

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of September 15, 2014
Regular Board Meeting

Mark Davis, 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, Mark Davis, Brandon Fellers, and Rusty Miller in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Barb Minnich, staff member; Todd Gentis, high school principal; and Tom Dunn, ESC Superintendent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION/INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

Mr. Gentis, High School Principal attended this evening's meeting to discuss and share the exciting news from Penn Station. Miami East High School was recently selected as the Penn Station Athlete of Year "School Spirit Award" winner. In recognition of this award, Penn Station is gifting \$1,500 to the Miami East Athletic Department and a plaque to showcase the school's spirit.

Rachel's Challenge is a non-profit organization. It is led by Rachel Scott's father and mother. Rachel Scott was the first person killed in the Columbine shooting. As of 2008, Rachel's parents have spoken to more than one million people in making appearances for Rachel's Challenge.

Darrell Scott established Rachel's Challenge to perpetuate his daughter's example and the two-page "Code of Ethics" she wrote a month before her death. Its mission statement is to "motivate, educate and bring positive change to many young people".

Through the generosity of the UVMC Foundation this Program will be held at the elementary, junior high, and high school September 3rd and September 4th. On behalf of the entire District we would like to thank the UVMC for their support of this wonderful program.

Tom Dunn, ESC Superintendent, reported to the Board of Education the results of the 2013-2014 Miami East Board of Education self-appraisal. Mr. Dunn volunteered to compile the results of the Miami East Board of Education's self-appraisal, a process the Board has completed over the past eleven years on an annual basis.

Mr. Dunn reported on the results of the self-evaluation which covers items such as Board Meeting effectiveness, community relations, and planning. Mr. Dunn reported that the Board scored "Excellent" to "Good" in all areas and recognized the Board for its continued use of the evaluation to evaluate itself. Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Dunn for tabulating the results. Mr. Dunn recognized and congratulated the Board of Education for its continued effectiveness to the students, staff, and District.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke

Brandon Fellers moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve the following:

1. Recommend approval of the minutes of the August 18, 2014 regular board meeting, as presented by the treasurer.
2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for August, 2014.
3. Recommend approval of the Treasurer's then and now 412 certifications, as presented.
4. Recommend repayment of advance to the general fund 001 from the Title I fund 572 in the amount of \$38,730.74. Also recommend approval of advance of cash for educational/extracurricular purposes from the general fund 001 to the Athletic fund 300 in the amount of \$7,365.94 to be repaid within one year.
5. Recommend approval of the Permanent Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2015, as presented.
6. Recommend approval the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year 2015, as presented.

Motion Passed

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

1. Rusty Miller moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve of the following donations:
 - \$375.49 from The Troy Foundation for headphones for the Junior High
 - \$750.00 from Penn Station for the High School Athletic Program Spirit Award
 - \$750.00 from Penn Station for the High School Principal's Fund Spirit Award

Motion Passed

2. Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve of the Treasurer working additional days per week (due to a staff shortage) on an as needed basis at her current per diem rate.

Motion Passed

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the following reading intervention tutors, who will be paid at an hourly rate using Title I grant money.
 - a) Debra Cash
 - b) Erin Sizemore
 - c) Melissa Lozano

Motion Passed

2. Brad Burton moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve Stephen Teale's resignation as a bus driver for the 2014-2015 school year, effective September 12, 2014.

Motion Passed

3. Kevin Accurso moved and Brandon Fellers seconded the motion to approve the hiring Cassandra Bishop as a bus driver for the 2014-2015 school year, effective September 15, 2014.

Motion Passed

4. Rusty Miller moved and Brad Burton 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 employee, effective for the 2014-2015 school year:
- a) Amanda Riley – MS+15 to MS+30
 - b) Jennifer McCuiston – MS to MS+15
 - c) Carmen Richters – MS+30 to MS+45

Motion Passed

5. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded approval of Luann Jordan's request for FMLA leave beginning September 8, 2014 through October 20, 2014.

Motion Passed

6. Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion of approval of an unpaid leave of absence for the following staff member:
Christine Perry - September 19 & 22, 2014 (2 Days)

Motion Passed

7. Brandon Fellers moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve an additional classified substitute for the 2014-2015 school year as follows:

Julie Kinzer – Clerical, Aide, and Cook
Johnetta McCormack – Bus Driver
Todd Gentis – Bus Driver

Motion Passed

8. Rusty Miller moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the following persons for supplemental contracts, effective for the 2014-2015 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 Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach – Matt Rutledge – Step 6
Boys JV Basketball Coach – Kevin Evans – Step 6
Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach – Tom Meyer – Step 6
Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach – Kevin Gump – Step 6
Head Wrestling Coach – Mark Rose – Step 6
Assistant Wrestling Coach – Rich Randall – Step 6
Swimming Coach – Carol Bollinger
National Honor Society Advisor – Meghan Arnold
Musical Instrumental Director – Chris Weddle

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7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Blake Heim – Step 0
8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Scott Shirk – Step 6
7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – Larry Leffel – Step 6
8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – Rebecca Leffel – Step 1
Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach – Kevin Pyers – Step 6
Assistant Cheerleading Advisor – Ali Toth
National Honor Society Advisor – Janet Stevens
Service Club – Sandy Finkes & Cris Shaw – Step 4
A/V Director – Chris Weddle
Fall/Winter Site Supervisor – Tami Mumford (1/2)

Motion Passed

9. Brandon Fellers moved and Brad Burton seconded the 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 2014-2015 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

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRIP APPROVAL:

Brad Burton moved and Kevin Accurso seconded the motion to approve the following out-of-state field trips for the 2014-2015 school year:

- 1) National FFA Convention, Louisville, KY. – October 29 – November 1, 2014
- 2) MEHS New York City Trip – April 8-11, 2015
- 3) Eighth Grade Smoky Mountain Trip – May 4-8, 2015

Motion Passed

C. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT W/MIAMI COUNTY MRDD:

Rusty Miller moved and Brandon Fellers seconded the motion to approve the transportation agreement between the Miami East Local School District and Miami County MRDD for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion Passed

D. WAIVER OF REGULAR TRANSPORTATION:

Kevin Accurso moved and Brad Burton 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 2014-2015 school year.

Motion Passed

E. ALL FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR:

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

Motion Passed

F. SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR 2014-2015 WITH RUSH'S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION:

Brad Burton moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve Rush's Concrete Construction for snow removal, for schools in the Miami East Local School District, for the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion Passed

G. OHIO TEACHER EVALUATION SYSTEM (OTES):

Kevin Accurso moved and Rusty Miller seconded the motion of approval as a result of HB 362 the Miami East Board of Education will adopted a teacher evaluation policy in accordance with the standards-based statewide teacher evaluation framework adopted by the State Board of Education.

- a. The Miami East Board of Education adopts the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System "OTES" model as approved by the State Board of Education.
- b. Each evaluation will have a rating of (1) Accomplished; (2) Proficient; (3) Developing; or (4) Ineffective.

- c. The rating must be based on both teacher performance and student growth measures (50% each)
- d. HB 362 becomes effective September 1, 2014
- e. This bill allows Districts flexibility in the number of appraisals completed each year.
- f. Student Growth Measures (SGM) and/or SLOs will continue to determine how often appraisals occur.

This evaluation program has been developed in consultation with teachers employed by the Miami East Board of Education.

Motion Passed

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

- Thank you letter from the Miami East FFA
- Thank you letter from Rhea Kirk

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

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

NEXT MEETING

**MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL
October 20, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.**