

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

Review of September 17, 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; LaDonna Mays, staff member; Jason Moore, Edison State; Kent Buehrer, Buehrer Group, Beth Culbertson, MEEF, Howard Wigdal, and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments heard.

### **GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION:**

During the tonight's Board meeting Kent Buehrer, from the Buehrer Group was in attendance to present the district with its LEED plaque. Mr. Buehrer recently informed the district that the high school project has been awarded the "GOLD LEED" designation!

Understanding the importance of integrating renewable energy sources into construction, the Miami East School District was committed to including these types of designs into the construction of the new High School. The district designed the new high school to be LEED certified. What is LEED certification?

In the United States and in a number of other countries around the world, LEED certification is the recognized standard for measuring building sustainability. Achieving LEED certification is the best way for you to demonstrate that your building project is truly "green" and energy efficient. LEED criteria are used in the design to promote design and construction practices that increase profitability while reducing the negative environmental impacts of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being. LEED certification, which includes a rigorous third-party commissioning process, offers compelling proof to you and your community that you've achieved your environmental goals and your building is performing as designed.

The LEED rating system offers four certification levels for new construction -- Certified, Silver, Gold and Platinum. These ratings correspond to the number of credits accrued in the five green design categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality. Miami East High School was designed to be Silver rated.

Examples of some of the LEED items that were incorporated into the new high school include:

- Geothermal heating and cooling
- Solar Hot Water Heaters
- Rain storage system

- Solar Panels
- An expanded recycling program

Beth Culbertson, representing the Miami East Education Foundation (MEEF), and Howard Wigdahl attended tonight's meeting. The Wigdahl Family created an endowment for the high school science department in memory of his wife, Jewell and daughter Ann.

To honor his wife Jewell and daughter Ann, Howard Wigdahl and his family established a science grant for Miami East High School. This grant totaled nearly \$5,000. The MEEF and the High School presented the Wigdahls a plaque recognizing the generous donation so generations of students going through Miami East would remember the family's donation.

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

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

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the August 20, 2012 regular board meeting, as presented by the treasurer.
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for August, 2012.
3. Recommend approval of the Treasurer's then and now 412 certifications, as presented.
4. Recommend approval of account modifications, as presented.
5. Recommend approval of the settlement, as presented.
6. Recommend approval the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year 2012, as presented by the treasurer.

Motion Passed

**B.** Treasurer's Report to the Board/Regular Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke

Rusty Miller moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Approval of the following donations:
  - \$4,000 from the Elementary PTO for elementary leveled readers
  - \$1,500 from Pepsi for athletic scholarships
  - \$2,000 from the Rachel's Legacy Program- Troy Foundation for the Junior High Principal's fund

Motion Passed

Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the following:

2. Approval of thresholds for super-blanket and blanket fiscal officers certificates set at \$500,000 and \$250,000; respectively.

Motion Passed

Rusty Miller moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the following:

3. Approval of a bank account with MainSource bank for the purpose of flexible spending benefit management.

Motion Passed

- C. Review for consideration the Permanent Appropriations and Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2013 (2012-13 School Year).

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

### **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:**

1. Brad Burton moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion of approval to employ Karen Follrod as the technology intern for the 2012-2013 school year, at the Board approved rate of pay, effective September 4, 2012.

Motion Passed

2. Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded motion of approval of acceptance of Michele Melvin's letter of resignation, as a K-8 cafeteria cashier, effective September 7, 2012.

Motion Passed

3. Mark Davis moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion of approval to employ Jackie Winner as a K-8 Cashier, at the Board approved rate of pay, effective September 10, 2012.

Motion Passed

4. Gayle Carson moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve the following reading intervention tutors, who will be paid at an hourly rate using Title I grant money.

- a) Betsy Borchers
- b) Lauren Kiwacka
- c) Amber Johnson

Motion Passed

5. Rusty Miller moved and Mark Davis seconded 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 employee, effective for the 2012-2013 school year:

- a) Rebecca Leffel from BS to BS + 150
- b) Christopher Barnes from BS to Masters

Motion Passed

6. Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve substitute 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 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive days and \$83.00 per day from 11<sup>th</sup> day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

Motion Passed

7. Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded motion of approval of additional substitute classified personnel for the 2012-2013 school year as follows:  
Clerical– Judy Fellers  
Aide– Lucy Taylor  
Clerical, Aide, & Cook – Kathleen Titterington

Motion Passed

8. Rusty Miller moved and Gayle Carson seconded  
Recommend 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:

HIGH SCHOOL

Boys Head Basketball Coach – Allen Mack – Step 6  
Boys Reserve Basketball Coach – Justin Roeth – Step 6  
Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach – Matt Hickman – Step 3  
Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach – Tom Meyer – Step 6  
Girls Head Basketball Coach – Preston Elifritz – Step 4  
Girls Reserve Basketball Coach – Kevin Gump – Step 6  
Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach – Kelly Cash – Step 6  
Head Wrestling Coach – Jason Sroufe – Step 3  
Assistant Wrestling Coach – Mark Rose – Step 6  
Volunteer Swimming Coach – Carol Bollinger  
Head Girls Track Coach – Bruce Vanover – Step 6  
Freshman Class Advisor – Kristy Hurst  
Sophomore Class Advisor – Janet Gump  
Junior Class Advisor – Meghan Arnold & Bonnie Maxson  
Leadership Facilitator – Danielle Dillon  
Pep Band – Nichole Lookabaugh

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7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Kevin Evans – Step 6  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Scott Shirk – Step 6  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach – LaDonna Mays – Step 6  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach – Brian Kadel – Step 6  
Head Junior High Wrestling Coach – Kevin Pyers – Step 6  
National Honor Society Advisor – Janet Stevens  
Audio Visual Director – Chris Weddle  
Service Club – Sandy Finkes & Cris Shaw

Motion Passed

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

Mark Davis moved and Brad Burton seconded the motion to approve the following out-of-state field trips for the 2012-2013 school year:

- 1) National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN. – October 25 & 27, 2012
- 2) High School Boys' & Girls' Basketball Team – Indianapolis, IN. –  
November 16, 2012
- 3) MEHS New York City Trip – April 10-13, 2013
- 4) Eighth Grade Smoky Mountain Trip – May 6-10, 2013

Motion Passed

**C. FY' 2013 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS:**

Gayle Carson moved and Brad Burton seconded the motion to approve the FY' 2013 Permanent Appropriations as presented for review by the treasurer.

Motion Passed

**D. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT W/TROY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:**

Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the transportation agreement between Miami East Local School District and Troy Christian School for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion Passed

**E. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT W/MIAMI COUNTY MRDD:**

Rusty Miller moved and Gayle Carson seconded the motion to approve the transportation agreement between Miami East Local School District and Miami County MRDD for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion Passed

**F. WAIVER OF REGULAR TRANSPORTATION:**

Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve the Waiver of Transportation for students whose legal residence is within the Miami East Local School District and who are attending the Piqua Catholic Schools, Sidney-Lehman High School, Miami Montessori School, St. Pat's School, and the Miami County Consortium Pre-School and Special Education units, for reimbursement to the parents for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion Passed

**G. ALL FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR:**

Brad Burton moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve Miami East Local School's participation in all Federal education programs for which we qualify.

Motion Passed

**H. SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR 2012-2013 WITH RUSH'S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION:**

Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve Rush's Concrete Construction for snow removal, for schools in the Miami East Local School District, for the 2012-2013 school year.

Motion Passed

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

- MAC, Manufactured Assemblies Corporation thank you letter for its donation of computer cables to the Miami East Elementary Building.
- Dr. Rappold shared with Board members a detailed description of the responsibilities and changes for school districts as a result of SB 316. Board members discussed the effects of this new legislation on the district while staff reductions have occurred across the district. Dr. Rappold shared that as a result of SB 316 there are over forty-five new responsibilities and changes that need to occur across the district by July 1, 2013.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- General Discussion(s)

**10. ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING**

***MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL***  
**October 15, 2012 @ 7:00 P.M.**