

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of February 13, 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, and Rusty Miller in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Barb Minnich, staff member; Danielle Meier, staff member; Tim Williams, high school principal; Mary Jacobs, parent; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION

The Miami East Education Foundation (MEEF) would like to remind every student, staff member, parent, and resident of the upcoming Vikingfest that will be held on Saturday, February 18. Vikingfest will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Events/activities will include:

- Baking Contest
- Miami East After-Prom sponsoring the Food
- Free heart-healthy screenings by Premier Health Partners
- Silent auction and local booths
- Student art show
- Children's games (old "School carnival")

LaDonna Mays, President of the MEEA, on behalf of the MEEA, shared cookies and snacks with the Miami East Board of Education in recognition of "School Board Recognition Month". Mrs. Mays recognized the Board of Education for its longstanding commitment both educationally and financially and commented how appreciative she was that the Board "continues to put education first".

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

1. The minutes of the re-organizational/budget/business board meeting of January 9, 2012 and the regular board meetings of May 17, 2011; June 20, 2011 and July 18, 2011; as well as the minutes of the special board meetings of January 17, 2011 and January 19, 2011, as presented by the treasurer.

(Will recommend the following at later meetings for approval: July 11, 2011, August 01, 2011, August 08, 2011, August 10, 2011, August 22, 2011, September 6, 2011, and September 26, 2011 special meetings as well as the August 15, 2011, and September 12, 2011 regular board meetings)

2. Recommend approval of the financial statements for January, 2012.
3. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certifications, as presented
4. Estimated Resources/Appropriations modifications:
Increase appropriations- Race to the Top 2011 fund 506-9011 by \$209
5. Account Modifications, as presented
6. Cost Center balance transfer from 001-9422 and 001-9588 to 001-0000 due to the elimination of requirements for separate cost centers

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

1. Gayle Carson moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:
 - \$400.00 from the ME FFA Alumni toward the Miami East FFA attendance at the National Convention
 - \$700.00 from the Target Field Trip Grants Program to the Elementary Principal's fund for use in field trip expense
2. Gayle Carson moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve the updated five-year forecast, as presented.

The updated five-year forecast projected a \$25,000 deficit at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year and \$25,000 deficit at the conclusion of the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Fahncke pointed out that with the reductions and freezes across the district this projection is a vast improvement from this time last year.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve Les Kinder as high school head custodian on a one-year limited contract, at the approved board rate of pay, effective for the 2011-2012 school year, effective January 26, 2012.
2. Rusty Miller moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve Julie Kiesewetter as a K-8 assistant cook, on a one-year limited contract, at the board rate of pay, for the 2011-2012 school year, effective January 19, 2012.

3. Brad Burton moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2011-12 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Head Boys' Baseball Coach – Barry Coomes – Step 6
Boys Junior Varsity Baseball Coach – Nick Kirk– Step 2
Volunteer Track Coach – Roger Bowen
Volunteer Softball Coach – Kevin Accurso
Volunteer Softball Coach – Harold Hefflefinger
Assistant Track Coach – Levi Karnehm – Step 1

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Head Track Coach – Gary Church – Step 6
Assistant Junior High Track – Tyler Franz – Step 0

4. Gayle Carson moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following employees:

Heather Gilliland – February 23, 24, and 27, 2012 (3 total days)
Jo Lynn Werling – April 2, 3, 4 and 5, 2012 (4 total days)
Loretta Yantis – April 18, 19, 20 and 23, 2012 (4 total days)

5. Rusty Miller 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 10th consecutive days and \$83.00 per day from 11th day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

6. Brad Burton moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve the following additional classified substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year as follows:

Bus Driver – David Hahn

B. 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 SCHOOL CALENDARS APPROVAL:

Rusty Miller moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve of Calendars for the 2012-2013 & 2013-2014 school years.

C. CUSTODIAN JOB DESCRIPTION

Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the updated/revised custodial job description.

D. LEED MASTER SITE PLAN APPROVAL

Gayle Carson moved and Rusty Miller seconded motion to approve the updated/revised LEED Master Site Plan which includes future expansion of the existing facilities and agreeing this master plan will be implemented.

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Board of Education Self-Appraisal Process. Dr. Rappold inquired whether the Board of Education would like to once again complete the annual self-evaluation process Board members have completed in prior years. The Board unanimously agreed that the self-appraisal process has been productive and they would like to complete this process again this year.
- Board of Education annual tour of the campus and classrooms. Board members discussed conducting one of their annual tours of the campus this spring. Board members will discuss possible dates for tour later in the spring.
- Walnut Grove after-school Latchkey Program

Last summer, Walnut Grove approached the district offering to host an after-school latchkey program. Walnut staffs the program and we offer a classroom for students to stay in from 2:30-6:30 in the evening.

It has provided a safe place for students to be after school and has been a small revenue generator for the district. If the Board is interested in continuing to offer such a program, Walnut Grove would like the Board to consider extending this contract to a two-year agreement.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the program has been well received by the parents within the district. In addition to offering a program that was needed it has also been a revenue generator for the district. Board members agreed to have further discussions with the program in potentially extending the contract to two years.

- Board members discussed the current Transportation Fee policy used during the current school year. Board members discussed modifications to the existing plan which might also include lowering the fee for the 2012-2013 school year. Board members will continue reviewing the Transportation Fee policy before making a final decision.
- Board members also discussed bussing for the 2012-2013 school year. Board members reviewed the number of miles the district has reduced **each day** across the district by consolidating our routes. Last year the district put over 1,300 miles per day on the road two years ago running dual routes in the am and pm. This year the district has reduced those miles by 458 miles per day!

Conservatively, by eliminating dual routes the district has saved \$70,000 this year.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL

March 19, 2012

7:00 P.M.