- Wear a mask at school for 14 days after their last date of exposure.
- Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity).
- Consistent with guidance for others quarantining in lower-risk environments, students and staff may discontinue these quarantine procedures after seven days — if they don't develop symptoms and test negative between days 5-7.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

10. **ADJOURNMENT:** The Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT MEETING
MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL
December 20, 2021
7:00 P.M.