

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of November 18, 2013
Regular Board Meeting

Kevin Accurso, 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, Brad Burton, Gayle Carson, Mark Davis, and Rusty Miller in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Barb Minnich, staff member; Kim Redick, parent; Seth Redick, student; Janet Schwartz, parent; Colin Schwartz, student; Brandon Fellers, parent; and Colin Foster, Piqua Daily Call.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

Straight A Grant

Ohio's school leaders have enthusiastically responded to the state's new Straight A Fund, with 420 organizations submitting 570 applications to be considered for funds to improve achievement and increase efficiency. The \$250 million fund was created in the new state budget signed this summer by Gov. John R. Kasich.

The District would like to recognize Mrs. Lisa Fahncke, District Treasurer, who spearheaded the District Straight A Grant submission last week. The District's Straight A Grant totals over \$500,000 for the purchase of 5 propane school buses.

Today, the Governing Board of the Straight A Fund informed the Miami East School District that our application will move forward with 359 other applications to the second round of scoring for a programmatic review. This second round of applicants was from the original number of over 570 applications received by the state in the first round.

The Straight A Fund application process had over 570 competitive applicants submitted requests for projects totaling \$868 million for \$100 million in funds for FY 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke Rusty Miller moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the regular board meeting of October 21, 2013, as presented
2. The financial reports for the month of October, 2013, as presented
3. Account modifications, as presented

Motion Passed

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

1. Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:
 - \$750.00 from the Miami County Foundation to the High School Principal's Fund for the Advanced English field trips
 - \$2,231.00 from The Miami County Foundation to the Junior High Principal's Fund for a MIMIO board system
 - \$570.00 from Marilyn Duff to the High School Athletic Cheer account for support of the cheer program
 - \$500.00 from the Athletic Boosters to the Athletic fund for transportation cost to the Pacer's to support boys and girls high school basketball

Motion Passed

2. Brad Burton moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to retroactively approve agency fund 022 for tournament accounting per the Ohio Revised Code, effective July 1, 2013.

Motion Passed

C. OTHER – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- Discussion on the permanent improvement levy renewal
- Set Re-Organizational Meeting and Alternative Budget Document Review proposed for Tuesday, January 7, 2014

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded the motion to approve the updated Assistant Treasurer's Job description.

Motion Passed

2. Rusty Miller moved and Brad Burton seconded the motion to approve the hiring of Lori Pyers as the Miami East Assistant Treasurer, on a one year limited contract, effective November 18, 2013 for the 2013-2014 school year, pending BCII and FBI background check and official transcripts.

Motion Passed

3. Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded approval of additional substitute classified personnel for the 2013-2014 school year as follows:

Bus Driver – Samantha Norkett
Bus Driver – Dr. Todd Rappold

Motion Passed

4. Mark Davis moved and Rusty Miller seconded approval of the resignation of the following person for a supplemental contract, effective for the 2013-2014 school year:

Kyle Vanover as the 7th grade boys' Basketball Coach

Motion Passed

5. Gayle Carson moved and Brad Burton seconded approval of the following persons for supplemental contracts, effective for the 2013-2014 school year, based on their years of experience, at the board approved rate of pay:

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

7th grade boys' Basketball Coach – Scott Shirk – Step 6

Motion Passed

6. Gayle Carson moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve sub teachers who have been approved 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

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- September/October Race to the Top Progress Report
- 2013 SOAR Award. Congratulations to the Miami East Junior High School! The Junior High recently informed that Battelle for Kids had awarded the District a **2013 SOAR Award for Significant High Progress**. The award is given to a Junior High in the top 2% making exceptional growth with students. The award is given out of over 800 eligible Districts across the state of Ohio. This is the **SECOND** time the Junior High has been recognized for a High Progress Award!
- Miami East Local Schools will hold its 26th Annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner, Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the Miami East High School Cafeteria. Please park in the back of the building and enter through the back door. To be eligible to attend, you must be 60 years of age or older and live in the Miami East School District.
- The District has finalized the close-out documents for the high school construction project that it had been waiting for the state to send for the past year. These documents have been forwarded to the appropriate agencies.
- Dr. Rappold recognized and congratulated the fall athletic teams for a very successful fall season. In addition to numerous conference titles won by the volleyball and soccer teams the varsity football team posted its first ten win season and first state playoff victory. Additionally, the music programs in the District were very successful this fall earning numerous accomplishments and recognition. This fall the District had a record number of students participating in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities. Dr. Rappold thanked the coaches, staff members, and students for a very successful start to the 2013-2014 school year.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- The Board made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the treasurer's contract.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL

December 16, 2013

7:00 P.M.