

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD BITS**

Review of December 19, 2011  
Regular Board Meeting

Rusty Miller, 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; Beth Culbertson, MEEF; Thorstad Family, Rob Brundrett, MEEF; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments heard.

**GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION:**

The Miami East Education Foundation (MEEF) presented their annual progress report and provided information regarding the fifth annual winter Vikingfest fund raising event. MEEF requested to present their annual report to the Board of Education during the December meeting.

Mrs. Culbertson shared that this will be the Foundation's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Vikingfest which will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The intent in creating Vikingfest was to cultivate further awareness of MEEF and raise proceeds for grants and scholarships.

Rob Brundrett then shared the MEEF's treasurer report to the Board of Education. Mr. Brundrett shared that the MEEF endowment had increased by \$50,656 in 2011. As a result, MEEF awarded scholarships/grants totaling \$14,900 in 2011.

In addition, The Board invited the Thorstad family to attend the meeting. The Thorstad family created a grant that enabled the music department to purchase several new instruments for the music department, including a piano that is being utilized by the high school music department. Mrs. Culbertson presented the plaque that will be placed on the piano that is currently being used by the district's music department.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

1. The minutes of the regular board meetings of November 21, 2011, as presented by the treasurer.

(Will recommend the following at later meetings for approval: January 17, 2011, April 11, 2011, May 31, 2011, June 13, 2011, July 11, 2011, August 01, 2011, August 08, 2011, August 10, 2011, August 22, 2011, and September 26, 2011 special meetings as well as the April 25, 2011, May 31, 2001, June 20, 2011, July 18, 2011, August 15, 2011, and

September 12, 2011 regular board meetings.)

2. The financial reports for the month of November, 2011, as presented
3. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certifications, as presented
4. Estimated Resources/Appropriations modifications:
  - Increase estimated resources- general fund 001 by \$209
  - Decrease appropriations- Race to the Top 2011 fund 506-9011 by \$209

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

1. Gayle Carson moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to "A Resolution Declaring The Intention To Proceed Under The Alternative Tax Document Format Provided Under Section 5705.281 Of The Ohio Revised Code And To Refrain From The Preparation Of A Tax Budget For The Fiscal Year 2012, And Authorizing And Directing The Chief Fiscal Officer Of The Miami East Local School Board of Education To Prepare And To Submit To The Miami County Budget Commission Such Information And Documents As Are Necessary Incident To Said Process And Submission, And To Take Such Other Actions As May Be Reasonably Necessary Incident Thereto", as prepared by legal counsel for the Miami County Budget Commission.
2. Kevin Accurso moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve appointment of Rusty Miller, as president pro temp, for the re-organizational meeting, to be held at the Miami East High School on January 09, 2012. The 2012 Alternative Tax Budget Document will be reviewed at this meeting.
3. Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the annual 2012 membership dues, annual "Briefcase" Subscription and subscription to "School Management News".
4. Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:
  - \$3,304.06 from the ME Elementary PTO for the ME Elementary Principal's fund
  - \$2,398.00 from the Education Foundation- Miami East Performing Arts Dan Thorstad Fund for the purchase of a piano and a mover for the high school
  - \$500.00 Ohio Small Grains Marketing Program for FFA supplies
5. Mark Davis moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve the disposal of two science fume hoods and cabinet by sale to Central State University for \$3,000.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:**

1. Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve Recommend approval of acceptance of Pam Shouse's letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, effective December 1, 2011.
2. Kevin Accurso moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to terminate the employment of Larry Taylor, as a high school custodian, effective December 12, 2011.
3. Gayle Carson moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve Janice Jackson as an educational aide for the 2011-2012 school year.
4. Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve JoLynn Werling as an assistant cook (5 hours per day) for the 2011-2012 school year.
5. Kevin Accurso moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve of Kristy Hurst's request for maternity leave to coincide with FMLA beginning April 27, 2012 through May 29, 2012.
6. Gayle Carson moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to approve the following additional classified substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:
  - Cook/Aide – Donette Pickering
  - Volunteer Cook – Shirley Gilliland
  - Bus Driver – Brenda Aviles
5. Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve sub teachers who have been approve by the Miami County Educational Service Center, and on file in the central office. These are all on an as needed basis for the 2011-12 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.

**OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- The district would like to thank Mark Iames for his generous donation speaker and sound system upgrade in the K-8 auditeria.
- Update on reinstituting high school bussing. Beginning on January 4, 2012 we will be bussing all high school students to and from school. An additional route has been added to accommodate the change. All new bus routes will be posted on the school website

and the front and back doors of the High School and Elementary/Jr. High buildings the afternoon of December 21st.

- E-Calamity Day Policy. Dr. Rappold has been meeting with the staff discussing the possible implementation of an on-line make-up day policy for the 2012-2013 school year. This policy would be created and first approved by the district's Association. The policy would then need Board approval before it could be sent to the Ohio Department of Education and implemented for the 2011-2012 school year.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

Gayle Carson moved and Kevin Accurso seconded motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment contract of a public employee.

Kevin Accurso moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to reconvene to regular session.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING (Re-Organizational/Regular)**

***MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL***

***January 09, 2012***

***7:00 P.M.***