

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of December 20, 2010
Regular Board Meeting

Rusty Miller, board president, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., held in room 602 at Miami East Junior 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: Jodi Metzger, staff member; Lois Group, staff member; Phyllis Wiford, staff member; Boone Wiford, resident; Tim Williams, high school principal; Beth Culbertson, MEEF; Rob Brundrett, MEEF; Kim Plummer, The Quandel Group; Dennis Schumaker, The Quandel Group; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION:

- The Board of Education recognized two staff members that have served the district, staff, and students very well who are retiring at the end of the month:

Phyllis Wiford – August 1975 thru December 2010

Lois Group – November 1979 thru December 2010

Mr. Miller presented both retiring staff members with a gift from the Board of education. Lois thanked the Board and staff that she said she had the pleasure of working alongside during her tenure at Miami East.

- The district recognized and congratulated Jodi Metzger for earning her National Board Certification in 2010. Mrs. Metzger becomes the fourth staff member in the district to earn this designation.
- The Miami East Education Foundation (MEEF) presented their annual progress report and provided information regarding the third annual winter Vikingfest fund raising event. Mrs. Culbertson described upcoming events planned for VikingFest and requested stage entertainment from interested students or community members.

Mr. Brundrett shared the treasurer's report with Board members. Rob shared that as of October 1 total funds in MEEF totaled \$132,536. This financial status included 17 accounts under the Troy Foundation. Total awards and scholarships in 2010 totaled \$12,770

- The Quandel Group updated the Board of Education on the status of the construction of the new high school. As of December 100% of the early site work is now completed, the geothermal field is 100% completed, and the high school is 58% completed.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the September 20, regular board meeting and the October 4, special meeting as presented by the treasurer.
- B. Approval of the financial statements for November, 2010.
- C. Approval of “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.
- D. Approval to appoint Rusty Miller, as president pro temp, for the re-organizational meeting, to be held at the Miami East Jr.High/Elementary School on January 11, 2011. The FY 2012 Alternative Budget Document will be reviewed at this meeting.
- E. Approval of the annual 2011 membership dues, annual “Briefcase” Subscription and subscription to “School Management News”.
- F. Approval to transfer funds from the General Fund to the IDEA-B Grant Fund as follows:

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| <u>Transfer From</u> General Fund | <u>Transfer To</u> IDEA-B FY 2010 | <u>Amount</u> \$ 8,340.18 |
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OTHER:

- Audit Status –
- Records Commission Meeting -

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of acceptance of Christine Perry’s letter of resignation, as the K-8 secretary/lunch cashier, effective December 17, 2010.
- 2. Approval of Christine Perry, as the superintendent’s secretary, on a one-year limited contract, step 10, at the board approved secretary’s rate of pay, effective January 3, 2011 for balance of the 2010-2011 school year.

3. Approval of Jacquelyn Winner, as a bus driver, on a one-year limited contract, step 0, at the approved board rate of pay, effective January 3, 2011, for the balance of the 2010-2011 school year.
4. Approval of an additional classified sub for the 2010-11 school year, on an as needed basis, for the following classification:
 Bus Driver – Linda McCuistion, effective 11/23/2010
5. Approval of the following supplemental contracts for the 2010-11 school year:
 High School
 Junior Class Advisor – Kristy Hurst - ½ stipend
6. Approval of 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 2010-11 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.
7. Approval of June Lewis’s request for unpaid leave of absence for January 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, 2011 (total 5 days).

B. BOARD RESOLUTION OF THE MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE FAMILY AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TEAM

In accordance with the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.821. (B), each board shall determine the membership and organization of its family and civic engagement team. RESOLVED FURTHER, that the members of the Miami East Local Schools Family and Civic Engagement Team are, and each acting alone is, hereby authorized to do and perform any and all such acts as such members shall deem necessary or advisable, to carry out the purposes and intent of Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.821.

C. FINANCIAL LITERACY AND COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS IN GRADES 7 AND/OR 8

WHEREAS, the Miami East Local School District Board of Education believes that preparing students for post secondary education, equipping them with the prerequisite skills needed for a successful career, and teaching students to become financially literate, including the ability to read, analyze, manage and communicate about the personal financial conditions that affect material well-being, will position them for success in later life;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Miami East Local School District Board of Education supports and believes strongly in the importance of teaching financial

literacy and college and career readiness in both the middle grades (7 and/or 8) and in the junior high school.

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- District's future financial status, reductions, and cuts. Dr. Rappold discussed cuts and reductions that have occurred across the district as of the first week in November. These reductions have included: budget freezes, reductions and cuts to fieldtrips, freezing all professional development, textbook purchase freeze, and bus purchasing freeze. Dr. Rappold commented that the staff and students have made the best of a challenging situation.

Additionally, discussion occurred regarding the state's potential cuts to public education for the 2011-2012 school year that could total 20% and its crippling effect on districts across the state.

- Draft Transportation Fee Policy. The Board discussed the draft version of the extra-curricular transportation fee policy. Board members encouraged continued discussion regarding this draft policy.
- Dr. Rappold shared information from EPC regarding the Employee Severance Plan.
- Thank you letter from RT Industries -
- Furniture and Technology Bid Packages – December 21, 2010 Bid Date

9. BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

10. ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING (Re-Organizational/Regular)
MIAMI EAST K-8 SCHOOL
January 11, 2011
7:00 P.M.