

## **MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD BITS**

Review of September 19, 2022  
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, Mark Iames, Mark Lawson and Pam Rice in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Susan Slone, staff member; LaDonna Mays, staff member; Erin O'Neil, parent; Jackie Winner, staff member; and Matt Clevenger, Troy Daily News.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

LaDonna Mays and Jackie Winner addressed the Board and thanked the Board for their support and generosity for all staff members in the district over the past two years.

### **GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

Miami East Armed Forces Scrolling Tribute

Miami East High School has established a scrolling "Tribute" to honor all Miami East Local School District graduates that have or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

If you have military service information regarding a Miami East Local School District graduate, please complete the form below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0M8lC6-5kdc9z3\\_RqibTAyo6tBpF22Q9XiBv3i78-zpdiGA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd0M8lC6-5kdc9z3_RqibTAyo6tBpF22Q9XiBv3i78-zpdiGA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

A list of all current names that are scrolling on the Tribute can be found here. The document will be updated periodically to reflect the information that is received by District officials.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Gentis (MEHS Principal) via email [tgentis@miamieast.k12.oh.us](mailto:tgentis@miamieast.k12.oh.us) or by phone (937) 335-7070 x3004.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

#### **A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items:**

John Demmitt moved and Mark Lawson seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the August 15, 2022 board meeting, as presented.
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for August 2022.
3. Recommended approval of the Treasurer's 412 certification, as presented.

**Motion Passed**

#### **B. Treasurer's Regular Agenda Items:**

1. Pam Rice moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve the following transfers:

- Transfer of the remaining balance of \$2.19 from the Student Activity Pride in Me account to the General Fund.
- Transfer of the remaining balance of \$2,754.90 from the Student Activity Class of 2022 account to the General Fund.

**Motion Passed**

2. Mark Lawson moved and Pam Rice seconded the motion to approve the following transfers:
  - Transfer of \$2,757.09 from the General Fund to the High School Principal's Fund.

**Motion Passed**

3. John Demmitt moved and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve donations as follows:
  - \$1,720.04 from the Miami County Park District to the Elementary Principal's Fund.
  - \$3,000.00 from the Miami East Athletic Boosters to the Athletic Department for partial reimbursement of the pole vault pit.
  - \$3,000.00 from Ellen Hazel to the Athletic Department.
  - \$1,500.00 from the National FFA Foundation to Miami East FFA Student Activity Account.
  - \$1,000.00 from MVP Enterprises to the High School Principal's Fund.

**Motion Passed**

**C. Treasurer's Report – Other Informational/Discussion Items:**

- Miami East Local School District Student Activity Advisor Handbook to review for approval at the October Board of Education Meeting.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:**

1. Pam Rice moved and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the following reading intervention tutor, who will be paid at an hourly rate using Title I grant money.
  - a) Brittany Green (August 31-September 2)
  - b) Margaret Fasick (effective start date 09/06/2022)

**Motion Passed**

2. John Demmitt moved and Pam Rice seconded the motion to amend Jennifer Landers start date effective August 29, 2022.

**Motion Passed**

3. Pam Rice moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve the following adjustments for the following certified teaching

contracts, after receiving original transcripts and/or verification of previous employment for the following employees, effective for the 2022-2023 school year:

- a) Patty Gentis –MS +15 to MS +30
- b) Bruce Vanover –MS to MS +15
- c) Heidi Perry- MS +15 to MS +30
- d) Elizabeth Fields- Bachelors to MS +0
- e) Stacey Byrne – MS +15 to MS + 30
- f) Jennifer Ziegenbusch- MS +15 to MS + 30
- g) Stephanie Larson - MS +15 to MS + 30

**Motion Passed**

4. Mark Lawson moved and Pam Rice 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 2022-2023 school year. The board-approved rate of pay has been set at \$110.00 per day through 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive day and \$115.00 per day from 11<sup>th</sup> day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

**Motion Passed**

5. John Demmitt moved and Pam Rice seconded motion to approve additional classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:

Alyssa McCuiston – Substitute Aide, cook, and secretary (effect 9-1-22)  
Cassidy Knoop - Substitute Aide (effect 8-25-22)  
Samantha Lacy – Substitute Aide (effective 9/19/2022)  
Shelby Webb- Substitute Cook, Custodian, Aide, Secretary (effect 9-15-22)  
Jill Balser – Substitute Cook (effect. 9-15-22)  
Vicki Houston – Substitute Cook (effect. 9-15-22)

**Motion Passed**

6. Mark Lawson moved and John Demmitt seconded the approval of the following persons for supplemental contracts, effective for the 2022-2023 school year, based on their years of experience, at the board approved rate of pay:

HIGH SCHOOL

Career Connections- Julie Millhouse  
Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach- Rick Hickman- Step 6  
Girls Junior Varsity Basketball Coach- Tami Hill- Step 0  
Girls Basketball Coach- Shandar Thompson- Volunteer  
Boys Head Varsity Basketball Coach- Justin Roeth – Step 6  
Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Coach- Matt Rutledge- Step 6  
Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball- Kevin Gump- Step 6  
Boys Freshmen Basketball Coach- Preston Elifritz- Step 6  
Head High School Boys Wrestling Coach- Rich Randall- Step 6  
Head High School Girls Wrestling Coach- Jared Cole- Step 0  
Assistant High School Wrestling Coach- Kyle Watson- Step 4  
Junior High Head Wrestling Coach- Jason Sroufe- Step 6  
Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach- Stewart Strubler- Step 4  
High School Head Swimming Coach- Heather Cudd- Step 1  
Assistant Swimming Coach – Carmen Richters – Step 6

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7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball- Doug Knostman- Step 5 (split 1/3)  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball- Megan Rutledge- Step 0 (split 1/3)  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball- Brock Shepard- Step 0 (split 1/3)  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball – Anthony Crane – Step 0  
Site Supervisor – Nicole Bailey

**ELEMENTARY**

A+ Grant Nature Club- Laura Weddle

**Motion Passed**

7. Pam Rice moved and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the staff members who are providing extended learning at the Elementary, Junior High or High school.

- a) Nicole Bailey
- b) Gary Church
- c) Keith Martin
- d) Matt Rutledge
- e) Janet Gump

**Motion Passed**

8. Pam Rice moved and John Demmitt seconded the motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following employee(s):

Elizabeth Kerr – October 25-28, 2022 (4 Days)  
Carla Grout - July 26-29, 2022 (4 Days)  
Cindy Hirsch – October 6-7, 2022 (2 Days)  
Sara Hufford – October 12-14, 2022 (3 Days)

**Motion Passed**

9. John Demmitt moved and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve the staff members who are Mentoring Resident Educators during the 2022-2023 school year.

- a) Matt Roth
- b) Carmen Richters
- c) Patty Gentis
- d) Kristy Hurst
- e) Annette Baker
- f) Cindy St. Denis

**Motion Passed**

**A. ALL FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Pam Rice moved and Mark Lawson seconded the motion to approve Miami East Local School's participation in all Federal education programs for which we qualify.

**Motion Passed**

**B. OUT-OF-STATE TRIP APPROVAL:**

John Demmitt moved and Pam Rice seconded

motion to approve the following out-of-state field trip for the 2022-2023 school year:

- 1) New York City Trip – April 19-22, 2023

**Motion Passed**

**OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**

State Report Cards

Ranking Ohio's school districts from 1 to 607 based on the stars they received on new state report cards

Updated: Sep. 16, 2022 Cleveland.com

While the new Ohio school report card gives a star rating to various categories, there is no overall star grade assigned for this year. So cleveland.com calculated the total score for all 607 districts reported to show which schools scored the best across the board.

**The Miami East Local School District Ranked #32 out of 607 School Districts statewide.**

Not only was the District #1 in Miami County, Miami East High School scored 5 stars (highest rating possible) in all areas of the report card (Achievement, Progress and Gap Closing). In the area of "Progress", there was "significant evidence" that students made more progress than expected. In addition, MEHS had a 99% graduation rate.

We are pleased with the Report Card Scores for the entire Miami East Local School District. This ranking is a credit to our students, our parents, our educational partners, community, and all of the employees of the Miami East Local School District!

At Miami East we believe the staff, students, and parents strive toward the TEAM philosophy of "Together, Everyone, Achieves, More". We are appreciative of the efforts by everyone in the district to ensure that students are successful.

We are fortunate to have so many staff members who devote a great deal of time and effort before and after school to help students. In addition, parents are always very willing to volunteer their time to either read to students, or help out wherever we need assistance to help students.

Lastly, we are always appreciative of the residents of the district that continue to support the district even after their children have graduated. Everyone in the district is to be congratulated for any success the district achieves because at Miami East it is always a TEAM effort.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- General Discussion(s)

**ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL  
October 17, 2022 @ 7:00 P.M.**