

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of November 19, 2012
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; Sandy Finkes, staff member; Chris Shaw, staff member; Mary Simmons, staff member; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

Sandy Finkes, Chris Shaw, and Mary Simmons were in attendance to highlight and promote this year's offering of the Rachel's Challenge Program this year. The District is pleased to announce the Rachel's Challenge Program is coming back to Miami East on November 28th!

Special thanks to the Troy and Miami County Foundations for funding this special event. The year-two program, "Rachel's Legacy", promises to be as inspiring and meaningful as the year one program. Rachel's Legacy focuses on uncovering the potential and significance found in everyone. Students are challenged to open their minds and to see just how great an impact one person can make in the world.

There will be two morning assemblies- a first year program, Rachel's Impact, for grades 5-7 and the second year program, Rachel's Legacy, for grades 8-12. There will be a student training in the afternoon and then the day will conclude with a Community Evening Event from 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the Elem/JH auditoria. We invite all parents and community members to the evening event; you won't want to miss this powerful program!

Thanks to the District's Technology Department, Mr. Don Nuss, and the High School Yearbook Committee, visitors can now access current and past photos with a tap of your finger! The District recently opened an area just outside of the high school gymnasium with a new touch screen computer. This computer, provided through the generosity of the Miami County Foundation, allows visitors to access scanned yearbooks and current photos. The goal is to eventually have 50 years of yearbooks and various photos stored on this public computer.

Additionally, Gayle Carson recognized the varsity girls' soccer team for its many accomplishments this fall. These included raising over \$2,000 for the Kick for the Cure event, over \$1,000 for a student in Newton, being recognized as the UVMC Team of the Month, its academic recognition, and overall record this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke
Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the regular board meeting of October 15, 2012, as presented (addendum #1)
2. The financial reports for the month of October, 2012, as presented (addendum #2)
3. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certifications, as presented (addendum #3)

Motion Passed

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

1. Mark Davis moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:

- \$100.00 from Eugene and Shirley Davis for choir robes
- \$100.00 from David Scott to the National Honor Society for the benefit of the David Stace family
- \$610.00 and \$262.50 from the Miami East Education Foundation for support for the high school Photoshop Elements Software and the junior high Scholastic Scope Magazine, respectively.
- \$500.00 from VFW of Ohio Charities, agent Troy Fish & Game, Inc. for cheerleading
- \$60.76 cash donations for MEHS Pride in Me- Heifer International
- \$1,000.00 from the PTO for an electric piano at the elementary school
- \$1,050.00 and \$452.50 from the Miami East Education Foundation for the high school Muse Machine and the 6th grade Muse Machine, respectively.
- \$5,862.89 from the Music Boosters for choir robes.
- \$2,540.00 from the FFA Alumni for the FFA

Motion Passed

- C. OTHER – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- Discussion on STAR-plus
- Set Re-Organizational Meeting and Alternative Budget Document Review proposed for Tuesday, January 8, 2013
- Kevin Accurso pointed out how wonderful it is to have a community where so many people volunteer time and donations to the students in our District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Gayle Carson moved and Rusty Miller 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 2012-2013 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

2. Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded the approval of an additional sub classified personnel for the 2012-2013 school year as follows:

Custodian – Vernon Sharits (effective 11-16-2012)

Motion Passed

3. Brad Burton moved and Mark Davis seconded approval of the following persons for supplemental contracts, effective for the 2012-2013 school year, based on their years of experience, at the board approved rate of pay:

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Volunteer Wrestling Coach – Tim Smith

Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach – Rebecca Leffel

Motion Passed

B. 2012-2013 MIAMI EAST BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS:

Rusty Miller moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the Miami East Board of Education Goals, for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion Passed

C. APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY CHANGES PER NEOLA:

Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the Board of Education Policy changes as recommended by Neola, as a result of various O.R.C. changes. These include updates to items such as Personal Communication Devices, Student Assessments, and Nutritional Guidelines.

Motion Passed

D. FARM RENTAL AGREEMENT

Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve a thirty-six (36) month lease agreement for farm land rental for the 2013-2015 season with Brian Francis, for 20 (+/-) acres to be farmed.

Motion Passed

E. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE MIAMI EAST LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE MIAMI EAST ASSOCIATION OF SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

Rusty Miller moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve the Miami East Board of Education and the Miami East Association of Support Professionals MOU to changes to Article 6 Leave of the Negotiated Agreement between both parties dated July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015.

Motion Passed

F. DONATION OF DISPLAY CASE BY MIAMI EAST ELEMENTARY PTO

Mark Davis moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion to approve the donation of a display case recently installed at Miami East Elementary by the Elementary PTO, with an estimated value of \$2,000.

Motion Passed

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- November 6th Levy Results. Dr. Rappold thanked everyone that supported the district during the November 6th election. The Miami East School District was once again blessed with the support of its community. The voter approval shows the level of support and confidence this community continues to display in its schools and staff. On behalf of the entire District Dr. Rappold thanked everyone for their continued support.
- September/October Race to the Top Progress Report. The bi-monthly Race to the Top Progress Report was shared highlighting items such as the District's Evaluation Committee and the department and grade levels work on the new Common CORE.
- Miami East FFA Letter to the Board of Education regarding the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Letter from State Senator Bill Beagle congratulating the District for its LEED Gold Status
- 2012 SOAR Award. Congratulations to the entire Miami East School District! The entire District was recently informed that Battelle for Kids had awarded the District a **2012 SOAR**

Award for Significant Progress Districts. The award is given to a District in the top 2% making exceptional growth with students. Over 800 Districts across the state of Ohio are eligible for this award and Miami East was one of only fourteen to earn this award this year!

- Dr. Rappold shared the excitement in seeing so many students from across the District participating in Cross Country this Fall and Swimming this Winter. Participation in both activities has increased to well over 30 students in both programs. Supervision/Coaching both of these events will become problematic as numbers increase.
- John Cooper was asked by the Board to track and document repairs made in the District during the first quarter. This list was shared with Board members.
- Dr. Rappold shared that the District was in the process of completing another Bus Grant this month.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL

December 17, 2012

7:00 P.M.